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GUIDELINES IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON

Specific requests for proposals submissions from researchers of Imperial College London

FAPESP and IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON, signed a Cooperation Agreement for Research in 2013, aiming to implement scientific and technological cooperation between researchers from the IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON, UK, 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 IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON make public this Call for Proposals for the exchange of faculty and postdoctoral researchers under the terms and conditions of the SPRINT 1st Edition 2017 (www.fapesp.br/sprint/call12017) and hereinafter set forth.

1. Eligibility from IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON side

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

   a. Full time members of academic or research staff at Imperial College London.
   b. Imperial will only accept one application per researcher.

   It will be assumed that Research staff will have received any necessary approval to undertake the proposed activity.

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

   a. Any PhD student, post-doctoral researcher, academic or research staff nominated by the Principal Investigator and affiliated with the project selected for funding under this call for proposals.
   b. 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.
   c. Eligibility of research partners in the State of São Paulo should observe the items 3.1 and 7.1 of FAPESP call (www.fapesp.br/sprint/call12017).
   d. Considering the principle of reciprocity, FAPESP exceptionally may either support PhD students from the State of São Paulo 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.

2. Fields of knowledge

   This Call for Proposals invites research proposals in any field of research at Imperial.
3. **Duration of the project for the exchange of researchers**

Projects may be for up to 24 months duration and should take place in the time between August 1, 2017 and July 31, 2019, in alignment with the College financial year. This period is non-extendable.

4. **Timeline**

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5. **Funding principles**

FAPESP will provide funding of up to the equivalent of £ 6,000.00 (6 thousand pounds) per proposal per year and IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON will provide funding of up to £ 6,000.00 (6 thousand pounds) 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/8085](http://www.fapesp.br/en/8085).

6. **Proposal characteristics for IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON 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 IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON. The Research Project must be written in English. One copy of the Research Project shall be sent to FAPESP and another (identical) copy to the IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON. The Research Project must include the items included in the item 6.1 at [www.fapesp.br/sprint/call12017](http://www.fapesp.br/sprint/call12017).

   **6.2 The following additional documents required by IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON:**

   a. For Imperial applicants, please submit a completed Imperial Application Form.

   b. 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 [www.fapesp.br/sprint/call12017](http://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.

7. **Submission of proposals to IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON**
For Imperial applicants, all application material must be submitted to researchoffice.fundingstrategy@imperial.ac.uk. Please note that only applications submitted to this email address (and not that of the named contact) will be considered.

8. **Result of the analysis**

The selection process consists of two stages:

8. 1 All eligible applications will first be assessed by FAPESP and Imperial individually. In the case of Imperial, these will be considered for funding by the Cross-College Research Proposal Review Group. The Group will rank the proposals based on excellence of research, fit to call, and potential strategic value of the international partnership (including potential for opportunity to leverage overseas funding).

8. 2 A joint committee meeting between Imperial and FAPESP will take place where projects will be chosen based on both individual rankings, as well as strategic fit to both partners.

8. 3 Imperial applicants will be informed of the results via email as soon as possible after the joint committee meeting. A formal letter confirming the outcomes will then be sent electronically to the Principal Investigator.

8. 4 Final results will be announced on FAPESP (www.fapesp.br) and web portal and by means of a communication to the interested PIs (at Imperial via email).

9. **Grant cancellation**

IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON may cancel funding of an IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON 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.

10. **Information about this Call at IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON**

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

Contact at Imperial: International Relations Office, international.relations@imperial.ac.uk