

RESOLUTION NO 32/2019
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE

of 14 March 2019

**on the terms of the international bilateral MOZART
call for Polish-Austrian research projects**

Pursuant to Article 18 (4), in conjunction with Article 20 (1) 4) of the Act on the National Science Centre of 30 April 2010 (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 947, as amended), hereinafter referred to as the “NCN Act” and pursuant to the Agreement on Collaboration between the National Science Centre (the “NCN”) and the Austrian Science Fund (Fonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung), hereinafter referred to as the “FWF”, entered into on 5 April 2018, the Council of the National Science Centre sets forth the terms of the **MOZART call for Polish-Austrian research projects**.

1. General provisions

- 1.1. This Resolution sets forth the terms of the call for the funding by the NCN of the Polish part of research projects to be performed by Polish research teams under the¹ MOZART call.
- 1.2. The FWF shall set forth the terms and conditions of a call for the funding by the FWF of the Austrian part of research projects to be performed by Austrian research teams under the MOZART call.
- 1.3. The MOZART call shall be held in line with the Lead Agency Procedure. Under the MOZART call, the FWF shall act as the Lead Agency.
- 1.4. The principles for allocating funds for the tasks to be funded by the NCN under the MOZART call are set forth in the “*Regulations of awarding funding for the implementation of research tasks funded by the National Science Centre under international calls carried out as bilateral collaboration pursuant to the Lead Agency Procedure*”, adopted pursuant to NCN Council Resolution No 31/2019 of 14 March 2019, hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations”.
- 1.5. Under the MOZART call, funding will be awarded to research projects carried out jointly by Polish and Austrian research teams, in which international cooperation is a key element.

2. Eligible applicants

The call is addressed at Polish research teams that will apply jointly with Austrian research teams for funding of research projects. The Polish part of the research project funded by the NCN shall be headed by the principal investigator in the Polish research team, hereinafter referred to as the “principal investigator”. The Austrian part of the research project funded by the FWF shall be headed by the principal investigator in the Austrian research team.

¹ A research team shall be understood as the principal investigator together with members of the research team if named in the proposal.

3. Terms of entry

The following proposals may be submitted for funding by the NCN of the Polish part of the research project under the MOZART call, hereinafter referred to as the “NCN proposals”:

- 1) in which the person designated as the principal investigator holds at minimum a doctoral degree;
- 2) for research tasks which have not been and are not funded by the NCN or from other sources;
- 3) that cover basic research within the meaning of Article 2 (1) of the NCN Act, in any academic discipline specified in the NCN panels approved by the NCN Council;
- 4) that cover research projects planned for a period of either 24 or 36 months;
- 5) in which the requested funding for the entire duration of the Polish part of the research project is no less than PLN 150,000;
- 6) in which the performance of the Polish part of the research project shall begin on 15 January 2020 at the earliest and 30 September 2020 at the latest;
- 7) in which the breakdown of costs of the Polish part of the project in a joint proposal² must be calculated on the basis of the exchange rate published by the National Bank of Poland on the date this Resolution is adopted by the NCN Council, i.e. 1 EUR = 4,3015 PLN;
- 8) that meet the requirements specified in the Regulations and
- 9) that comprise all the elements specified in item 6) hereof.

4. Submission of proposals

- 4.1. The call is open to NCN proposals to which joint proposals are attached, prepared by Polish research teams in cooperation with Austrian research teams, in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Regulations.
- 4.2. Proposals shall be submitted in two electronic submission systems: ZSUN/OSF (*Zintegrowany System Usług dla Nauki /Obsługa Strumieni Finansowania*) for NCN proposals submitted to the NCN and ELANE (FWF's Electronic Application Portal) for joint proposals submitted to the FWF.
- 4.3. Joint proposals, prepared in compliance with FWF's requirements set forth in the *Stand-Alone Projects* programme, and, in the case of clinical research, in the *Programme Clinical Research* (KLIF), shall be submitted to FWF by the Austrian research team via ELANE, accessible at <https://elane.fwf.ac.at/>.
- 4.4. NCN proposals shall be submitted to the NCN by the Polish research team via ZSUN/OSF, accessible at www.osf.opi.org.pl, as soon as possible following the submission of the joint proposal to ELANE, within a maximum of 1 month.
- 4.5. Proposals for the MOZART call shall be accepted on an ongoing basis, subject to item 4 (7).
- 4.6. NCN proposals shall specify:
 - 1) title of the research project (*in Polish and in English*);
 - 2) joint proposal in PDF format, identical to the one submitted to ELANE, including:

² A joint proposal shall be understood as a proposal submitted by the Austrian research team in the FWF ELANE system, comprising all documents required by the FWF in accordance with the terms of the FWF *Stand-Alone Projects* programme and, in the case of clinical research, in the *Programme Clinical Research* (KLIF). A joint proposal may be annexed only to one NCN proposal; the information in a NCN proposal must be identical to the information in a joint proposal.



