



# Tübingen Research Takeoff

Second Edition TRT - 2023/2024

Call for applications open: **01.10.2023**  
Deadline: **20.12.2023**



<p><b>1. Program overview</b></p>	<p><b>Description of the Programme</b>  <b>The Tübingen Research Takeoff (TRT)</b> supports activities that seek to establish research cooperation with one or more Latin American partners of the University of Tübingen. Annual calls for applications are open to all fields of knowledge. Applications of proposals within the research areas identified as cutting-edge and strategic in the context of research cooperation with Latin America (see section 4) will receive priority.</p> <p><b>Call 2023</b>  The second call of the TRT Programme, will focus on partner institutions in <b>Colombia and Peru</b>. Seed funding will be provided to finance specific joint activities with research partners at the following institutions:</p> <p><b>Colombia:</b>  Universidad Nacional de Colombia  Universidad de Antioquia  Universidad de Los Andes  Universidad Icesi</p> <p><b>Peru:</b>  Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú</p> <p>During the application period for the second call, orientation and partner-finding sessions will be offered by the Baden-Württemberg Centre for Brazil and Latin America.</p>
<p><b>2. Objectives</b></p>	<p>The TRT-Programme aims at:</p> <p>(a) Strengthening the existing relationships with the established partners by adding new subjects and themes and engage with a new generation of researchers.</p> <p>(b) Revitalization and diversification of the scientific cooperation of the University of Tübingen with Latin American institutions.</p>
<p><b>3. Profile of the Applicants'</b></p>	<p>Researchers at University of Tübingen who want to apply as Principal Investigator (PI) shall attain to the following criteria:</p> <p>(a) Hold (at least) a PhD-degree,</p>

	<p>(b) Be permanent or contracted employee of University of Tübingen at the time of application and during the proposed activities,</p> <p>(c) Be a research group leader,</p> <p>(d) Have particular interest to initiate a joint research project with one or more scientists (and their research groups) at the Latin American partner institutions of the University of Tübingen.</p> <p>Tübingen “Junior professors” are especially invited to apply.</p>
<p><b>4. Subjects, topics, and thematic focal points</b></p>	<p><b>Subjects</b> are chosen according to Tübingen's priorities and interests in scientific cooperation. <b>Topics</b> represent the thematic strategic priorities when it comes to international cooperation.</p> <p><b>Subjects</b> Biology, molecular biology, human medicine, earth sciences, chemistry, physics, social sciences, humanities and cultural studies, computer science, psychology, medical technology, biotechnology, educational sciences, palaeontology, theology, and law.</p> <p><b>Topics</b> All topics related to the SDGs, in particular: Vaccines, plant biology, artificial intelligence, climate change, migratory society, transculturality, digital transformation, globalization.</p>
<p><b>5. Funding principles</b></p>	<p>The received funding can be used to finance projects related to mobility and other activities of the Tübingen project group, as well as the mobility and activities proposed by the partner institution.</p> <p><b>Fundable activities</b> Joint workshops, summer schools, and project retreats with the respective Latin American research groups, as well as exchanges of doctoral candidates and doctoral candidate tandems in joint research subprojects.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> In justified exceptions, the travel of project leaders for coordination purposes will also be funded.</p> <p><b>Funding amounts</b> Up to 10.000 € for the maximum period of 24 months; individual grant depending on the project. The grant will be paid, as a rule, in two equal amounts in the first and second year of funding.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The articulation with other funds for the realization of the program is desirable.</p> <p><b>Grant cancellation</b> The grant may be cancelled if, during the grant period, a significant event, mismanagement, or abandonment of the project occurs that justifies the termination of the project, without prejudice to any other appropriate action.</p>
<p><b>6. Phases of the call</b></p>	<p>Call, selection, and funding are conducted by the Baden-Württemberg Centre for Brazil and Latin America. A local selection committee will be established.</p> <p>Call: <b>01.10.2023</b></p> <p>Advice and matchmaking sessions (orientation and partner-finding): <b>01.11.2023 – 30.11.2023</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Offered by Baden-Württemberg Centre for Brazil and Latin America.</p> <p>Deadline for submission: <b>20.12.2023</b></p>

