



USPC-USP CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2016

Joint Innovative Projects in Higher Education

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 innovative projects in higher education** aims to promote innovative projects for joint training of students at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, with special emphasis on masters and doctoral students, 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.

Projects may include:

- Thematic international workshops with undergraduate, graduate students and faculty members from both institutions.
- Joint online courses, MOOCs and SPOCs
- Joint initiatives related to student entrepreneurship (start-up incubators, etc.)
- Study trips with students and faculty from USP and USPC
- Short-term programmes (summer schools, executive education, etc.)
- Activities organised within the framework of negotiation for a double degree between USP and any USPC member institution
- Initiatives to enhance teaching and learning by building digital capacity in higher education
- Research related to innovative pedagogies and the dissemination of joint research results (Joint conferences, seminars and publications)
- Travel allowances for USPC faculty wishing to spend significant time at USP, or vice versa, as part of a teaching project
- Travel allowances for USP faculty wishing to spend significant time at USPC, or vice versa, in order to set up a double degree between USP and USPC.

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



PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

The USPC-USP call for joint innovative projects in higher education 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): background and objectives, academic interest, feasibility, methodology, the value the project represents for the French-Brazilian collaboration in the field and its potential for future collaboration between the two institutions, including the possibility of obtaining further external funding;
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 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 academic excellence and innovative aspects of the project, the quality of the team, and the value of the project for the French and Brazilian partnership, the coherence of budget proposal with the project, its contribution to the broader academic interests of USPC and USP and the potential for further collaboration, the potential for acquiring additional funds and plans for future funding applications with national, European Union, and international agencies.

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 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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