

Associate Teams with Brazil Program (2018 – 2020)

2018 Specific Call for proposals

1. Program goals

In order to promote and develop collaborations between France and Brazil by supporting research projects of high scientific quality, the European and International Partnerships Department (EIPD) of Inria launches a specific call for projects with Brazilian research teams, as part of its Associate Teams program.

An "Associate Team with Brazil" is a joint project created between an Inria project-team and a Brazilian research team, called "Main Brazilian team." As for the general Associate Team program, the two partners jointly define a scientific objective, a research plan and a program of bilateral exchanges.

The participation of additional Brazilian research teams, hereafter called "satellite" teams, is also possible (please refer to section 8 "Participation of Brazilian "satellite" teams" at the end of the document).

2. Brazilian Participants

The "Associate Teams with Brazil" program is co-financed by Brazilian Research Foundations (FAPs) from different states of Brazil. Therefore only projects involving Brazilian teams from one of the state participating to the program will be considered in this call.

For the 2018 call, the list of the participating Brazilian states is listed on the call page on Inria's website. It is nevertheless important to check on the relevant Research Foundations' website if the call for proposals with Inria is open and the exact calendar for Brazilian submission.

Brazilian Research Foundations are independent from each other so the call time line can be slightly different from one institution to the other. Each Foundation is responsible for funding projects involving teams from their state.

3. Proposal of a new Associate Team with Brazil, selection process and continuation

Submission

Each project must be submitted separately to Inria and to the relevant Brazilian Research Foundation (FAP).



An Associate Team proposal must be submitted by the French PI via the dedicated Web site at: <https://drisi.inria.fr/eaEquipeAssociee/new>

The application submitted to Inria will include the technical annex submitted by the Brazilian partner to his FAP (to be uploaded directly on the online platform or sent by email to EIPD). For the Brazilian submission, each Brazilian coordinator will have to check on their FAP's website what the submission modalities are.

Selection process

Proposals will be evaluated by Inria's COST-GTRI¹ 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 carrier 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)

Based on this evaluation by the COST-GTRI and the program goals and priorities, the EIPD proposes a selection of "Associate Teams with Brazil" to Inria executive management, which makes the final selection, after consultation with the Brazilian Research Foundations involved.

Year to year continuation

An Associate Team is created for a period of 3 years and progress is monitored on a yearly basis by Inria's EIPD. For that purpose, each Associate Team's French coordinator must create and update a dedicated website, properly referenced from his Inria Project-team website. The Associate Team's 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.

4. Funding

An "Associate Team with Brazil" is created for a period of three years and is awarded a maximum grant of 20 000€/ year for three years (10 000 € provided by Inria and the same amount by the corresponding FAP).

Thanks to this Brazilian co-funding, the overall budget of these associate teams is 60 000 € in total for three years.

NB: The total budget of 60 K€ for 3 years does not include additional funding that could eventually be obtained due to the participation of "satellite teams" (see end of document).

¹ Scientific Committee in charge of project evaluations.



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.

NB: 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 Brazil to France; The funding granted by Inria to the Inria teams is dedicated to the mobility from France to Brazil)

5. Participation of Brazilian “satellite teams”

In order to encourage the participation of several Brazilian teams, particularly teams from other Brazilian states participating in the call for proposals, additional Brazilian teams, called "satellites" can join an “Associate Team with Brazil” on the same scientific activity.

The activities of the Brazilian teams (exchanges in Brazil between the “Main team” and the “satellite teams”; visits to the Inria project-team by the “satellite team” researchers) will be funded, upon decision of the relevant Brazilian Research Foundation, according to the terms specified in their call for projects and in addition to the global core budget of the Associate Team with Brazil.

Visits of Inria Project-team members to the “satellite teams” will not be supported financially by the EIPD, however a financial support for this activity can be solicited from the Embassy of France in Brazil, partner of the program. The use of other source of funding to support these exchanges will of course be possible.

The funding decision will be made regarding the overall view of the project. It will be taken jointly by all institutions involved, after each of them has made its own evaluation. Any refusal of funding for the participation of a "satellite team" from the relevant FAP does not affect the funding of the Associated Team with Brazil between Inria and the “Main Brazilian Team” if the Associate Team has been selected in the framework of the call.

6. Report and renewal

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

The Associate Teams with Brazil coordinators can ask once for the renewal of the Associate Team for an additional three years period. The application process is similar to the proposal for a new Associate Team with Brazil, except that a clear positioning of the scientific goal with that of the initial associate team is expected. The proposal is evaluated under the same criteria. The financial support of the relevant Brazilian Research Foundation has also to be obtained. An Associate Team with Brazil can be renewed only once for a cycle of three years.

The French coordinator of a non-renewed Associate Team with Brazil wishing to continue its activities can submit a declaration of “Inria International Partner”. This declaration identifies the collaboration as a quality partnership. There is no specific timetable for the submission of



an "Inria International Partner." Declarations can be made throughout the year following International Relations Liaison Officers' recommendations in each research center. Such declaration has to be sent to (angelica.biard@inria.fr).

7. Important dates

For the 2018 call, the submission deadline for Inria PI is **September 27th, 2017**. Depending on the time taken for the selection process and consultation, the results of the "Associate teams with Brazil" will be announced by end of January 2018. The activities can be funded as soon as the results are published.

IMPORTANT: Each Brazilian coordinator must check on their FAP's website to confirm their specific calendar for the opening and deadline of Brazilian submissions.