



USP-HU Strategic Partnership Initiatives: Joint Call for Seed Funding

Goal

The Universidade de São Paulo (USP) and the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU) make a call for joint research projects, in order to promote and reinforce the academic and scientific cooperation between both institutions, in areas of common interest.

The aim of this call is to provide seed funding, for the construction of joint projects in all areas of research, implying at least one research team from USP and one research team from HU. Interdisciplinary research is encouraged.

Funding

The total amount of funding dedicated to the present call is 30,000 euros¹ from HU and an equivalent amount from USP. Each project should have two team leaders one from USP² and one from HU. The team leaders will submit the same project to the scientific coordinator of their home university.

The approved projects will receive the equivalent of up to 10,000 euros³ (in total from both sides) and they will last two years. A detailed budget must be provided in an addendum mutually accepted by the parties. Funds from each partner shall be spent for the expenses of its own academics⁴, and expenses shall be restricted to be spent for air tickets, per diems and health insurance⁵. Each Party will fund its researchers in the collaboration based on its funding rules.

Selection Process

USP and HU will each set up an ad-hoc committee for the selection of the submitted proposals. Each committee is under the responsibility of the scientific coordinator (Prof. Raul Machado Neto for USP and Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dr. Sabine Kunst for HU). Selection criteria are

¹ Equivalent to R\$ 130,956.00, upon conversion made based on the sale price of the euro, published by the Central Bank of Brazil, R\$ 4.3652, referring to the date of December 5, 2018, with no change due to any exchange variation.

² Team leaders from USP must necessarily be professors.

³ Equivalent to R\$ 43,652.00, upon conversion made based on the sale price of the euro, published by the Central Bank of Brazil, R\$ 4.3652, referring to the date of December 5, 2018, with no change due to any exchange variation.

⁴ For USP, post-doctoral researchers are not eligible for funding.

⁵ Expenses for health insurance are only applicable to HU academics.



consistent with the call's objectives stated in the section 1 of the Memorandum of Strategic Partnership.

The final decision will be made jointly.

Selection criteria

Further relevant criteria applied in the selection process are the following:

- Scientific quality and innovativeness of the research project;
- Potential for acquiring additional funds;
- Feasibility of the research plan;
- Proportion of the budgetary plan with regard to project plan;
- Competence and expertise of the researchers or research teams.

Obligations

Successful applicants are required to follow the proposed project and to submit a two to three pages final report no later than one month after the end of the grant period. Periodic status updates on the progress of the project may be requested, depending on the planned length of the project. The report should include the following information on: objectives proposed and activities undertaken; project outcomes and achievements, including key findings and future plans; a brief assessment by the lead researcher of actual expenditure against plan.

Timeline

The present call opens on 12.12.2018 and closes on 01.04.2019. Proposals must be written in English and returned to the scientific coordinators by 01.04.2019. The committees' response is expected by May 2019. Funds must be spent by May 2021.

Submission

Please use the submission form provided below. Team leaders from HU, please submit to Anna Brömmer, Regional Coordinator North and Latin America, anna.broemmer@hu-berlin.de. USP team leaders should submit to the link:

<https://uspdigital.usp.br/mundus/editalintercambiopublicoListar?nivpbcavo=D&codmnu=3144>.



ANNEX

Proposal for joint USP-HU research

The proposal should be written in English and limited to a total of 4 pages.

Title of project:

Name of the Principal Investigator:

Names of participants (required information: status - professor, PhD candidate, post-doc⁶; university or school, discipline, research center)

Name of participants	Status	Research center	University

Aim of the project (2 pages maximum)

⁶ For USP, post-doctoral researchers may be added to the participant list, but are not eligible for funding.



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Budget

Description of the planned spending	Amount
Air tickets	
Per diem	
Health insurance (only applicable to HU)	
Total amount	

Justification of the budget (maximum half a page)

Abstract / Short summary (approx. 5000 characters)