

APART-MINT

Guidelines for legal processing of the fellowship programme

APART-MINT is a funding programme for excellent young scientists in mathematics, natural and life sciences, technical sciences and medicine in the first post-doc phase of their careers.

The fellowships with a duration of 12 months are intended to support unconventional, innovative, potentially risky ideas with an uncertain outcome.

Eligible to apply are national and foreign post-docs up to a maximum of three years after their doctorate who can already demonstrate outstanding publications.

The project can be carried out at any appropriate Austrian research institution, in which context part of the time funded can be spent abroad.

The fellowships are awarded for a **period** of 12 months. In the case of a positive assessment of the progress of the project by the end of the funding period, an extension for a further six months is possible.

The amount of the fellowship (= **personnel costs**) amounts to EUR 86,496 gross/gross per year. Per year, additional resources up to a maximum of EUR 12,000.00 may be applied for project-related **travel and materials costs**.

For **care of children** a cost allowance is provided for in a maximum amount of EUR 2,000.00 (gross/gross) per year.

GENERAL

Fellowships financed by the APART-MINT programme may be completed via employment by means of an **employment contract** at an Austrian university (see item 1) or as a “**new self-employed**” (see item 2).

Attention: Fellowship holders carrying out a project at an ÖAW research institution **must** be employed at that research institution under an employment contract.

Changes relating to name and/or address (both postal as well as email address) must be immediately reported to the Department for Fellowships and Awards.

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

(Employment at a university or a non-university research institution in Austria)

Personnel costs

Employment at the relevant research venue must be commenced by 1 November 2024 at the latest; the earliest date of commencement is **1 August 2024** (commencement *always* means the first of the month).

Commencement of employment must be reported to the Department for Fellowships and Awards at the latest four weeks in advance on the form provided for this purpose (**Anstellungsformular**) with inclusion of the internal grant number and the bank account of the research venue (**signed by email - we also accept digital signatures by ID-Austria**).

Statutory regulations and, where applicable, the university guidelines apply. Employment will be entered into for the duration of the funding period granted. There is no claim to extension from the resources of the funding programme.

A copy of the employment contract must be sent to the Department for Fellowships and Awards.

The personnel costs granted by ÖAW (EUR 86,496 per year) are to be understood as **super-gross amounts** and include statutorily provided indirect salary costs (including the employer's portion), taxes and charges.

ÖAW will transfer the personnel costs in connection with the disbursement plan in instalment portions per calendar year directly to the payroll office indicated by the fellowship holder. In payrolling, it must be taken into account that the personnel costs approved by ÖAW are not raised or inflation-protected for the duration of the fellowship.

The employment financed by ÖAW funding payments excludes any other income-providing work (exception: adjunct lecturing).

Childcare allowance

For children living in the common household an allowance for childcare of up to a maximum of EUR 2,000.00 super-gross is possible per fellowship year. This amount is disbursed as a comprehensive amount (regardless of the number of children).

The allowance for childcare can be applied for by means of an informal email to which a copy of the birth certificate of the child is to be attached.

Travel and materials costs

The recipients of an APART-MINT fellowship can additionally use the approved funding grant to finance

- project-related travel costs,
- materials costs (consumables, IT accessories and small equipment, project tailored required software, notebook/laptop).

Travel costs

For research stays nationally and abroad and for active participation in conferences and seminars, travel cost expenses approved may be availed of. Should the purpose of the travel not be related to the funded project, then the travel costs must be reimbursed.

Materials costs

Additionally, approved funding grants may be used to finance consumable materials (including books), IT accessories and small equipment (up to EUR 400.00) and a notebook or laptop (up to EUR 3,000.00).

Billing of travel and materials costs

The materials costs are to be billed with the relevant university or research institution according to the guidelines in effect there. The amount approved when the fellowship was granted will be transferred directly to the institution by ÖAW in equal instalments for the calendar year.

In connection with travel cost billing, active participation in the seminar or conference or the invitation of the hosting research institution (unless the latter is already cited in the fellowship application), must be demonstrated.

At the termination of the fellowship a billing of the personnel, travel and materials costs over the entire course of the fellowship (e.g. as a SAP cost centre list) must be sent by email to the Department for Fellowships and Awards.

Reallocations between travel and materials costs are possible in consultation with ÖAW. Personnel costs may not be reallocated.

NEW SELF-EMPLOYED

(No employment at a university or a non-university research institution in Austria)

Personnel costs

The fellowship must be commenced at the latest by 1 November 2024; the earliest commencement date is **1 August 2024** (commencement is *always* the first of the month).

Commencement of the fellowship must be reported to the Department for Fellowships and Awards at the latest four weeks in advance on the form provided for that purpose (**Verpflichtungserklärung**) with indication of the bank account number (**signed by email - we also accept digital signatures by ID-Austria**).

Disbursement of the fellowship will only be made to national bank accounts or to bank accounts in the EU/EEA zone.

Disbursement of the fellowship will be made by ÖAW in connection with the disbursement schedule in equal instalments per calendar year.

There is no claim to extension from resources of the funding programme.

The amounts transferred are super-gross amounts. The fellowship is **subject to income tax**. The fellowship holder is responsible for taxation and social security contributions. Information from the SVS (Social Security Insurance Office of Commercial Economy) on the subject of "New Self-Employed" can be found under www.svs.at.

At the latest three months after commencement of the fellowship, confirmation of registration with SVS must be sent by email to the Department for Fellowships and Awards at ÖAW.

