



Tübingen Research Takeoff

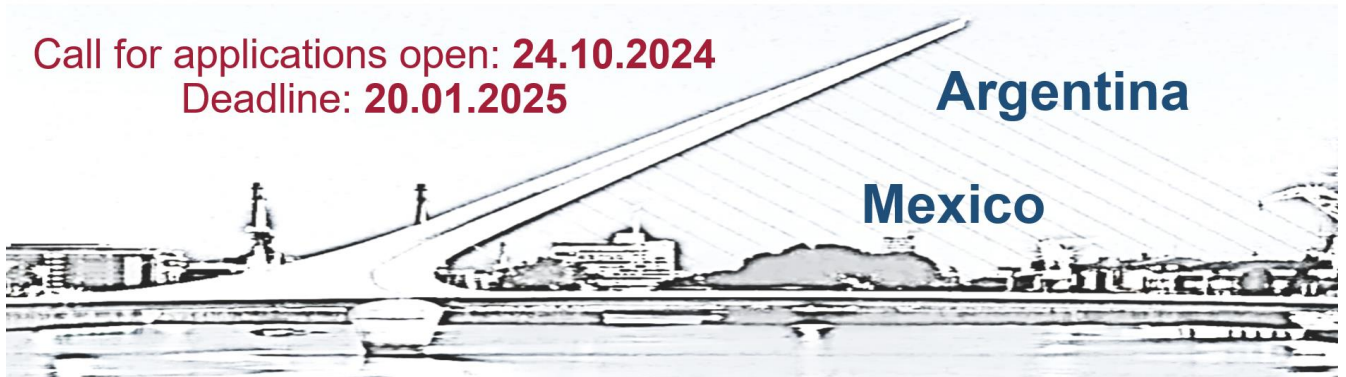
Third Edition TRT – CALL 2024

Call for applications open: **24.10.2024**

Deadline: **20.01.2025**

Argentina

Mexico



<p>1. Program overview</p>	<p>Description of the Programme The Tübingen Research Takeoff (TRT) aims to support 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 applications from all fields of knowledge. Priority will be given to those research areas identified as cutting-edge and strategic in the context of research cooperation with Latin America (see section 4. Themes and Focal Points for research priorities).</p> <p>Current Call (Third Edition) In this third edition of the TRT, the call will focus on partner institutions in Argentina and Mexico. Seed funding will be provided to finance specific joint activities with research partners at the following universities:</p> <p>Argentina: Universidad de Buenos Aires Universidad Nacional de Córdoba Universidad Nacional de La Plata Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina</p> <p>Mexiko: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México El Colegio de México Universidad de Guadalajara Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey</p> <p>During the application period of this third call, orientation and support with partner will be offered by the Baden-Württemberg Center for Brazil and Latin America. Interested parties are encouraged to submit their research proposals and activity plans for 2025 and 2026.</p>
<p>2. Objectives</p>	<p>The TRT-Program aims at:</p> <p>(a) Strengthening the existing relationships with the established partners by adding new subjects and themes and involving new generations of researchers.</p> <p>(b) Revitalization and diversification of the scientific cooperation of the University of Tübingen with Latin America.</p>
<p>3. Profile of the Applicants'</p>	<p>Researchers at University of Tübingen who want to apply as Principal Investigator (PI) shall meet the following criteria:</p>

