FWF Österreichischer Wissenschaftsfonds

Application and project number limit

1 Acting both as applicant and principal investigator

Principal Investigator Projects (P or PAT[1]), Principal Investigator Projects International or International – Multilateral Initiatives (I or PIN[2]), pre-proposals for International Projects (IK or PIK[3]), Clinical Research (KLI or KLP[4]), and the Arts-Based Research Program (AR or ART[5]):

A researcher can be named as principal investigator in a maximum of three ongoing/approved projects and applications at a time. For example, if two projects are already ongoing/approved in the abovenamed programs, a researcher can submit only one further application (including IK/PIK[3]).

If a researcher is named as principal investigator in three ongoing/approved projects in one of the programs named above, they may participate in a further application to one of the programs named above (including IK/PIK[3]) no earlier than 12 months before the end of one of the ongoing projects.

Please note: For additional requirements, please see the respective program-specific application guidelines.

2 Acting as principal investigator in multiple projects

a) Principal Investigator Projects (P or PAT[1]), Principal Investigator Projects International or International – Multilateral Initiatives (I or PIN[2]), Clinical Research (KLI or KLP[4]), and the Arts-Based Research Program (AR or ART[5]):

A researcher can act as principal investigator in a maximum of three projects from the abovenamed programs at the same time.

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[1] P: Principal Investigator Projects (previously Stand-Alone Projects) in ad personam mode
PAT: Principal Investigator Projects (previously Stand-Alone Projects) in PROFI mode (starting March 20, 2023)

[2] I: International Projects in ad personam mode
PIN: International Projects in PROFI mode (starting May 31, 2023)

[3] IK: Pre-proposals for International Projects in ad personam mode
PIK: Pre-proposals for International Projects in PROFI mode (starting May 31, 2023)

[4] KLI: Projects Program Clinical Research in ad personam mode
KLP: Projects Program Clinical Research in PROFI mode (starting July 1, 2023)

[5] AR: Projects Program Arts-Based Research in ad personam mode
ART: Projects Program Arts-Based Research in PROFI mode (starting October 1, 2023)

b) Career development programs (Erwin Schrödinger, Lise Meitner, Hertha Firnberg, ESPRIT, Elise Richter, and Elise Richter Arts-Based Research):

A principal investigator can only be in charge of one project from a career development program and one project from the P/PAT[1], I/PIN[2], KLI/KLP[4], or AR/ART[5] programs at the same time.

c) START Program:

First funding period: A principal investigator can be in charge of one project from the P/PAT[1], I/PIN[2], KLI/KLP[4], or AR/ART[5] programs at the same time as a START project.

Second funding period: A principal investigator can be in charge of up to two projects from the P/PAT[1], I/PIN[2], KLI//KLP[4], or AR/ART[5] programs at the same time as a START project. **Please note:** It is possible to act as principal investigator in additional projects in other programs not listed here. These projects are subject to the provisions specified in their respective program-specific application guidelines.

For further information, please don't hesitate to contact the FWF team.