Childcare allowance

For children living in the common household an allowance for childcare of up to a maximum of EUR 2,000.00 super-gross is possible per fellowship year. This amount is disbursed as a comprehensive amount (regardless of the number of children).

The allowance for childcare can be applied for by means of an informal email to which a copy of the birth certificate of the child is to be attached.

Travel and materials costs

Recipients of an APART-MINT fellowship can additionally use the approved funding grant to finance

- project-related travel costs,
- materials costs (consumable materials, IT accessories and small equipment, project-tailored required software, notebook or laptop).

Travel costs

For active participation in conferences and seminars and for research stays nationally and abroad, travel cost reimbursements may be availed of. Should the purpose of the travel not be related to the project funded, the costs will not be covered.

Materials costs

Additionally, approved funding resources may be used to finance consumable materials (including books), IT accessories and small equipment (up to EUR 400.00) and notebooks or laptops (up to EUR 3,000.00).

Billing of travel and materials costs

The travel and materials costs will be billed directly with the ÖAW Department for Fellowships and Awards in connection with an annual billing.

The annual billing must be sent as of 31 December by 31 January of the following year to the Department for Fellowships and Awards. After termination of the fellowship, a new final billing (for travel and materials costs of the final fellowship year) must be transmitted by email to the Department for Fellowships and Awards.

The billing consists of:

- A listing of costs (e.g. an Excel table) with exact indication of date and description of the expense and amount (in the relevant currency); signed and checked by the fellowship holder for substantive and mathematical correctness
- Original vouchers, such as invoices, payment confirmations

The conversion from foreign currencies occurs according to the exchange rate of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance (see the current information under https://www.bmf.gv.at/zoll/Kassenwerte_Zollwertkurse.html#Kassenwerte).

Additional documents for billing of travel costs:

- Travel costs billing form (retrievable at <https://stipendien.oeaw.ac.at/en/fellowships/apart-mint/apart-mint-documents>)
- Air tickets, boarding passes, bus and railway tickets
- Seminar or conference fees
- Hotel bills (up to 140 Euro per night)

Billing is only possible with proof of active participation in seminars or conferences or submission of the invitation of the research institution abroad (unless already included in the fellowship application).

Billed costs not in conformity with the grant will not be recognised by ÖAW and will not be reimbursed.

Reallocations between travel and materials costs are possible in consultation with ÖAW.

PART-TIME FELLOWSHIPS

With proof of care obligations for at least one child under the age of seven, part-time employment or a part-time fellowship may be availed of.

In that case, the duration of the fellowship or the employment may be extended by a maximum of half of the contractually agreed period.

When returning the statement of obligation or the employment form, the informal application for part-time must be enclosed together with a copy of the child's birth certificate and motivation for taking advantage of part-time employment or a part-time fellowship.

An application for part-time may also be made during the funding period after the birth of a child.

INTERRUPTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP

The fellowship may be interrupted for a maximum of one year after consultation with the Department for Fellowships and Awards. An interruption **must be justified and reported at the latest two months before it commences**. An interruption due to an educational leave (Bildungskarenz) is not possible.

REPORTING

If an extension for a further six months is desired, an application for extension must be submitted no later than three months before the end of the funding period - by email to Stipendien.Berichte@oeaw.ac.at.

This application consists of a report on the progress of the project (3-6 pages), publications resulting from the fellowship, and a justification for the application for extension.

In the case of a positive assessment, an extension for a further six months to prepare an application for third-party-funding is possible.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

On project related publications, press dispatches or interviews the notation

“Fellowship holder of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (APART-MINT) at the Institute for _____ of the University _____”

Or “Recipient of an APART-MINT Fellowship of the Austrian Academy of Sciences at the Institute of _____ of the University _____”

must appear.

DATA PROTECTION AND DATA PROCESSING

The legal basis for processing of personal data by ÖAW is the application and, in case of award, the availing of the fellowship in connection with the APART-MINT funding programme. The processing of personal data, where necessary for the selection process and completion of the fellowship, will occur on a statutory basis or if there is a justified interest of ÖAW (article 6, paragraph 1, letters b, d and f GDPR, § 2g FOG). ÖAW processes the data for the purpose of completing the fellowship, for documentation purposes and to fulfil reporting obligations.

Recipients of the personal data are the chairpersons and members of the Award Committee (reports), referees, the administrative departments of ÖAW as well as government bodies (e.g. ministries with jurisdiction, court of audit, EU).

In addition to that, the following types of data are made available on a ÖAW internet page, and/or published in publicly accessible reports (§ 2g, paragraph 1, numeral 2 FOG): First names, family names, academic titles, gender, where applicable, institutions of origin or destination as well as title, description and additional information on the project funded.

The data will be stored as long as this is required or allowed for completion of the fellowship, for documentation purposes or for reporting obligations in relation to the public administration.

Fellowship holders have a right to information about personal data relating to them as well as to correction or restriction of processing, a right to object to processing as well as the right to portability. In addition, they have the right to appeal to the Austrian Data Protection Authority, Barichgasse 40-42, 1030 Vienna, telephone: +43 1 52 152-0, email: Dsb@dsb.gv.at or with the regulatory authority with jurisdiction in another EU Member State.

More detailed information on rights and contact data of the ÖAW data protection officer can be found in ÖAW's data protection statement (see <https://www.oeaw.ac.at/die-oeaw/datenschutz/>).

For **information on organisational issues** in connection with completion and disbursement of the fellowship as well as on billing of travel, materials and other costs, please contact:

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Forms and information on travel costs: <https://stipendien.oeaw.ac.at/en/fellowships/apart-mint/apart-mint-documents>