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**Specific requests for proposals submissions from researchers of the Universidad de Salamanca**

FAPESP and the Universidad de Salamanca (hence forth USAL), signed a Cooperation Agreement for Research on April, 2017, aiming to implement scientific and technological cooperation between researchers from USAL, Spain, and from the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, through the funding of joint research projects.

Under the referred Agreement, as an action to promote such collaboration, FAPESP and USAL make public this Call for Proposals for the exchange of faculty and postdoctoral researchers, and PhD students, under the terms and conditions of the SPRINT 2nd Edition 2017 ([www.fapesp.br/sprint/call22017](http://www.fapesp.br/sprint/call22017)) and hereinafter set forth.

1. **Eligibility from USAL side**
	1. Eligibility to **submit proposals** within the scope of this Call**:**

Groups of Researchers of the University interested in developing a research project with eligible FAPESP groups. Proposals should include the names of the researchers from both the State of São Paulo and USAL and clearly state the mutual benefits of the collaboration.

**1.2** Eligibility for **the exchange activities** within the scope of this Call

Groups of Researchers and PhD Students under the researches direction and enrolled in the University PhD programs.

**Note:**

* The proposals must aim to respect the principle of reciprocity with regard to academic qualifications of those who will take part in the exchange activities.
* Eligibility of research partners in the State of São Paulo should observe the items 3.1 and 4.2 of FAPESP call ([www.fapesp.br/sprint/call22017](http://www.fapesp.br/sprint/call22017)).
* Considering the principle of reciprocity, FAPESP exceptionally may either support PhD students from São Paulo state to take part in the scientific missions. In this case, the PhD student(s) must have an ongoing FAPESP fellowship during the planned exchange mission to the partner institution.
1. **Fields of knowledge**

This Call for Proposals invites research proposals in all fields of knowledge.

1. **Duration of the project for the exchange of researchers**

The maximum duration of each project is up to 24 months.

1. **Timeline**

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| Call announced by FAPESP and PARTNER | 25/04/2017 |
| Closing date for submission of proposals | 31/07/2017 |
| Successful proposals notified after | 27/10/2017 |

1. **Funding principles**

5.1 FAPESP will provide funding of up to the equivalent of 10.000,00 € per proposal per year and USAL will provide funding of up to 10.000,00 € per proposal per year, for the duration of the grant to cover research-related mobility expenses, under the provisions of Clause 5 of the Scientific Cooperation Agreement established by the Parties (<http://www.fapesp.br/en/>)

5.2 FAPESP and USAL will fund a maximum of 3 approved proposal.

1. **Proposal characteristics for PARTNER researchers:**

The proposal shall be composed of:

6.1 A **Research Project** **having a maximum of five (5) pages of scientific content**, written jointly by the Principal Investigator of the Host Institution in the State of São Paulo and the Principal Investigator at the USAL. TheResearch Project must be written in English. One copy of the Research Project shall be sent to FAPESP and another (identical) copy to the PARTNER Institution.

6.2 The Research Project must include the following:

a. A substantive description of the exchange activities, emphasizing their relevance. The proposal must state clearly how the exchange activities to be carried out will contribute to the ongoing research project funded by FAPESP and to the research being carried by the partner researcher abroad;

b. A timeline for each specific exchange mission, considering the limit of missions and funding established in this Call;

c. Performance indicators for the planned activities;

d. A description of each candidate’s contribution to the mission, explaining their expertise to carry out the foreseen activities;

e. Foreseen actions that will add to the impact of the exchange for the Partner Institution and for the Host Institution in the State of São Paulo, e.g. by means of seminars, short courses and visits to the other institutions that carry out research activities in cognate areas;

1. Letter of Agreement of the Host Institution in the State of São Paulo to which the PI from São Paulo is affiliated. The same document is required by FAPESP in item 6.2.2 at www.fapesp.br/sprint/call22017. The Letter of Agreement may be delivered **after the notification of results of this call for proposals and before the grant agreement signature**.

6.3In *addition* to the above referred research project, the proposal for USAL must include the following items:

a. A summary of the project to which the proposal is related, including current and expected results

b. A description of which lines of activity of the ongoing or proposed project of the PI in Spain will benefit from the exchange.

c. A description of each researcher and Institution involved from The State of São Paulo and USAL.

d. A description of the expected academic gains for the project as a result of the proposed cooperation, emphasizing their singularity and specificity.

e. A description of the infrastructure and funding available for the research, excluding the mobility expenses requested in the proposal.

f. A summary of the CV of the Principal Investigators and collaborating researchers on both sides, FAPESP and the USAL (bio sketch instructions at http://www.fapesp.br/en/6351 and Universitas XXI Investigacion).

g. Budget worksheets specifically designed for this Call (please enclose a detailed budget according to FAPESP standards – worksheet available for download at http://www.fapesp.br/en/9265 for researchers from the State of São Paulo and the "Plan Nacional" Research Award standards for researchers from Spain).

h. An official document stating the formal commitment of USAL to participate, guaranteeing the availability of the facilities and equipment to develop the project (for researchers in São Paulo, this is already stated in the submission form that must be signed by the Institution’s Director).

i. An official document stating agreement with the provisions of item 6 of the cooperation agreement, related to “Intellectual Property”: “Letter of Agreement of the Host Institution in the State of São Paulo to which the PI from São Paulo is affiliated. The same document is required by FAPESP in item 6.2.2 at www.fapesp.br/sprint/call12017. The Letter of Agreement may be delivered after the notification of results of this call for proposals and before the grant agreement signature.”

1. **Submission of proposals to the Universidad de Salamanca**

For USAL: all submissions should be presented at the local Registry office as hard copy (on paper) and in electronic format (pdf) via email at serv.agi@usal.es and directed to the attention of the Vice- Chancellor for Research Affairs in order to be included in the USAL/FAPESP 2017 Call for proposals. Proposals submitted by any other means will not be accepted.

**8. Result of the analysis**

Final results will be announced on FAPESP ([www.fapesp.br](http://www.fapesp.br)) and USAL (<https://investigacion.usal.es> ) web portals and by means of a communication to the interested PIs.

**9. Contract for selected projects by the Universidad de Salamanca**

Selected proposals will subject to the conditions set forth in (please fill in here).

The proposals selected will be the subject of a research grant in writing to be signed by FAPESP and the PI in São Paulo and an agreement between the PI and USAL.

**10. Grant cancellation**

USAL may cancel funding of a USAL researcher, if, during the grant timeframe, a fact is of sufficient gravity to justify cancellation, at the discretion of the program directors, without prejudice of any other appropriate actions.

**11. Information about this Call at the Universidad de Salamanca**

All questions related to this Call for Proposals must be directed to:

Universidad de Salamanca: Agencia de Gestión de la Investigación

E-Mail: (serv.agi@usal.es ).