- a) joint project description (*Proposal Form*) in compliance with the principles applicable in the FWF *Stand-Alone Projects* programme and, in the case of clinical research, in the *Programme Clinical Research* (KLIF) (*in English*);
 - b) CV with a list of publications by members of the Polish and Austrian research teams, in compliance with the principles applicable in the FWF *Stand-Alone Projects* programme and, in the case of clinical research, in the *Programme Clinical Research* (KLIF) (*in English*);
 - c) other documents required by the FWF in compliance with the principles applicable in the FWF *Stand-Alone Projects* programme and, in the case of clinical research, in the *Programme Clinical Research* (KLIF);
- 3) research project's abstract for the general public (*1 page in Polish and 1 page in English*);
 - 4) research plan (*in Polish and in English*) presenting the research tasks to be carried out by the Polish research team;
 - 5) information on the required qualifications and expected scope of work to be performed by each co-investor in the research project on the Polish part (*in English*);
 - 6) breakdown of costs of the Polish part of the research project (*in English*) drafted in compliance with the Regulations;
 - 7) information on expected international cooperation in the research project beyond the cooperation with the Austrian research teams as required in the call, including foreign research institutions (*in English*);
 - 8) information on the ethical aspects of the project, including required consents, opinions, permits and/or approvals necessary to carry out the project in compliance with generally applicable laws and best practices adopted for a specific academic discipline (*in English*);
 - 9) in the case of research projects which include clinical research with a medicinal product or medical devices, a detailed justification of the non-commercial nature of clinical research (*in English*);
 - 10) in the case of research projects covering research being performed or completed by the principal investigator, or with respect to which the principal investigator applies for funding under other NCN calls or from other sources, description of similar research tasks with reasons justifying the need to have them funded under the project applied for (*in English*);
 - 11) in the case of research projects to be carried out in entities that do not receive any institutional core funding for research activity, information on research carried out in the last 2 years with a list of publications and information concerning research equipment and other instruments crucial to research (*in English*);
 - 12) in the case of research projects to be carried out by a group of Polish entities specified in Article 27 (1) (2) of the NCN Act, an agreement on collaboration for the performance of the proposed research project, including: identification of the parties to the agreement and its leader; subject-matter and term of the agreement covering the performance period of the research project; authorisation for a representative of the leader to act on behalf of the entire group of entities in the procedure for the allocation of funding and performance of the research project; obligation of the leader to provide the other parties with information received from the NCN; signatures of the authorised representatives of all members of the group of entities (*in Polish*) and
 - 13) declarations by the principal investigator and the applicant as required in the proposal.



4.7 If the NCN Council decides to end the call for proposals, the relevant information in this regard shall be published on the website of the NCN at: <https://www.ncn.gov.pl/> and in ZSUN/OSF no later than 3 months before the end of the call for proposals.

5. Evaluation of proposals

Proposals shall be evaluated pursuant to the Regulations adopted pursuant to NCN Council Resolution No 31/2019 of 14 March 2019 and documents on the merit-based evaluation which apply to the FWF *Stand-Alone Projects* programme, accessible at: <https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/fwf-programmes/stand-alone-projects/> and, in the case of clinical research, in the *Programme Clinical Research (KLIF)*, accessible at: https://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antragstellung/KLIF/klif_application-guidelines.pdf.

6. Funding decision

6.1. The call shall be concluded within 12 months of submission of the NCN proposal. In view of the proposal evaluation procedure, the NCN reserves the right to postpone the conclusion of which the applicants will be notified by e-mail to the addresses provided in the proposal, specifying a new date of call conclusion.

6.2. The call results shall be communicated by way of a decision by the NCN Director.

7. Call budget

7.1. The NCN Council decides to allocated **PLN 5,500,000** for the tasks to be performed by Polish research teams under the MOZART call.

7.2. The NCN Council may increase the amount of funding allocated for the tasks to be performed by Polish research teams under the MOZART call.

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