

Call of the German Research Foundation (DFG) for multidisciplinary research into pandemics and epidemics in response to the outbreak of SARS-CoV-2

Information on opportunities for researchers in Austria to participate

In response to the pandemic caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the DFG is launching a call for proposals which aims to fund **interdisciplinary research projects** that address the prevention, early detection, containment, and investigation of the causes, impacts, and management of epidemics and pandemics, taking the example of the SARS-CoV-2 and other microorganisms and viruses that are pathogenic to humans.

For further **details on the call**, please visit the **DFG website** at

https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/announcements_proposals/2020/info_wissenschaft_20_20/index.html

As part of its long-standing cooperation with the DFG, the FWF is funding the project parts of participating researchers in Austria. The usual guidelines for DACH projects apply for the funding of the Austrian project parts. This means, for instance:

- Funding of **closely integrated** German-Austrian research projects
- **Substantial scholarly contributions** on the part of the project teams in both countries
- Funding of the Austrian project parts by the FWF on the basis of the guidelines for [FWF Stand-Alone Projects](#) or the [Clinical Research Programme](#) (KLIF)
- **The largest share of funding** for the project parts in Germany
- Maximum eligible project duration of **3 years**
- Submission of the proposal to the DFG (incl. **description** and **justification of costs** for the project part funded by the FWF)
- Decision by the FWF Board in **March 2021** based on the funding recommendation of the DFG

For **all further details**, please see the "[Information sheet: D-A-CH Lead Agency Procedure Stand-Alone Projects](#)".

The deadline for submitting proposals is 1 September 2020.

Applicants to the FWF must submit the administrative and financial information of the Austrian project part to the FWF via **Elane** (<https://elane.fwf.ac.at>) under the "**I – International Programmes**" category by the deadline on 1 September 2020. The signed cover sheet must be sent to the FWF either by post (**date of the postmark**) or by email (office@fwf.ac.at) **by no later than 1 September 2020**. All other information (project description, CV/publication list of the applicant to the FWF) must be submitted only to the DFG.

The opportunity described above to participate in the DFG call is to be seen as a **complementary to the FWF's "[SARS-CoV-2 urgent funding](#)" initiative**. As part of this urgent funding initiative, applicants can submit proposals for bilateral Austrian-German research projects in which the largest share of funding is requested for the project parts in Austria. For more information on this, please [see here](#).

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