

Call for project applications

The **Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs** and the **National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism** are calling for applications for two research trips/residencies with a duration of three months (starting in May 2026) as part of the project **“Remembrance through Dialogue – Voices of ‘Wiederösterreicherinnen und Wiederösterreicher’ under Section 58c of the Austrian Citizenship Act”**.

The 2019 amendment to Section 58c of the Citizenship Act, which enables a wider group of descendants of victims of National Socialism to acquire Austrian citizenship, once again underscores the Republic of Austria’s willingness to face up to its historical responsibility. As of January 2026, around 40,000 people have obtained Austrian citizenship since this amendment.

The aim of the project is to research, document and preserve the personal and family histories of people who have “become Austrian again” (the so-called “Wiederösterreicherinnen und Wiederösterreicher”), i.e. who have acquired Austrian citizenship in accordance with Section 58c of the Citizenship Act, and to actively integrate these stories into a lively and cross-generational culture of remembrance in Austria.

The field of activity during the research trip includes:

- Close cooperation and regular exchange with the Austrian diplomatic missions and representative authorities (embassies and cultural forums) and with local partner institutions, all of which can establish contact with the Sec. 58c “Wiederösterreicherinnen und Wiederösterreicher” within their scope of authority and with other relevant players
- Data collection and conducting interviews with people who have become “Wiederösterreicherinnen und Wiederösterreicher” under Sec. 58c of the Citizenship Act
- Preparation and submission of interim reports to the Austrian diplomatic missions and representative authorities (embassies and cultural forums) during the stay, as well as the compilation and submission of a final report on the results of the research at the end of the trip.

The results will be presented publicly for the first time during the stay abroad, in close partnership with the representative authorities and, if necessary, local partner institutions. They will also serve as an impetus and basis for an artistic exploration of the topic within the framework of the local representative authorities’ programmes.

Duration: Depending on the project proposal and local circumstances, the stay abroad is scheduled to last three months and should take place between May and August 2026.

Location: The planned stay abroad will take place either in Israel or the United Kingdom. Applications can only be considered for one of the two locations.

Requirements: Completed degree in history or a closely related subject, ideally in the field of Austrian contemporary history and/or Jewish history, as well as proven experience in using oral history methods and in conducting and evaluating interviews; Austrian citizenship or residence in Austria.

Remuneration: The costs of flights, visa fees, accommodation and an appropriate local expense allowance will be covered.

If you have any questions about the call for applications, please contact:

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Please upload your application, including a detailed description of the project (max. 5,000 characters) and your CV, to the [website of the Austrian National Fund](#) **by 27 February 2026** (date of receipt).