GUIDELINES: University of Western Ontario (Western University)

https://www.uwo.ca/research/funding/international/index.html

**Specific requests for proposals submissions from researchers of Western University**

FAPESP and a Consortium of leading Canadian universities (the CALDO CONSORTIUM) signed a new Research Cooperation Agreement on 15 September 2016 ([www.fapesp.br/10672](http://www.fapesp.br/10672)), aiming to implement scientific and technological cooperation between researchers from CALDO member institutions in Canada, and from the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, through the funding of joint research projects. The first Cooperation Agreement between FAPESP and the CALDO consortium was signed in 2012 and terminated in 2014. Under this Cooperation Agreement 20 research projects were funded as a result of a joint call for proposals ([www.fapesp.br/11160#2017](http://www.fapesp.br/11160#2017)).

Under the referred Agreement, as a continuation of this fruitful collaboration, FAPESP and Western University make public this Call for Proposals for the exchange of faculty and postdoctoral researchers under the terms and conditions of the SPRINT 4th Edition 2018 ([www.fapesp.br/sprint/call42018](http://www.fapesp.br/sprint/call42018)) and hereinafter set forth.

1. **Eligibility from Western University**

   1.1. Eligibility to **submit proposals** within the scope of this Call:
      
      a. All tenured or tenure-track faculty members and all researchers based in affiliated hospital research institutes who hold full-time academic appointments.

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

      a. 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.

      b. The participation of PhD students: PhD students and post-doctoral fellows from Western University

      c. Considering the principle of reciprocity, FAPESP exceptionally may either support PhD students from São Paulo state to take part in the scientific missions. In this case, the PhD student(s) must have an ongoing FAPESP fellowship during the planned exchange mission to the partner institution.
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 (http://www.fapesp.br/sprint/call42018).

2. **Fields of knowledge**
This Call for Proposals invites research proposals in all fields of knowledge.

3. **Duration of the project for the exchange of researchers**
The maximum duration of each project is 24 months.

4. **Timeline**

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5. **Funding principles**

5.1 FAPESP will provide funding of up to the equivalent of CAD 12,500 (twelve thousands and five hundred Canadian dollars) per proposal per year and Western University will provide funding of up to CAD 12,500 (twelve thousands and five hundred Canadian dollars) per proposal per year, for the duration of the grant. These funds will cover research-related mobility expenses, under the provisions of Clause 5 of the Scientific Cooperation Agreement established by the Parties (http://www.fapesp.br/en/11718).

5.2 FAPESP and Western University will fund a maximum of 5 approved proposals.

6. **Proposal characteristics for Western University researchers:**

The proposal shall be composed of:

A **Research Project** having a maximum of five (5) pages of scientific content, **written in English** jointly by the Principal Investigator at the Host Institution in the State of São Paulo and the Principal Investigator at **Western University**. One copy of the Research Project shall be sent to FAPESP and an identical copy shall be submitted to **Western University** through **ROLA**.
6.1 As described at www.fapesp.br/sprint/call42018, 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 Western University;

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 Western University;

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 Western University 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 Western University 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 are required by Western University:

6.2.1 ROLA proposal must be filed a week before submission deadline.

6.2.2 Full curriculum vitae for each Brazilian and Canadian Principal investigators and of key collaborators (maximum of 4 CVs, free format).

6.2.3 Detailed budget and justification of planned expenditures. Indicate your source of matching funds.

7. Submission of proposals to Western University

Irrespective of the Host institution, all Western University applicants and co-applicants must submit a ROLA proposal.

8. Analysis and Results

8.1 A Joint Committee made up of representatives from FAPESP and from Western University will make final decisions regarding the projects to be funded. Only the proposals selected by both parties will be funded. The evaluation criteria for this Call are:

i) Excellence of the Principal Investigators and team members;
ii) Fit and complementarity of team members;
iii) Participation of early-career researchers;
iv) Quality of the proposal, anticipated impact/visibility and sustainability of the collaboration over the long term; and
v) Budget justification and proposed calendar of activities.

8.2 Final results will be announced on the FAPESP website (www.fapesp.br) and on Western University’s web portal https://www.uwo.ca/research/funding/results.html and by means of direct communication to the Western university’s researchers.

9. Contracts for selected projects by Western University
   a. The selected proposals will be the subject of two research grants, one to be signed by FAPESP and Principal Investigator in the State of São Paulo and the other to be signed by Western University and its Principal Investigator in Canada.
   b. The following additional document is required by Western University:
      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 6.2.3 at www.fapesp.br/sprint/call22018. The Letter of Agreement may be delivered after the notification of results of this call for proposals and before the grant agreement signature.

10. Grant cancellation
    FAPESP or Western University 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 Western University
    All questions related to this Call for Proposals must be directed to: Melanie Katsivo (mkatsivo@uwo.ca), International Research Officer, Western University