

SPRINT – 3rd Edition 2017: Guidelines University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Specific requests for proposals submissions from researchers of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)

FAPESP and UNL, signed a Cooperation Agreement for Research on March 15th, 2016, aiming to implement scientific and technological cooperation between researchers from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA, and from the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, through the funding of joint research projects.

Under the referred Agreement, as a continuation of this fruitful collaboration, FAPESP and UNL make public this Call for Proposals for the exchange of faculty and postdoctoral researchers under the terms and conditions of the SPRINT 3rd Edition 2017 (www.fapesp.br/sprint/call32017) and hereinafter set forth.

1. Eligibility from UNL side

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

a. All tenured, tenure-track, and those with adjunct appointments as well as research professor or professor of practice faculty within the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) are eligible to participate in this call for proposals. The Project Director (PD) must have a tenure or tenure-track appointment with the Agricultural Research Division (ARD), the other titles are also eligible if they have been previously grant active (grant proposals recorded with a PCS code of research and routed through NU grant system).

1.2. Eligibility for **the exchange activities** within the scope of this Call

a. Faculty and post-doctoral researchers from UNL are eligible to participate in the exchange activities of this call for proposals.

Note:

- 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.
- 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/call32017).

2. Fields of knowledge

This Call for Proposals invites research proposals in agricultural sciences.

3. Duration of the project for the exchange of researchers

The maximum duration of each project is 24 months, non-extendable.

4. Timeline

Call announced by FAPESP and UNL	August 1st, 2017
Closing date for submission of proposals	October 30th, 2017
Successful proposals notified after	January 26th, 2018

5. Funding principles

5.1. FAPESP will provide funding of up to the equivalent of US\$ 10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) per proposal per year and UNL will provide funding of up to US\$ 10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) 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/10256).

5.2. FAPESP and UNL will fund a maximum of two approved proposals.

6. Proposal characteristics for UNL researchers:

The proposal shall be composed of:

a. A Research Project having a maximum of five (5) pages of scientific content (not considering references) , written in English jointly by the Principal Investigator at the Host Institution in the State of São Paulo and the Principal Investigator at the UNL. One copy of the Research Project shall be sent to FAPESP and an identical copy to the UNL.

6.1 As described at www.fapesp.br/sprint/call32017, the Research Project **must** include the following items:

- a. A substantive description of the exchange activities, emphasizing their relevance. The proposal must state clearly how the exchange activities to be carried out by each team will contribute to the ongoing research project funded by FAPESP and to the research being carried by the partner researcher at UNL;
- b. Detailed schedule of the exchange missions to be carried out by the partner team at the São Paulo institution and the São Paulo team at the UNL;
- 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 UNL and for the Host Institution in the State of São Paulo, e.g. by means of seminars, short courses etc.;
- f. Description of how the Principal Investigators in São Paulo and in the UNL 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 required by UNL:

6.2.1 CV/BioSketch (2 pages) for the Principal Investigators and all candidates for the exchange activities;

6.2.2 Budget worksheet

6.3 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 6.2.2 at www.fapesp.br/sprint/call32017. 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 UNL

Submissions can only be accepted by NUgrant (<https://nugrant.unl.edu/system/login>)

8. Result of the analysis

The results will be announced on FAPESP (www.fapesp.br) and UNL (<http://ianr.unl.edu/global-engagement>) web portals and by means of a communication to the interested PIs.

9. Contract for selected projects by UNL

Selected proposals will subject to conditions set forth by UNL operating policies; including but not limited to those detailed by UNL's Office of Research Responsibility (www.research.unl.edu/researchresponsibility/).

10. Grant cancellation

FAPESP or UNL may cancel funding if, during the grant timeframe, a significant event justifies its cancellation in the assessment of the Joint Steering Committee, without prejudice of any other appropriate actions.

11. Information about this Call at UNL

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

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