

SPRINT 3rd Edition 2023: Guidelines University of Münster

Specific requests for proposals submissions from researchers of the University of Münster

Call at University of Münster: www.uni-muenster.de/Brasilienzentrum

FAPESP and University of Münster (UM), signed a Cooperation Agreement for Research on October 15th 2014, which was renewed on May 14th 2020, aiming to implement scientific and technological cooperation between researchers from the University of Münster 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 UM make public this Call for Proposals for the exchange of faculty and postdoctoral researchers under the terms and conditions of the **SPRINT 3rd Edition 2023** (<https://fapesp.br/en/sprint/call32023>) and hereinafter set forth.

1. Eligibility from UM side

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

PIs must be permanent or contracted University of Münster employees at an Academic Level at time of application and must maintain this status for the duration of the proposed activities.

1.2. Eligibility for the exchange activities within the scope of this Call:

Principal Investigators as well as Associated Researchers from University of Münster directly involved in the proposed research project. Participating post-doctoral fellows of the University of Münster must hold a fellowship/scholarship during the planned exchange mission.

Note:

- a. Proposals must aim to respect the principle of reciprocity with regard to academic qualifications of those who will take part in the exchange activities.
- b. Eligibility of research partners in the State of São Paulo should observe the items 3.1 and 4.2 of FAPESP call (<https://fapesp.br/en/sprint/call32023>).

2. Fields of knowledge

This Call for Proposals invites research proposals in all fields.

3. Duration of the project for the exchange of researchers

The maximum duration of each project is 12 months.

4. Timeline

Call announced by FAPESP and UM	December 11, 2023
Deadline for submission of proposals	February 26, 2024

5. Funding principles

5.1. FAPESP will provide funding of up to the equivalent of 10,000.00 EUR (ten thousand euros) per proposal and from side of UM the contribution will equally be up to 10,000.00 EUR (ten thousand euros) per proposal, for the duration of the grant to cover research-related mobility expenses, under the provisions of the Scientific Cooperation Agreement established by the Parties (www.fapesp.br/en/8944).

5.2. FAPESP and UM will fund a maximum of three (3) approved proposals.

6. Proposal characteristics for UM 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 at the Host Institution in the State of São Paulo and the Principal Investigator at UM, **in English** and using the appropriate form (download at item 6.2 below). One copy of the Research Project shall be sent to FAPESP and another (identical) copy to UM.

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 by each team will contribute to the ongoing research project funded by FAPESP and to the research being carried out by the partner researcher at UM;
- 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 UM, considering the limit of missions and funding established in this Call;
- 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 UM 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 UM 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. In addition to the above-mentioned Research Project, the proposal for UM must include the following documents:

- a.** Budget sheet

b. Letter of Support from the Head of Department

c. Letter of Agreement of the Host Institution in the State of São Paulo to which the PI from São Paulo is affiliated. The Letter of Agreement may be delivered after the notification of results. The same document is required by FAPESP in item 11.2 at <https://fapesp.br/en/sprint/call32023>.

7. Submission of proposals to UM

Submissions to University of Münster requires a completed application saved as a single PDF file and submitted electronically to bz.fapesp@uni-muenster.de within the deadline of this call.

8. Result of the analysis

The results will be announced on FAPESP's webportal (www.fapesp.br) and the website of the Brazil Centre of the University of Münster (www.uni-muenster.de/Brasilienzentrum) as well as by means of a communication to the interested PIs.

9. Grant cancellation

FAPESP or UM 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.

10. Information about this Call at UM

All questions from University of Münster researchers related to this Call for Proposals must be directed to: bz.fapesp@uni-muenster.de.

11. Research Networking Tool

FAPESP: The Virtual Library (www.bv.fapesp.br/en/) includes FAPESP's database of awarded research grants and scholarships. In it, you may search for information on grants and fellowships funded by FAPESP, including abstracts as well the name of participating researchers and their institutions. The Virtual Library includes an interface that allows contacting FAPESP-funded researchers by sending them a message

UM: The University of Münster's website offers comprehensive information on the numerous and diverse research fields covered in its 15 faculties, current research activities carried out and the results achieved by its researchers (www.uni-muenster.de/en/). The Brazil Centre's website also contains a list of its members, i.e. researchers who are interested in collaborating with partners from Brazil (<https://www.uni-muenster.de/Brasilienzentrum/en/index.html>).