	<p>(a) Hold (at least) a PhD-degree, (b) Be permanent or contracted employee of University of Tübingen at the time of application and during the proposed activities, (c) Be leader of a research group, (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.</p> <p>Tübingen “Junior professors” are especially invited to apply.</p>
<p>4. Subjects, topics and thematic focal points</p>	<p>Subjects are chosen according to Tübingen's priorities and interests in scientific cooperation, topics represent the strategic thematic priorities when it comes to international cooperation. The thematic focal points were established in the process of the realignment of the Baden-Württemberg Center for Brazil and Latin America.</p> <p>Subjects Biology, molecular biology, human medicine, earth sciences, chemistry, physics, social sciences, humanities and cultural studies, computer science, psychology, medical technology, biotechnology, educational sciences, paleontology, theology and law.</p> <p>Topics All topics related to the SDGs, in particular: Vaccines, plant biology, artificial intelligence, climate change, migratory society, transculturality, digital transformation, globalization.</p> <p>Thematic focal points Sustainability, the limits of democracy</p>
<p>5. Funding principles</p>	<p>Fundable activities 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 sub-projects. All activities must include the active participation of both parties Note: In justified exceptions, the travel of project leaders for coordination purposes will also be funded.</p> <p>Funding amounts Up to 10.000 € for the maximum 24 months, the individual grant depending on the project. The grant will be paid, as a rule, in two equal amounts in first and second year of funding. Note: The articulation with other funds, in particular, the provision of matching funds by the partner is recommended.</p> <p>Grant cancellation The grant may be canceled if, during the grant timeframe, a significant event, mismanagement, abortion of the project justifies its cancellation, without prejudice of any other appropriate actions</p>
<p>6. Schedule</p>	<p>Call, selection and funding are conducted by the Baden-Württemberg Center for Brazil and Latin America. A local selection committee will be established.</p> <p>The received fundings can be used to finance project related mobility and other activities of the Tübingen project group as well as the mobility and activities by the partner relevant for the joint project.</p> <p>Schedule Call: 24.10.2024</p>

	<p>Advise and matchmaking sessions: 25.10.2024- 15.12.2024 Note: offered by Baden-Württemberg Center for Brazil and Latin America</p> <p>Deadline for submission: 20.01.2025</p> <p>Communication of results: 20.03.2025 Note: Final results will be announced via email.</p> <p>Funding agreement issued: 01.04.2025</p>
<p>7. The Proposal</p>	<p>The proposal shall be composed of:</p> <p>Application form The application form duly filled in with the necessary information for processing the application.</p> <p>Research project The project has to 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>Cooperation The proposed research cooperation must be between equal partners and on eye level. Priority is given to projects that add value through the complementarity of the research partners. The project should be carried out in an integrated and constructive environment.</p> <p>Formal specifications 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 of the partners, desired outcome). The proposal shall be jointly elaborated by the PI applying and the research partner from Latin America. The proposal shall be written in English</p> <p>Curriculum vitae 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 persons already identified as members of the research teams shall be added.</p> <p>Publications 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>Main exchange activities A description of the main exchange activities, emphasizing their relevance. Special attention should be given to how the planned exchange activities will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - contribute to the scientific results of the research project, - prepare for a medium-long-term collaboration <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strengthen the institutional ties. <p>Observation: At least 30% of the activities planned during the time of grant support must be virtual.</p>

	<p>Cooperation schedule A schedule of the missions to be carried out by the partners is part of the proposal.</p>
8. Submission	Submissions to University of Tübingen require a completed application saved as a single PDF file. It should be submitted electronically to info@bralat.uni-tuebingen.de within the deadline of this call.
9. Selection criteria	<p>The criteria to be observed by the selection committee are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scientific quality and relevance of the research project. - Results to be expected - Degree of innovation or originality - Academic and scientific standing of the PIs - Scientific Complementarity of the partners - Symmetry of the research cooperation - Activities to be funded and schedule of the missions - Ability to extend long-term cooperation - Contribution of planned research partnership to internationalization at the University of Tübingen
Orientation and matchmaking	<p>During the application phase, the Baden-Württemberg Center for Brazil and Latin America will offer guidance and advise for possible partners and partner institutions and provide virtual matchmaking sessions. Please address your request to info@bralat.uni-tuebingen.de</p>
Reports	<p>Reporting is a mandatory requirement for all projects funded under this call:</p> <p>Progress report A progress report must be submitted electronically to info@bralat.uni-tuebingen.de by February 17, 2026. The progress report should not exceed five (5) pages.</p> <p>Final report The final report on the project must be submitted electronically to info@bralat.uni-tuebingen.de no later than three (3) months after the agreed grant term, but in no case later than June 30, 2027.</p>
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