

AAS-CEE and APART Program Information (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

APART [Austrian Programme for Advanced Research and Technology]

AAS-CEE [Austrian Academy of Sciences Central and Eastern European Fellowship]

The program information for APART applies also for AAS-CEE.

Announcement

The Austrian Academy of Sciences offers APART fellowships for the promotion of postdoctoral research. These are intended to allow recipients to devote their time solely to their scientific work. By accepting a fellowship, recipients commit themselves to concentrating exclusively on their research projects.

1. Objectives

APART fellowships offer young researchers the possibility to get the right qualifications for an academic career, that is, to improve their academic qualifications in academic and non-academic fields, increase their capacity to compete internationally or to be involved in international research programmes and projects (if necessary, by staying at research institutions in Austria or abroad).

- * APART enables scientists and scholars who have already proved their aptitude for scientific research by completing their doctoral thesis and collaborating in research projects to apply successfully for work places at prestigious research institutions either in Austria or abroad.

- * APART fellowships can be used for preparing a post-doctoral thesis or equivalent projects for the continuation of scientific research.

- * APART fellowships are designed to increase Austria's scientific potential and to appeal to female scientists in particular.

- * APART wants to contribute to raising the standard of Austrian scientific work to a level that is required of applicants for highly qualified jobs in science and research today.

2. Requirements

Scientists and scholars who are Austrian citizens as well as scientists and scholars who perform their research in Austria are invited to apply

- * if they are not older than 35 years when applying

or

- * if they have completed their doctoral studies no longer than five years before the deadline date.

For applicants who interrupted their scientific work for child care, the age-limit will be raised by three years for each child; exceptions will also be made for persons providing proof of military or alternative national service.

Applicants who are not Austrian citizens must carry out their research project at a research institution in Austria.

In addition to scientific qualifications, applicants are required to submit research plans spanning several years as well as certificates ensuring required facilities for the research projects are available. (Invitations from foreign institutes and/or letters confirming a working place at the 'home' institution have to be enclosed.)

The internationality of the research project is to be ensured. Applicants must prove that they have a connection to scientific research in Austria.

Recipients are allowed to lecture during the term of the fellowship (maximum of 2 hours weekly), if the purpose of the fellowship is not interfered with.

3. Fields of Science

APART fellowships are open to applicants from all fields of science, especially with regard to the objectives named above. Applications concentrating exclusively or predominantly on the development of procedures or products will not be accepted.

4. Payment

An APART fellowship amounts to 55,000 euros annually before tax. A maximum of 18,000 euros annually may be requested for material and/or scientific equipment. This amount includes up to 6,000 euros annually for travel expenses (project-specific travel and accommodation, etc.). In addition, fellows may also obtain funds for essential equipment from other sources.

A maximum of 1,900 euros annually may be paid for child care. Recipients providing proof of care for at least one child under the age of four (e.g. single parents) may apply for a part-time fellowship. In that case, the duration of the fellowship will be extended (not more than half the duration granted).

Fellowships may be paid by means of a salary by a research institution in Austria.

5. Duration

APART fellowships are granted for up to three years. After the first half of the duration of the fellowship and at the end of the fellowship recipients have to present detailed work records.

Reporting is mandatory only in order to enable the Austrian Academy of Sciences to review the recipient's achievements with reference to his or her research plan.

If the conditions of the fellowship are violated, the recipient is required to reimburse all or part of the fellowship.

6. Application and Acceptance

Applications must be submitted to the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Applicants will be selected by the Fellowship Committee, which is supported by reviewers from abroad.

This programme is intended as part of the gender mainstreaming strategy while maintaining a high standard of scientific qualifications. Its aim is to keep the proportion of female applicants and recipients the same.

Applicants are free to submit applications to other institutions (including those offering fellowships). However, the Office of Fellowships and Awards of the Austrian Academy of Sciences must be informed about these applications as well as about the outcome.

7. Terms of Application

Applications should be submitted to the Austrian Academy of Sciences by **May 15 of each year** (deadline date). Fellowships will be granted in October. Recipients may begin at January 1 of the following year.

If an applicant is rejected, only one further application can be submitted.

8. Transparency of the Review Process

At the first meeting, the Fellowship Committee selects those applications which are to be reviewed by international experts. At the second meeting, the Committee decides about the allocation of the fellowships - this decision is based on the reviews and on the reports by the members of the committee. The decision of the Fellowship Committee is final.

The reviews are anonymized and forwarded to the applicants. Due to financial constraints, it is possible that applications may be rejected even though they have been evaluated positively.

Legal recourse is excluded.

9. Legal Status

The Austrian Academy of Sciences does not influence content and organization of research projects. Research plans drawn up by recipients are the criterion for support or continued support. Recipients have sole responsibility for their research projects. They are not subject to a given work place or hours of work.

The Austrian Academy of Sciences does not acquire any rights to research results. It does not influence the cooperation of scientists with research institutions or research groups. Organization of possible cooperation with third parties is the sole responsibility of recipients.

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