



1 Program Overview TRT/ SPRINT

The Tübingen Research Takeoff (TRT) Program aims at supporting activities which establish a research cooperation between Latin American partners and the University of Tübingen.

This TRT call addresses proposals where co-funding by the São Paulo Research Foundation FAPESP in the SPRINT program is foreseen.

Priority will be given to those whose research areas identified as cutting edge and strategic (For the research priorities please refer to Section 4).

2 Objectives

2.1 Strengthening the existing relationships with the established partners by adding new subjects and themes and involving new generations of researchers.

2.2 Revitalization and diversification of the scientific cooperation of the University of Tübingen.

3 Required Profile of Applicants

This call will be carried out jointly with the São Paulo Research Foundation, FAPESP, under the SPRINT call 2/2023. On the German side, the applications must be submitted to the TRT Program by a researcher of the University of Tübingen.

3.1 Researchers at University of Tübingen who want to apply as Principal Investigator (PI) need to fulfil the following criteria:

- (a) Hold (at least) a PhD-degree,
- (b) Be an 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) eligibles in the State of São Paulo.

Note: *University of Tübingen “Junior professors” are especially invited to apply. Participants must be formally described as members of the ongoing research project.*

3.2 The partner PI must be a registered FAPESP scientist. The Virtual Library (<http://www.bv.fapesp.br/en/>) provides information on grants and fellowships funded by FAPESP, including abstracts as well as the name of participating researchers and their institutions.

4 Eligible Subjects and Topics

Subjects are chosen according to Tübingen's priorities and interests in scientific cooperation. **The topics** represent the strategic thematic priorities when it comes to international cooperation.

(a) Subjects

Biology, molecular biology, human medicine, earth sciences, chemistry, physics, social sciences, humanities and cultural studies, computer science, psychology, medical technology, biotechnology, educational sciences, theology and law.

(b) Topics

All topics related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular: Vaccines, plant biology, artificial intelligence, climate change, migratory society, transculturality, digital transformation, globalization.

5 Funding Principals and Duration of the Projects

5.1 Funds can be requested for joint workshops, summer schools and project retreats with the respective Latin American research group, as well as exchange of doctoral candidates and doctoral candidate tandems in joint research sub-projects.

5.2 The grant can only be used for the exchange of researchers, visits for research planning, international workshops, and initial activities of data collection, always aiming to continue research collaboration and its consolidation.

5.3 University of Tübingen and FAPESP will jointly fund a maximum of 2 (two) approved proposals.

5.4 The maximum duration of each project is 24 months, non-extendable.

5.5 The maximum funding for a 24-months project to be awarded jointly by the University of Tübingen and FAPESP is 20.000 € (twenty thousand euros). The University of Tübingen will provide the amount of 5.000 € (five thousand euros) per year while FAPESP will provide the equivalent amount of 5.000 € (five thousand euros) per year.

6 Proposal Characteristics, Submission and Progress

The submission shall be composed of:

- (a) Application form** duly filled in with the necessary information for processing the application. The form can be out at: <https://bit.ly/trt-sprint23>
- (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 persons already identified as members of the research teams shall be added.
- (c) 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.
- (d) A Research Project** having a maximum of five (5) pages of scientific content, written in English jointly by the Principal Investigator of the University of Tübingen and the FAPESP partner. One copy of the Research Project (as described in the item 6.1 below) shall be sent to FAPESP as an identical copy to the Partner Institution.

Note: The submission should be sent in **one PDF file**, containing all the above items (a-d), to info@bralat.uni-tuebingen.de before the deadline of the call.

6.1 The Research Project must include the following:

- (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.
- (b)** Detailed schedule of the exchange missions to be carried out by the partner team at the University of Tübingen and the team at the São Paulo institution.
- (c)** A description of each candidate's contribution to the mission, explaining their expertise to carry out the foreseen activities.
- (d)** Performance indicators for the planned activities, indicating the expected results.

- (e) Foreseen actions that will add to the impact of the exchange for the University of Tübingen 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 at the University of Tübingen and the Partner Institution in São Paulo 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).

Note: *At least 30% of the activities planned during the time of grant support must be virtual.*

6.2 During the application phase, the Baden-Württemberg Center for Brazil and Latin America will offer guidance and advice for possible partners and partner institutions and provide virtual matchmaking sessions. Please address your request to info@bralat.uni-tuebingen.de

6.3 The **Criteria** to be observed by the selection committee are:

- 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.
- Contribution of planned research partnership to internationalization at the University of Tübingen.

6.4 Reporting to Baden-Württemberg Center for Brazil and Latin America and FAPESP is mandatory for all projects funded jointly by University of Tübingen and FAPESP.

(a) Progress report

A progress report must be submitted electronically to: info@bralat.uni-tuebingen.de by January 10, 2025. The progress report should not exceed five (5) pages.

(b) 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 May 29, 2026.

7 Timeline

Publication of the Call	July 28, 2023
Matchmaking session	Until October 13, 2023
Submission deadline	October 30, 2023
Publication of TRT results from University of Tübingen's selection	January 10, 2024
Publication of general Results from FAPESP's selection	January 31, 2024 (estimated)

Final results will be sent by email individually to each applicant of the University of Tübingen. Results considering the Brazilian co-funding will be announced on FAPESP website (www.fapesp.br).

8 Contact

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