

Limit on number of ongoing projects and submission of funding applications

1) Maximum number of ongoing projects:

- a) Stand-Alone Projects (P), International Programmes (I), Clinical Research (KLIF) and Arts-Based Research (PEEK) programmes:

Starting on April 1, 2016, each researcher may serve as the principal investigator in a maximum of two projects in the P, I, KLIF and PEEK programmes.

- b) Special Research Programmes (SFBs)

For all SFB outline proposals submitted from autumn 2016 onward, applicants will be allowed to lead only one sub-project, while spokespersons may lead one sub-project and the coordination project.

However, this new rule does not apply to ongoing SFB projects and their extensions. In the case of project extensions, each principal investigator in an SFB project will be allowed to lead the same number of sub-projects as in the past (but no additional projects).

- c) Women's and Mobility Programmes, START Programme:

Principal investigators in projects funded under the Women's and Mobility Programmes (Erwin Schrödinger, Lise Meitner, Hertha Firnberg and Elise Richter Programmes) as well as the START Programme are allowed to lead one additional project in the P, KLIF, I or PEEK programme. Projects in other FWF funding programmes are not counted toward this limit.

- d) Co-applicants¹ in the Lise Meitner and Hertha Firnberg Programmes

Co-applications are limited to a total of two ongoing projects (either one Firnberg and one Meitner project, or two Meitner projects).

2) Limits on submission of applications:

The rule regarding the maximum number of ongoing projects in the Stand-Alone Projects, International Programmes, Clinical Research and the Arts-Based Research Programmes has also brought about limits on the submission of new funding applications. From April 1, 2016 onward, this means that applicants who:

- a) do not have any ongoing/approved projects in the programmes listed above and do not currently have any applications under review in those programmes can submit up to two new applications for funding in those programmes (e.g. one stand-alone project and one bilateral project).

¹ This rule does not apply to national research partners.

- b) have one ongoing/approved project in the programmes listed above and do not have any applications under review in those programmes can submit one new application for funding within those programmes.
- c) have two ongoing/approved projects in the programmes listed above can submit a new application for funding in one of those programmes no earlier than 12 months before the end of one of the ongoing projects, as long as no applications are currently under review in those programmes.

In cases where one researcher is serving as principal investigator in more than two ongoing projects in the programmes listed above, no applications can be submitted within those programmes.

The limits on applications apply analogously to co-applications (Firnberg and/or Meitner Programme).

The programmes *not* listed above are not subject to limits on the number of ongoing/submitted projects (e.g. FWF Doctoral Programmes, Science Communication Programme, etc.).

Any additional programme-specific requirements are also to be observed (e.g. only one co-application is allowed within the Firnberg Programme).