	<p>Communication of results: <b>08.02.2024</b>  <b>Note:</b> Final results will be announced via email.</p> <p>Funding agreement issued: <b>01.03.2024</b></p>
<p><b>7. The Proposal</b></p>	<p>The proposal shall be composed of:</p> <p><b>Application form</b>  The application form duly filled in with the necessary information for processing the application.</p> <p><b>Research project</b>  The project must be relevant, original and/or innovative and of proven scientific quality. The expected results should be realistic. New impulses to the existing scientific cooperation with the partner university should be added.</p> <p><b>Cooperation</b>  The proposed research collaboration must take place between partners of equal standing and on an equal footing.  Projects that add value through the complementarity nature of the research partners are given priority.  Projects should be carried out in an integrated and constructive environment.</p> <p><b>Formal specifications</b>  The presentation of the research project shall not have more than five (5) pages of scientific content (presentation of the topic, justification, theoretical framework, complementarity nature of the partners, desired outcome).  The proposal shall be jointly elaborated by the PI applying and the research partner from Latin America. The proposal must be written in English.</p> <p><b>Curriculum vitae</b>  Scientific curriculum vitae of the applicant and the research partner abroad (each no longer than 3 pages) are required.  If possible, curricula vitae of other people already identified as members of the research teams shall be added.</p> <p><b>Publications</b>  List of a maximum of ten (10) project-relevant publications published in the last five (5) years by both, the German applicant PI and the Latin American PI.</p> <p><b>Main exchange activities</b>  A description of the main exchange activities, emphasizing their relevance, must be provided. Special attention should be given to how the planned exchange activities will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- contribute to the scientific results of the research project,</li> <li>- prepare for a medium-long-term collaboration,</li> </ul> <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- strengthen institutional ties.</li> </ul> <p><b>Observation:</b> At least 30% of the activities planned during the time of the grant must be virtual.</p> <p><b>Cooperation schedule</b>  A schedule of the missions to be carried out by the partners should be part of the proposal.</p>

<b>8. Submission</b>	Submissions to University of Tübingen require a completed application saved as a single PDF file. It should be submitted electronically to <a href="mailto:info@bralat.uni-tuebingen.de">info@bralat.uni-tuebingen.de</a> within the deadline of this call.
<b>9. Selection criteria</b>	The criteria to be observed by the selection committee are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scientific quality and relevance of the research project;</li> <li>- Results to be expected;</li> <li>- Degree of innovation or originality;</li> <li>- Academic and scientific standing of the PIs;</li> <li>- Scientific Complementarity of the partners;</li> <li>- Symmetry of the research cooperation;</li> <li>- Activities to be funded and schedule of the missions;</li> <li>- Ability to extend long-term cooperation;</li> <li>- Contribution of planned research partnership to internationalization at the University of Tübingen.</li> </ul>
<b>Orientation and matchmaking</b>	During the application phase, the Baden-Württemberg Centre for Brazil and Latin America will provide guidance and advice to potential partners and partner institutions and offer virtual matchmaking sessions. Please, address your request to <a href="mailto:info@bralat.uni-tuebingen.de">info@bralat.uni-tuebingen.de</a>
<b>Reports</b>	Reporting is a mandatory requirement for all projects funded under this call: <p><b>Progress report</b> A progress report must be submitted electronically to: <a href="mailto:info@bralat.uni-tuebingen.de">info@bralat.uni-tuebingen.de</a> by January 31, 2025. The progress report should not exceed five (5) pages.</p> <p><b>Final report</b> The final report on the project must be submitted electronically to <a href="mailto:info@bralat.uni-tuebingen.de">info@bralat.uni-tuebingen.de</a> no later than three (3) months after the agreed grant term, but in no case later than May 31, 2026.</p>
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