UNIÓN IBEROAMERICANA DE UNIVERSIDADES

SECOND RESEARCH COLLABORATION FUND 2019

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SUMMARY

The Unión Iberoamericana de Universidades (UIU) is a partnership network including Universidade de São Paulo, Universitat de Barcelona, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, and Universidad Complutense de Madrid. The UIU is now accepting proposals for the 2019 UIU second Research Collaboration Fund, maintained by the UIU university partners and Santander Bank. Projects will be evaluated based upon scientific and scholarly merit of proposals and the availability of resources. These awards will support substantive engagement that leads to high quality outputs, such as international research training for graduate students or early career faculty, publication of joint papers from collaborative research, and subsequently joint research bids. Proposals should be jointly submitted by faculty from **all five** UIU partner institutions.

The deadline for submitting proposals is May 7th 2019 (23:59 CET)

1.   UNIÓN IBEROAMERICANA DE UNIVERSIDADES

The Unión Iberoamericana de Universidades aims to create a platform for international collaboration enabling academics and students to work together on issues of common interests.

2. THE UIU RESEARCH COLLABORATION AWARDS

2.1. Goals of this award

▪ To promote and facilitate high quality and long term collaboration between faculty/researchers at UIU partners 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: applicants

▪ Proposals are invited from permanent faculty/research professionals at Universidade de São Paulo[1], Universitat de Barcelona, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, and Universidad Complutense de Madrid[2];

▪ **There will be no priority areas** for this second call;

▪ All proposals must involve collaboration between university-eligible faculty from **all five** UIU partners (UCM/UBA/UB/UNAM/USP.

2.3. Funding

▪ Funding of up to **40,000€**[3] per participating institution, to be divided among the projects in which each university participates;

▪ Up to a maximum of **40,000€** (R$149,148.00[4]) per successful project (8,000€ per university) will be made available for travel and subsistence expenses[5];

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[1] Post doc researchers are not eligible, according to USP rules for funding.

[2] As for UCM, researchers need to have a specific, formal and ongoing affiliation with the university.

[3] In the case of the UCM, the financing of this call, for a maximum amount of 40,000 euros (€), will be charged to the budgetary application G/6420150/5000/192U0522UI of the budget of the Complutense University of Madrid 2019, in which according to accounting document number 1001265058, has reserved credit for that amount.

[4] According to the USP-Santander agreement, nº 41.111, signed on October 30th 2017, the selling rate is R$3,7287, with no change due to any exchange variation.

[5] In the case of UBA, the amount will be in Argentine pesos, applying an exchange rate fixed before payment.

- Each university funding will support the travel and subsistence costs associated with its own researchers spending at UIU partner institutions. Proposals that include opportunities for the exchange of PhD students are encouraged;

- Planned expenditures should be in line with the financial policies of the lead institution. Please contact with the office or section you should refer according to the University of belonging for further information;

- Proposals that include matching funds are encouraged.

2.4. Eligible costs

Eligible costs include:

- Travel costs;
- Accommodation, unless provided by the host university;
- Subsistence.

2.5. Duration/timing

Funded proposals must begin by 1 September, 2019 and be completed within one year of commencement.

2.6. Indicative activities

Proposals may include collaborative activities such as:
- Workshops, guest lecture and high-level seminars on multidisciplinary research areas;
- Development of joint industry-research collaborations;
- Delivery of a joint publication or other output resulting from collaborative research or scholarship activities;
- Collection of preliminary data to elaborate a full proposal to a local or international funding agency;
- Research period in which graduate students perform a series of experiments or

research;

- Creation and support of resources such as websites, research collaboration sites, or other social networking tools to facilitate the dissemination of results;

- We want to stimulate mobility of both teaching staff and PhD graduate students/postdoctoral researchers. We envision up to two missions of faculty with periods varying from 5 to 10 days;

- The mobility of PhD students shall be between 10 to 60 days for each considered student, depending on the dormitory facilities of the hosting institution. Academic mobilities should be in line with home university policies.

The above list is indicative and is not intended to be comprehensive.

2.7. Format and Guidelines

> **All proposals must be submitted in a single PDF document,**
> **using the attached Application Form.**

Proposal Content: UIU research grant applications are limited to eight (8) pages with one (1) inch margins, 11 font in Arial or Times New Roman, or 12 font in Calibri and must include the following sections, written in English.

