

## **SPRINT – 2nd Edition 2019**

### **GUIDELINES UNIVERSIDAD DE SALAMANCA**

Link to the Partner webpage where the call was announced : <https://investigacion.usal.es/>

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

FAPESP and Univesidad de Salamanca (hence forth USAL), signed a Cooperation Agreement for Research on April, 2017, aiming to implement scientific and technological cooperation between researchers from the 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 under the terms and conditions of the SPRINT **2<sup>nd</sup> Edition 2019**([www.fapesp.br/sprint/call22019](http://www.fapesp.br/sprint/call22019)) and herein after set forth.

#### **1. Eligibility from USAL side**

##### **1.1. Eligibility to submit proposals within the scope of this Call:**

Groups of Researches 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 Cal**

Groups of Researches.

- 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/call22019](http://www.fapesp.br/sprint/call22019)).

#### **2. Fields of knowledge**

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

#### **3. Duration of the project for the exchange of researchers**

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

#### 4. Timeline

Call announced by FAPESP and USAL	30/04/2019
Closing date for submission of proposals	29/07/2019
Successful proposals notified after	29/10/2019

#### 5. 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/xxxx>).

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

#### 6. Proposal characteristics for USAL researchers:

The proposal shall be composed of:

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

**b.** Additional documents required by USAL

**6.1** As described at ([www.fapesp.br/sprint/call22019](http://www.fapesp.br/sprint/call22019)), the Research Project **must** include the following items:

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

**b.** Detailed schedule of the exchange missions to be carried out by the partner team at the São Paulo institution and the São Paulo team at the USAL;

- c. Performance indicators for the planned activities, indicating the expected results;
- 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 USAL and for the Host Institution in the State of São Paulo, e.g. by means of seminars, short courses etc.;
- f. Description of how the Principal Investigators in São Paulo and in the USAL intend to prepare a joint research project, resulting from the exchange activities developed from the proposal submitted in this Call, to be submitted to research funding agencies accessible in their regions in order to create a medium-long-term collaboration (up to one page).

## 6.2 The following additional documents required by USAL:

### 6.2.1 In 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 collaboration researchers on both sides, FAPESP and the USAL (bio sketch instructions at [www.fapesp.br/en/6351](http://www.fapesp.br/en/6351) and Universitas XXI Investigación) <https://frontend.usal.es/Investigacion/index.js>
- g. Copy of the Budget at SAGe system, requested to FAPESP by the PI in 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).

### 6.2.2 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 6.2.3 at <http://www.fapesp.br/sprint/call22019>. The Letter of Agreement may be delivered **after the notification of results of this call for proposals and before the grant agreement signature.**

## **7. Submission of proposals to USAL**

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](mailto:serv.agi@usal.es) and directed to the attention of the Vice-Chancellor for Research Affairs in order to be include in the USAL/FAPESP 2019 Call for proposals. Proposals submitted by any other means will not be accepted.

Applications must be submitted through the electronic register of the University's electronic headquarters (<https://sede.usal.es/web/guest/registro-electronico>), for which purpose an electronic signature certificate must be available in accordance with the existing instructions in the headquarters.

## **8. Result of the analysis**

The 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 USAL**

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**

FAPESP or USAL may cancel funding if, during the grant timeframe, a significant event justifies its cancellation in the assessment of the Joint Steering Committee, without prejudice of any other appropriate actions.

## **11. Information about this Call at USAL**

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](mailto:serv.agi@usal.es))