APPLICATION DEADLINE
3 May 2018

BACKGROUND

In October 2015, the National Research Foundation (NRF) and the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) signed an inter-agency agreement to support research and development activities between South African researchers and researchers from the State of São Paulo in Brazil through the funding of joint research activities in specified research fields. The NRF and FAPESP are pleased to announce the second joint call for research proposals, and herewith invite all interested parties to submit their applications, by a date no later than the indicated closing date.

This Programme aims to:

- contribute to scientific advancement in both countries by funding researchers’ mobility in the frame of joint research projects in specified research fields;
- provide an opportunity for researchers to cooperate in an international setting and to develop their scientific careers, especially for early-stage, mid-career as well as female researchers;
- support the advancement of basic and applied research; and
- contribute meaningfully to research capacity development.

Joint research proposals may be submitted in the following designated broad thematic areas prioritised by both funding agencies:

- Health Sciences
- Humanities
- Social Sciences

PLEASE NOTE:
Joint projects with the potential to lead to future bilateral and multilateral co-operations will be favourably considered. Also, the joint projects by young scientists and those that pay particular attention to a balanced involvement of female and male researchers (gender equality) will be positively considered and will receive a higher rating.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- An application must designate two Principal Investigators (PIs), one in South Africa and one in the State of São Paulo, who will bear the main responsibility for the project, including its technical and administrative coordination as well as scientific and financial reporting.
- Project proposals submitted by early-stage or mid-career researchers as well as project proposals with involvement of PhD/doctoral students and/or female researchers will be prioritised for funding by both sides.
- The focus of the Programme lies on new international partnerships. Therefore, follow-up proposals with the same research partners will not be prioritised for funding (if they have already been funded under this Programme).

This call is open to working researchers residing in South Africa and affiliated with a recognised higher education or research institution such as a university, university of technology or science council. Commercial institutions and private education institutions are not eligible to apply under this programme. The South African applicant must be in possession of a PhD. In terms of human capital development, South African applications from previously disadvantaged individuals and the involvement of historically disadvantaged higher education and research institutions will be prioritised.

HOW TO APPLY

The onus is on the applicant to find their own research partner. Proposals must be received in both South Africa and the State of São Paulo. Proposals which have only been received in either South Africa or the State of São Paulo, but not both, will not be
considered for funding. The call process is highly competitive; therefore submission of an application does not guarantee funding. The availability of funds and the evaluation of applications from both countries should be positive for projects to be considered for funding. The NRF and FAPESP will not be held responsible for non-submission, administration or evaluation of the application in the partner country.

Applicants can apply by following the steps below:

- Applications must be submitted through an [online application process](#) to the NRF.
- Register/Login using your ID number and password.
- Go to “My applications” and select “create new application”.
- Select the call for which you are applying for: [NRF/FAPESP Joint Science and Technology Research Collaboration 2019](#).
- Remember to complete all sections of the application as indicated on the online application form.
- Please attach the necessary documents in PDF file in the following order: CV of partner, budget of partner and the signed page of the partner.
- Remember to submit your application on completion.
- Completed applications will go to the host University for Verification before being forwarded to the NRF for further processing.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in this document will not be considered.
- Applications submitted outside the NRF Online Submission system will not be accepted.
- No hard copies will be accepted and will automatically be disqualified by the NRF.
- Only applications endorsed by the research office or its equivalent at higher education or research institutions will be accepted.

Please contact [Natasha Jeftha](#) if you have any queries.

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