

V2K Strategic Partnership Grant for Collaborations with Kyoto University

Call for Joint Project Proposals 2025

The University of Vienna (UNIVIE) is committed to further expanding and strengthening its Strategic Partnership with Kyoto University (KU), established in 2019. In support of this goal, UNIVIE is pleased to announce a new unilateral **grant program** designed to foster **joint projects** in research and education **across all academic disciplines**.

This grant program aims to support UNIVIE faculty by either deepening and broadening existing collaborations or initiating new cooperation projects with KU. **Priority will be given to new joint projects**.

Project proposals are strongly encouraged to have a public component, such as a talk or culminating event, to establish or strengthen joint research collaborations, and to lead to a joint publication and/or joint submission to external funding agencies.

Funding and Eligible Costs

The **maximum funding amount** for each project will be **EUR 8,000**. We highly encourage faculty receiving these grants to seek additional funding sources to support the continuation of their projects beyond the award period.

The grant is intended to support UNIVIE faculty members in undertaking joint activities with their counterparts at Kyoto University, including:

- Intensive research workshops, conferences, roundtables, and symposia
- Seed funding for small research projects
- Mobility for joint research and meetings
- The development of joint (PhD) education activities, such as short-term programs (e.g. summer/winter schools), seminars and colloquia
- Joint publications

Eligible costs include:

- Travel expenses for UNIVIE and KU researchers
- Accommodation costs for UNIVIE and KU researchers
- Project-related costs (such as catering)
- Facilities use fees (e.g., for labs)

Please note that the following costs are not eligible to be funded:

- Costs for renting of seminar rooms
- Costs for support staff
- Equipment costs

- Per diem costs
- Honoraria
- Travel and accommodation costs of researchers not affiliated to the University of Vienna or Kyoto University

Timelines

- **Submission deadline:** **27 January 2025**
- Selection decision: mid of February 2025
- Funding period duration: mid of February 2025 to December 2025

Applicants and Application Process

Applications should be submitted by a senior faculty member (meaning full professors (o. Univ.-Prof.), assistant professors, or associate professors (ao. Univ.-Prof./Ass.-Prof./Assoc.-Prof.)) who will act as project coordinator. Joint projects are expected to include additional researchers from both universities, and the involvement of early career researchers is possible and encouraged.

Please note: If you are planning a research stay at KU for three to eight weeks, please apply for a [Mobility Fellowship](#) rather than a joint project.

Application Document

Proposals for the grant program should be submitted in English as a single PDF file via email to **Ms. Janna Kazim (janna.kazim@univie.ac.at)**. The application has to include:

- Project title
- Name, institute affiliation and contact information of UNIVIE Project Coordinator
- Name and institute affiliation of the main project partner at KU
- Name and institute affiliation of additional project participants at UNIVIE and KU
- Description of the planned project/activity (**within 2 pages**) including:
 1. Project narrative, objectives and significance
 2. Place of project/activity (Kyoto/Vienna)
 3. Time schedule
 4. Future activities closely connected to the project (e.g. joint publications, joint submissions to funding agencies)
- Detailed budget plan
- Description how your planned project aligns with the UNIVIE's [strategic priorities](#), if applicable.
The prioritised six strategic areas are:
 1. Culture, Education, Democracy
 2. Digital and Data-Driven Transformations of Science and Society
 3. Climate, Environment, Sustainability
 4. Global Health: Physical, Mental and Social Dimensions of Health
 5. Systems of Life
 6. Quantum Systems and Materials for the Future

Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be taken into account:

- Scientific quality, innovation and importance of the project;
- A coherent and clearly formulated activity plan (comprehensible to non-expert reviewers);

- Outcomes (e.g. joint publications, further project proposals, knowledge transfer) and sustainability of the collaboration (long-term collaboration of the departments beyond the project, e.g. joint teaching, etc.);
- Contribution to strengthening institutional links between UNIVIE and KU (e.g. project in new field/department, etc., participation of early career researchers);
- Reasonableness of costs

Financial Management and Reporting

The project coordinator will be responsible for the use of funds in accordance with the applicable UNIVIE regulations as well as the documentation of expenditures (invoices, receipts, etc.). Upon completion of the project, the project coordinator will be required to submit an expenditure report along with a narrative report.

Contact

Any questions regarding the application process can be directed to Ms. Janna Kazim, International Office at janna.kazim@univie.ac.at.