

FIOCRUZ - INSTITUT PASTEUR - USP Call for Project Proposals 2023
Fundação Oswaldo Cruz - Institut Pasteur - Universidade de São Paulo

SUMMARY

The call for proposals for projects involving the Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (Fiocruz), Institut Pasteur and the Universidade de São Paulo (USP) is now open.

The main objective is to facilitate the collaborations in priority areas of research and public health programs, particularly in the framework of the tripartite agreement signed between Fiocruz, Institut Pasteur and USP on June 8th, 2015. This call for proposals is also covered by the Cooperation Agreement signed on July 28th, 2017 between Fiocruz, Institut Pasteur, USP and FUSP and amended in 2022 to enable the parties to launch new calls from 2022 onwards.

The proposals should bring together researchers or teams from at least one member of the Pasteur Network (<https://pasteur-network.org/en/members/>), of the Fiocruz and of the USP.

The deadline for submitting applications is October 30th 2023

1. FIOCRUZ – INSTITUT PASTEUR - USP PROGRAM

The Fiocruz – Institut Pasteur - USP Program aims at consolidating the scientific cooperation between researchers of the three institutions, in the framework of the tripartite agreements signed between Fiocruz, Institut Pasteur and USP, on June 8th, 2015 and on December 19th, 2020.

2. RESEARCH COLLABORATION GRANTS

2.1. Goals of this grant

- To promote and facilitate high quality and long-term collaboration between faculty/researchers at the partner institutions in areas of strategic importance;
- To promote academic mobility;
- To facilitate the publication of high-quality joint research papers;
- To facilitate the submission of high-quality research bids.

2.2. Eligibility

- This year, the Steering Committee will appreciate proposals that concentrate on these topics:
 - Innovative strategies to enhance effectiveness of therapies.

The Steering committee will strongly welcome proposals on immunotherapy approaches.

- One “Fiocruz”, one “Institut Pasteur” and one “USP”¹ coordinator will be identified when submitting the application form. The coordinators will be responsible for the supervision and execution of the project both scientifically and administratively.

2.3. Ineligibility

- Researchers who have ongoing projects from past calls cannot submit any other project to this call.
- The members of the Steering Committee of the Fiocruz-Institut Pasteur-USP Scientific Cooperation Agreement are also ineligible to submit projects to this call.

2.4. Funding and duration

- Funding up to 90,000 € (ninety thousand euros) will be made available for up to two (2) selected projects, to be executed between January 2024 and November 2025. Each institution (Fiocruz, Institut Pasteur and USP) will grant a total of 30,000 € (thirty thousand euros)², with no obligation to provide equal amounts for each project, if two projects were to be selected.
- For USP, the budget will be supported by the University of São Paulo Support Foundation (FUSP).
- Details on the financial conditions of use will be given to the granted projects’ coordinators, in line with the financial policies of each institution.
- Proposals that include matching funds are encouraged. Please indicate this in your proposal.

¹ Coordinators from USP must necessarily be active professors of the permanent staff of the University. Also, for USP, post-doctoral researchers may be added to the participants list, but are not eligible for funding.

² Equivalent to R\$, upon conversion made based on the sale price of the euro, published by the Central Bank of Brazil, referring to the date of the announcement of results in December 2023, with no change due to any exchange variation.

2.5. Eligible costs

- Travel costs;
- Accommodation;
- Subsistence;
- Dissemination, issuance and translation of joint publications;
- Project consumables.

Infrastructure expenditures are not allowed, neither is the purchase of permanent material or equipment services, nor the hiring of staff or granting of scholarships.

2.6. Format and Guidelines

Application Forms are available on-line in an English Version on <https://www.pasteur.fr/en/international/international-calls/call-projects-institut-pasteur-fiocruz-usp>.

Identical project proposals must be submitted in English to Fiocruz, Institut Pasteur and USP coordinators.

2.7. Application Process

Each candidate must submit their identical applications to the coordinators in their own institution.

- Fiocruz: Luciana Ferreira - luciana.ferreira@fiocruz.br;
- Institut Pasteur and Pasteur Network : Daniel Scott-Algara (daniel.scott-algara@pasteur.fr) and Chloé Rabiet (chloe.rabiet@pasteur.fr);
- USP: USP International Cooperation Office (AUCANI) - <https://uspdigital.usp.br/mundus/editalintercambiopublicoListar?nivpbcavo=D&codmnu=3144> [Call # 1809]

2.8. Selection

- The proposals will be submitted to external *ad hoc* evaluation and selected by a dedicated Fiocruz-Institut Pasteur-USP committee.
- Between one and two proposals are expected be selected.

2.9. Reporting (in case of approval of the project)

- Transmission of annual activities and financial reports.

- Transmission of a final activities report consisting of the main benefits and prospects of cooperation within a maximum of one month after the end of the actions: until December 2025.
- Transmission of a final financial report within a maximum of one month after the end of the actions: until December 2025.
- Reports should be submitted simultaneously to the administrative coordinators of their own institution.

Project coordinators will be notified about selected projects in December 2023.