

ASEA-UNINET Projects 2026-2028

Call 2026

Important information on submitting applications

(Initial funding for bilateral and multilateral projects)

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Submission deadline: April 23, 2026 (deadline 12.00 p.m. CEST)

Awards will only be made following ministerial approval (BMFWF), foreseeably in July 2026

Project duration¹

Project implementation period for 1-year projects: October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027

Project implementation period for 2-year projects: October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2028

Call

Please refer to the official grant announcements for ASEA-UNINET Project Funding for [AT to ASEAN](#) and [ASEAN to AT](#).

Objective

Promoting bilateral and multilateral projects in the areas of research, research-led teaching and the arts between the Austrian [ASEA-UNINET member universities](#) and the [member universities](#) (including [candidate members](#)) in Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam.

Area of study or research

The call is open to all scientific disciplines (incl. the arts).

Target group

Eligible to participate in the projects are (i) scientists (people who are performing research at an ASEA-UNINET member university, with or without a doctorate, depending on the position), (ii) doctoral students (people who are completing a doctoral programme at an ASEA-UNINET member university) and (iii) students (only for clinical electives).

Information on applying

- Project applications may only be submitted by scientists (incl. the arts) from Austrian member universities (except for clinical electives: administrative university staff may also submit).
- The following academic university members are eligible to apply: (a) professors or habilitation holders, (b) members of the Rectorate (if they are active in research), (c) heads of an organisational unit with tasks in research, development or development of the arts.
Other scientists (incl. the arts) are eligible to apply under the following condition: They enclose a short letter of recommendation with the application. This must be issued either by a member of the Rectorate of the applicant's university (b), or by a member of the assigned organisational unit (a or c).
- The applicant's institution declares its consent to the project application by signing a letter of endorsement from a legal representative.
- Participation of at least one Austrian and one ASEAN or Pakistani member university.
- Projects may only be carried out in countries with ASEA-UNINET member universities involved in the application.
- Minimum funding amount per project: 5,000 Euro. Clinical elective projects are excluded from this stipulation.
- Applications may only be submitted online. You can find the link to the application portal [here](#).
- If several Austrian member universities are involved in a project, they decide which university will lead the project. The project management is responsible for submitting applications as well as for processing funding and reporting.
- In addition, reference is made to the provisions regarding [dealing with partners from sanctioned states](#).

¹ Extension option: Projects that are applied for a period of one year may, in justified exceptional cases, be extended for one year at no additional cost. Two-year projects may not be extended.

Documents on applying

The following documents must be uploaded to the online portal when submitting the application. Corresponding mandatory templates may be found there or are linked here.

- o [Letter of Endorsement](#) from the submitting (Austrian) university
- o Abstract (max. 1 page)
- o Detailed project description including method (max. 3-5 pages)
- o Description of the added value for Austria and the applicant institution (with reference to the institution's internationalisation strategy); monitoring and exit strategy
- o Description of perspectives for cooperation and future cooperation opportunities
- o CV of the project lead in Austria
- o Publication list of the project lead in Austria (for the arts: list of service provision): 5 thematically relevant and recent publications/services are sufficient
- o [List of all project participants](#) (Austrian and ASEAN partner country), including tasks in the project
- o Brief description of the universities involved (Austrian and partner country) and any previous collaborations, including reasons for the selection
- o [Budget plan](#)

Application process

- Application by the coordinating academic (in the case of internships also administrative) university member of the Austrian ASEA-UNINET member university online to the OeAD-GmbH (OeAD)
- Formal and plausibility check of all submissions by the OeAD
- Provision of formally valid project applications for the Austrian ASEA-UNINET university coordinators and the ASEA-UNINET board members
- Confirmation from the university coordinators that they have inspected the project applications (mandatory submission)
- Review and selection of project applications by the ASEA-UNINET board members with subsequent resolution by the ASEA-UNINET board of trustees
- Creation of a budget proposal by the OeAD and forwarding it to the responsible Austrian Federal Ministry of Women, Science and Research (BMFWF) as funding provider for the final decision on the projects to be funded

Submission note: A correctly submitted application does not equate to a funding confirmation. Applications that are incomplete or not submitted on time will not be considered out of formal reasons. Additions or subsequent submissions to incomplete applications may only be made up until the application deadline.

