



USPC-USP CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2016

Joint Research Projects

The **Université Sorbonne Paris Cité** (USPC) and the **Universidade de São Paulo** (USP) partnership has been designed with the objective of fostering new collaborations in higher education and research between Brazil and France. Two calls for proposals are being launched this year to fund joint research initiatives and innovative projects in higher education, with a total budget of 80.000 euros, each university contributing 40.000 euros.

The call for **joint research projects** aims to promote high quality research between USP and USPC. Its principal objective is to foster and promote a long-standing cooperation between its partners across diverse disciplines, from life, physical and engineering sciences to social sciences and humanities. Special attention will be given to interdisciplinary projects.

The proposal should be written in English using the annexed form.

CONDITIONS AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

The USPC-USP call for joint research projects is open to researchers of all disciplines. Each project should have two team leaders, one from USP and one from USPC. The team leaders will submit the same project to the scientific coordinator of their home university. Third parties from other institutions are welcome to take part in a research team but will not receive direct funding. Projects can have a duration of 12 or 24 months.

Proposal requirements: Projects should be submitted using the annexed form and include the following information:

1. Project title and duration, keywords, abstract (one half page maximum, outlining the project, suitable for public reports and communication materials);
2. Name, e-mail, telephone number and institutional affiliation of each team leader;
3. Table with the list of participants (required information: name, status (professor, researcher, PhD candidate, post-doc), research center, university or school, discipline);
4. Description of the project (2000 words maximum, excluding references): describing the research question, theoretical approach, methodology, existing literature, value of French-Brazilian collaboration in the field, and the potential of the project for future collaboration between the two institutions, including the possibility of obtaining further external funding; expected results, deliverables; timeline; references.



5. Brief Curriculum Vitae for the team leaders, with a list of their five most recent publications;
6. Detailed budget (one page maximum) outlining the expected costs by categories (air tickets, per diems, insurance).

Each project will be funded on a two years basis in amounts of up to 15 000 euros per year (7 500 euros from each institution).

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Team leaders from USPC, should submit to: spc-idex-bresil@univ-paris-diderot.fr

Team leaders from USP should submit to: aucani@usp.br.

Deadline: proposals should be sent by **April 29th, 2016**.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Applicants are assessed by external evaluators and reviewed by a joint scientific committee composed of members of USPC and USP.

The selection will be based on the scientific quality and innovativeness of the research project; implications of the project for the French-Brazilian partnership, including joint training of students, especially joint masters degrees and double doctoral degrees (cotutelle); potential for acquiring additional funds and plans for future funding applications with national, European Union, and international agencies; feasibility of the research plan; proportion of the budget with regards to the project, competence and expertise of the researchers or research teams.

Results will be announced on **May 25th, 2016**.

REPORTS

Successful applicants are required to follow the proposed project and to submit a two to three page final report no later than one month after the end of the grant period. For two year projects, an intermediate report must be submitted no later than one month after the first year. The report should include the following information: objectives proposed and activities undertaken; project outcomes and achievements, including key findings and future plans; a brief assessment by each team leader of actual expenditure against plan.



GRANT MANAGEMENT

Timeline: the first year project-related expenses should be incurred within 12 months of the date of award and the second year expenses within 24 months. Extensions may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Acknowledgment: recipients are expected to acknowledge the support of the joint research project grant in any publication or presentation which must be listed in the progress reports.

Payment requests: the payment and post-award financial management should be administered through the existing practice at the team leader's institution, i.e. recipients from USPC will follow their institution's financial procedures and recipients from USP their own financial rules.

CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

For questions and further details related to the call please contact:

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