

## SPRINT 2021

### GUIDELINES Technische Universität Berlin (TU Berlin)

#### Specific requests for proposals submissions from researchers at Technische Universität Berlin

Technische Universität Berlin signed a Cooperation Agreement for Research on March 13, 2020, aiming to implement scientific and technological cooperation between researchers from Germany, and from the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, through the funding of joint research projects.

Under the referred Agreement, as a first action to promote such collaboration, FAPESP and TU Berlin make public this Call for Proposals for the exchange of researchers under the terms and conditions of the **SPRINT 2021** ([www.fapesp.br/sprint/call2021](http://www.fapesp.br/sprint/call2021)) and hereinafter set forth.

#### 1. Eligibility from TU Berlin side

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

PIs must be permanent or contracted employees of TU Berlin 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 Associated Researchers and PhD-candidates from TU Berlin directly involved in the proposed research project. Participating researchers from TU Berlin must hold a position or 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 ([www.fapesp.br/sprint/call2021](http://www.fapesp.br/sprint/call2021)).

#### 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 12 months.

#### 4. Timeline

Call announced by FAPESP and TU Berlin	October 26, 2021
Deadline for submissions	January 31, 2022
Announcement of results:	April 22, 2022

## 5. Funding principles

5.1 FAPESP will provide funding of up to the equivalent 5,000 EUR (five thousand euro) per proposal per year and TU Berlin will provide funding of up to 5,000 EUR (five thousand euro) 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 ([www.fapesp.br/en/14108](http://www.fapesp.br/en/14108)).

5.2 FAPESP and TU Berlin will fund a maximum of two (2) approved proposals.

## 6. Proposal characteristics for TU Berlin 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 TU Berlin. The Research Project must be written in English. One copy of the Research Project shall be sent to FAPESP and another (identical) copy to TU Berlin.

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 at TU Berlin;
- b. Detailed schedule of the exchange missions to be carried out by the TU Berlin team at the São Paulo institution and the São Paulo team at TU Berlin, 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 the TU Berlin and for the Host Institution in the State of São Paulo, e.g. by means of seminars, short courses or visits, etc.;
- f. Description of how the Principal Investigators in São Paulo and in the TU Berlin 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 are required from TU Berlin:

- a. a short (one page) budget sheet that lists all planned expenses (travel, accommodation etc.)
- 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 [www.fapesp.br/sprint/call2011](http://www.fapesp.br/sprint/call2011).

## 7. Submission of proposals to TU Berlin

Submissions to TU Berlin require a completed application saved as a single PDF file and should be submitted electronically to [intws-tb-brasilien@win.tu-berlin.de](mailto:intws-tb-brasilien@win.tu-berlin.de) within the deadline of this call.

## 8. Result of the analysis

Final results will be announced on the FAPESP and TU Berlin webportal ([www.fapesp.br](http://www.fapesp.br)) and TU Berlin website <https://www.tu-berlin.de/?220549>

#### **10. Grant cancellation**

TU Berlin may cancel funding of a TU Berlin researcher, if, during the grant timeframe, a significant event justifies its cancellation, at the discretion of the scientific director of each Institute, without prejudice of any other appropriate actions.

#### **11. Information about this Call at TU Berlin**

All questions related to this Call for Proposals must be directed to: Dr. Jan an Haack, Section International Scientific Cooperation ([jan.anhaack@tu-berlin.de](mailto:jan.anhaack@tu-berlin.de)).

#### **12. Research Networking Tool**

FAPESP: The Virtual Library ([www.bv.fapesp.br/en/](http://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.