Associate Teams - São Paulo State- Brazil
2020 Specific Call for proposals

1. Programme goals

In order to promote and develop collaborations between France and the State of Sao Paulo Brazil by supporting research projects of high scientific quality, the European and International Partnerships Department of Inria launches a specific call for projects with the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP), as part of the Inria Associate Teams programme and of the FAPESP SPRINT programme.

This call aims at supporting joint projects created between an Inria project-team and a Brazilian research team from the São Paulo State.

As for the general Associate Team programme, the two partners jointly define a scientific objective, a research plan and a program of bilateral exchanges.

2. Conditions

Applicants

On the French side: applicants have to carry out their research activity in an Inria project-team.

On the Sao Paulo side: only researchers affiliates to Higher Education and Research Institutions in the State of São Paulo are eligible team members. In addition, are eligible only Principal Investigators of ongoing research projects funded by FAPESP within the following FAPESP funding modalities: Regular Research Awards (excluding mobility projects), Thematic Projects, Young Investigators, Research, Innovation and Dissemination Centers (CEPIDs/RIDCs), Public Education Research Program, Research in Public Policies, and Research Partnership for Technological Innovation (PITE). Co-Principal Investigators of ongoing Thematic Projects, CEPIDs/RIDCs and PITEs are also eligible to apply.

Submission

Each project must be submitted separately to Inria and to the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP).

Joint projects must be submitted by the French PI via the dedicated Web site at: https://drisi.inria.fr/equipeAssociée/new.

For the Brazilian submission, the submission modalities are available on FAPESP’s website, which will be made available as of 30 July 2019. Please note that there are additional documents required by the Sao Paulo PI.
Selection process

Proposals will be evaluated separately by Inria and by FAPESP according to the following criteria:

- Scientific excellence of the project (motivation of the general problems, identification of the main challenges, intended approaches/methodologies/techniques),
- Balanced participation of researchers from various career stages and contribution to fostering young researchers’ participation,
- Relevance and consistency of the mobility and work program,
- Expected results and impact of the joint project for each partner (mutual advancement of research through the transfer of knowledge and expertise),
- Potential of the PIs to successfully complete the proposed project

3. Funding

The Associate Team is equally financed by Sao Paulo and French partners for a period of three years and is awarded a maximum grant of 26 000€/year for three years (13 000 € provided by Inria and the same amount by the FAPESP).

The Associate Team budget is dedicated to:
- exchanges of researchers, engineers, postdoctoral fellows, PhD students and interns between France and Brazil;
- the organization of joint workshops/working meetings.

Each country will finance the mobility (travel and living expenses) of their own researchers (The funding granted by FAPs to the Brazilian teams is dedicated to the mobility from the State of Sao Paulo/Brazil to France; The funding granted by Inria to the Inria teams is dedicated to the mobility from France to Sao Paulo/Brazil).

4. Reporting

An Associate Team is created for a period of 3 years and progress is monitored on a yearly basis by funding partners. For that purpose, each Associate Team’s French coordinator must create and update a dedicated website, properly referenced. This website presents the partners, scientific objectives, work program and accounts for the activities, exchanges, technological developments, joint publications and co-supervised PhD students and research generated by the team. A short report must be submitted annually that describes the progress of the work and requests a budget for the following year.

At the end of the third year, the coordinator writes the final report of the Associate Team with Brazil activities and results.

5. Important dates

For the 2019 call, the submission deadline for Inria PI is October 9th, 2019, and for the Sao Paulo PI is 28 October 2019, but submissions on the same date are encouraged. Depending on the time taken for the selection process and consultation, the results of the Associate teams with Sao Paulo State - Brazil will be announced by the end of January 2020.