Brazilian-Swiss Joint Research Programme (BSJRP)

SEED MONEY CALL

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<th>For the new phase 2013-2016 and accordingly to the mandate given by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI, the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne EPFL, as the Leading House for Brazil, is offering <strong>Seed Money Grants</strong> as a new instrument to promote the bilateral research cooperation with Brazil.</th>
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| Priority research areas | Only the following **4 priority domains are concerned by this call:**  
(1) Health, with a focus on pharmaceuticals, neglected tropical and infectious diseases,  
(2) Nanotechnology and Biotechnology: with focus on application for improving health,  
(3) Computer and communication sciences, and  
(4) Humanities and social sciences, if related to (1), (2) or (3) |
| Goals | Seed Money Grants aim at encouraging scientific partnerships between Swiss and Brazilian scientists in specific domains of mutual interest and therefore, to promote scientific exchange between Switzerland and Brazil. |
| Project duration | **12 months** from the starting date of the projects on **1st February 2014** |
| Eligibility | The applicant holding a PhD and/or senior permanent position in an eligible Swiss institution can apply as the Principal Investigator (PI). The appointment of the PI must last at least until the end of the project. Every Swiss candidate must identify a Brazilian counterpart and describe his/her scientific participation and financial contribution to the research project.  
The Swiss researchers must clearly show and describe the role of the Brazilian partner. Applications must be prepared jointly by the Swiss and the Brazilian partners  
** Eligible institutions in Switzerland**  
Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology, Cantonal Universities, Federal and Cantonal Research Institutions, Universities of Applied Sciences, other Research Institutions eligible for receiving federal funding. |
| Funding | The maximum of a Seed Money grant amounts to 20’000 – 25’000 CHF per project  
The Brazilian partners are requested to find complementary funding on their side |
### Grant information

Successful applicants are free to use the Seed Money Grant according to their needs (e.g. covering travel expenses and accommodation of visits, consumables, small workshops, etc.) with the following general rules:

- Seed Money grants may only be used for Swiss researchers
- Seed Money projects cannot exceed CHF 25’000 (finance) and 12 months (duration)
- The role of the Brazilian researchers and their financial contribution must be clearly shown

### Number and duration of visits

- Visits of up to 2 months max. for Swiss scientists
- Visits are limited to a maximum of 6 visits
- For a maximum of 3 researchers

### Please note that

- The BSJRP will not cover any costs caused by illness or accidents
- No equipment is funded by the BSJRP

### Application deadline

Completed joint applications must be submitted to EPFL by **15th December 2013**. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Candidates will be informed of the outcome of their applications in **January 2014**.

Project start is foreseen for **1st February 2014**.

### Evaluation and selection

**Evaluation criteria (not listed in the order of priority)**

1. Concrete and sound research plan
2. Detailed and sound financial plan / budget
3. Scientific quality (excellence, innovation potential, interdisciplinarity) of the proposed project and the anticipated outcomes
4. Benefits of the proposed activities for the establishment of sustainable research partnerships and institutional links between Swiss and Brazilian institutions
5. Potential for follow-on collaborative activities e.g. gaining access to external funding after the end of the grant period
6. Added value of the visits for ongoing research on both sides
7. Expertise and complementarities of the two laboratories/institutes
8. Qualifications and experience of applicants
9. Opportunities for training and development of young researchers
10. Probability of attracting the interest of the research communities of both countries

### Submission

Application forms can be found in the annex or downloaded on CODEV’s website (see *More information*).

The applicants send the original of the completed joint application form, along with an electronic version, to the Leading House Brazil at EPFL.

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Call for Seed Money Grants 2013/ Brazil

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The printed copy must be signed by the Swiss PI (written signature).
### Reporting
Grant recipients will have to submit a scientific and financial report at the end of the project to receive the final installment.

90% of the grant will be transferred upon the signature of the Swiss PI, the Brazilian PI, and the BSJRP. The remaining 10% will be transferred upon acceptance of the final scientific and financial reports by BSJRP.

The final scientific and financial reports must be delivered at the latest 2 months after the end of the grant period.

### More information
**CODEV’s Website**
Cooperation & Development Center / Program Management / Bilateral Research Cooperation Programmes

[http://cooperation.epfl.ch/coordination](http://cooperation.epfl.ch/coordination)

### Contact
The CODEV Center at EPFL is in charge of the programme scientific and financial management.

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