Assessment criteria

- Scientific quality of the intended research project including feasibility of the joint research plan, appropriateness of the scientific method, competence and specialist knowledge of the scientists or research team involved
- Contribution to the intensification of network activities within ASEA-UNINET: Multilateral projects are preferred compared to bilateral ones
- Plausibility of the further cooperation perspective described
- Plausibility of the requested budget
- Added value for the applicant institution and Austria, monitoring and exit strategy

Funding modalities

After funding has been confirmed by the OeAD, a funding agreement in accordance with the Austrian Universities Act – UG (Section 27) is signed between the submitting institution and the OeAD. This specifies all the rights and obligations of the actors involved arising from the funding. The projects are financed from funds of the BMFWF.

Eligible costs

The funding is a subsidy for travel and accommodation costs as well as project-related material costs. The minimum length of stay per mobility is 1 week (shorter stays must be convincingly presented and approved by the ASEA-UNINET board), the maximum supported length of stay per mobility is 3 months. Short mobilities that exclusively take place to hold lectures or attend congresses are not supported.

Travel expenses (billed according to receipts)

For project participants who travel to the ASEAN partner country or to Pakistan (outgoings) or from there to Austria (incomings), a travel subsidy of up to 1,500 Euro may be applied for. This includes expenses for a one-time mobility to

and from the place of residence and the destination, such as flight costs (economy class)², airport transfers (taxi only with justification) and journeys within Austria or Asia, if necessary to reach the destination. It is always the cheapest alternative that must be chosen. If a project includes several stays (e.g., to visit two partner universities involved in the project), the travel subsidy can be exceeded with appropriate justification (e.g., two individual trips are more expensive than a combined one).

Accommodation costs (billed according to receipts or flat rate subsidy)

For project participants who travel to the ASEAN partner country or Pakistan (outgoings) or to Austria (incomings), a subsidy of up to 110 Euro per working day³ is possible for a period of up to 12 working days, or from the 13th working day a subsidy of up to 1,300 Euro per month. Accommodation costs include: hotel costs, meals, and transportation on site (if necessary to reach the respective destination, cheapest alternative). A hotel bill or a confirmation from the host university (recommended variant) serves as proof of your stay within the project. Funding for accommodation costs for outgoing students is only available if neither the Austrian home university nor the ASEAN or Pakistani member university provides financing/covers the costs.

Material costs (billing based on receipts)

Subsidies for any material costs relevant to the project, if necessary to achieve the project's objectives (e.g., consumables for laboratory tests, invoices (not fees) for translation systems or data acquisition, vehicles on site for remote field research locations). Funding for material costs is only permitted in connection with funded outgoing mobilities. ASEA-UNINET typically funds material costs up to 30% of the project funding volume (the decision is made by the ASEA-UNINET board). The upper funding limit for material costs per project is 3,000 Euro.

Clinical electives (flat rate grant)

Funding exclusively in the field of human and veterinary medicine for students at an ASEA-UNINET member university in Austria who are completing an internship at an ASEA-UNINET member university in Indonesia, Thailand, or Vietnam. The application for the required clinical elective places is carried out as a project.

Duration: (one-time) grant for trainees:

4 weeks (minimum) 1,000 Euro

6 weeks 1,500 Euro

8 weeks (maximum) 2,000 Euro

Students apply via the medical universities, the JKU Medical Faculty, and the University of Veterinary Medicine in Austria (further information on [ASEA-UNINET website](#)).

Payment of funding

The funding is paid out to project participants via the applicant's home institution. The OeAD transfers the awarded funding in installments to a designated account of the submitting institution. This must be announced when the funding agreement is signed (in the online portal). The distribution of the proportionate funding amounts awarded (subsidies for travel/subsistence/material costs) may vary as long as the total funding amount awarded per project remains unchanged and the requirements set out in the information provided here on the application are adhered to.

Reporting requirements

After the project has been completed, the project lead must, without being asked, submit a final report on the activities carried out and on the use of the funding (see template in online portal) to the OeAD. The report, including photos, may be published in the ASEA-UNINET annual report and (excerpts) on the ASEA-UNINET and OeAD websites. For 2-year projects, an additional interim report with interim billing is due after 12 months.

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² For bookings above economy class, the amount can only be funded up to the amount of economy class (cheap alternative). The prerequisite is the submission of a relevant offer for the same flight. ideally created at the same time as the actual flight is booked. Such an offer must also be made if the arrival or departure does not take place immediately before/after the funded research stay (e.g. additional vacation).

³ The definition of "working day" does not necessarily have to correspond to that of Austria if geographical, calendar or research-relevant criteria require this. The support will only be paid out if project participants have carried out the activity within the specified period.