All proposals must be submitted by completing the attached Application Form, in PDF format (**those applications that exceed the maximum allowed pages will not be considered for evaluation**):

- **Cover Page** including the following data (**maximum length: 3 pages)**
  - Title of the project;
  - Project Coordinator and contact information (one for the five universities). The Project Coordinator can be one of the 5 PIs;
  - Principal investigator(s) and contact information (one per each of the five universities);

eam members (only names, position and affiliation): a maximum of 5 researchers per university, including the PIs;

- A 1,000 character synopsis of the proposed project;
- Previous results of the research project, funded by a previous UIU call, or by other funding agencies;
- A list of 5 key words.

▪ **Project Description *(maximum length: 4 pages)*** specifically address who your collaborators are, objectives of the collaboration, how the proposed activities align with the goals of this RFP. The description should include specific objectives and activities to achieve the objectives and should be in sufficient detail that reviewers can evaluate the appropriateness and feasibility of the proposed plan. *Remember some reviewers may come from outside your discipline so use language that those lacking expertise in your area will understand.*

▪ **Budget with Justification (maximum length: 1 page)**

In addition, the following must be included in the proposal and does not count against the 4 page content limit of the Project Description or the 8 page limit of the Proposal:

▪ **Bio sketch** (5 pages maximum in total, ideally one for each) of the Project Coordinator and of the other PIs including Education, Professional Appointments, Synergistic Activities relevant to this grant application, and up to ten (10) publications related to this research or scholarship.

▪ **5 Support Letter(s**), written in English or Spanish, from each of the 5 Faculty Deans (or their designees)[6].

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[6] The UBA research teams (regardless of whether they are the coordinating team or not) will also have to provide a document with the signature and approval of their management unit (Secretaría de Relaciones Internacionales)

2.8. Application Process

The proposal and supporting documents should be only submitted by the Project Coordinator (by e-mail), as a single PDF document, following the Application Form Attached. Project Coordinators should only submit the proposal to their home university. The sending will be made to the following addresses:

University	Office in charge	Contact e-mail	Contact person
UB	Oficina de Proyectos Internacionales de Investigación (OPIR)	sandramace@ub.edu	Sandra Macé
UBA	Secretaría de Relaciones Internacionales	mperdigues@rec.uba.ar	Matías Perdigués
UCM	Oficina de Relaciones Internacionales	uiu@ucm.es	Beatriz Moreno
UNAM	Coordinación de Relaciones y Asuntos Internacionales	sergiopaz@unam.mx	Sergio Joel Paz
USP	Agência USP de Cooperação Acadêmica Nacional e Internacional	Submission - https://uspdigital.usp.br/mundus/editalintercambiopublicoListar?nivpbcavo=D&codmnu=3144 Contact – Fale conosco – Editais - Pesquisa	Glaucia Mara Terzian/ Marilena Pires

2.9. Selection Criteria

Proposals that meet the eligibility requirements will be reviewed and assessed by review panels at each of the five universities. A joint committee consisting of representatives from the UIU partners will make the final decision for awards through videoconference.

The criteria for consideration will involve the extent to which each proposal:

1) addresses a pertinent research problem;

2) has clear and measurable objectives and activities aligned with the purpose of the UIU award;

3) focuses on the achievement of concrete outcomes and results;

4) demonstrates commitment from researchers from the 5 UIU partners;

5) has a clearly articulated and justified budget.

In making their decisions, the joint selection panel will seek to support a representative variety of research topics. Proposals that include mobility and participation of young researchers in training (PhD students) are strongly encouraged.

Results will be announced on the UIU website with links to the websites of all five universities by July 15th.

After the resolution (and once the funding per project is determined), the Project Coordinator should send a document to their office of reference in order to refine the proposal and activities, taking into account the budget granted. Should there be changes from the initial proposal, they should be approved by the Executive Committee.

2.10 Reporting

Successful applicants are required to submit a final report, which should be submitted (by the Project Coordinator) no later than one month after the end of the grant period. The report (written on a template that will be provided in due course) should include information on:

- objectives proposed and activities undertaken;
- project outcomes and achievements, including key findings and future plans;
- a brief assessment by the lead researcher on the impact (positive and negative) on their research;
- actual expenditure against plan.