



## **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 50 000 euros from HU and an equivalent amount from USP. Each project should have two team leaders one from USP 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 20 000 euros (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 academics, and expenses shall be restricted to be spent for air tickets, per diems and health insurance. 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. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz for HU). Selection criteria are consistent with the call's objectives stated in the section 1 of the Memorandum of Strategic Partnership. The bilateral Governance Committee should meet in person or using long distance and video conferencing technology once a year (in alternate locations, if in person).

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 01.12.2015 and closes on 31.03.2016. Proposals must be written in English and returned to the scientific coordinators by 31.03.2016. The committees' response is expected by May 2016. Funds must be spent by May 2018.

## **Submission**

Please use the submission form provided below. Team leaders from HU, please submit to [international.strategy@hu-berlin.de](mailto:international.strategy@hu-berlin.de). USP team leaders should submit to [aucani@usp.br](mailto:aucani@usp.br).



**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-doc), university or school, discipline, research center)

Name of participants	Status	Research center	University

Aim of the project (2 pages maximum)



5 major bibliographical references

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Budget

Description of the planned spending	Amount
Total amount	

Justification of the budget (maximum half a page)

Abstract / Short summary (approx. 5000 characters)