



Brazilian Swiss Joint Research Programme – BSJRP

Call for Joint Research Projects 2011 – 2012

Release date: December 20th, 2010.

Proposal submission deadline: May 15th, 2011.

Results: July 31st, 2011 (could be postponed)

- **Background**

Under the bilateral agreement signed September 29th 2009, the Swiss and Brazilian Governments have committed to develop and promote their science and technology cooperation.

- **Description**

The JRP call aim to support collaborative research with clearly defined goals involving at least one Swiss and one Brazilian scientists.

- **Funding principles**

The joint projects will be based on the principles of scientific excellence, reciprocity, mutual benefits, mutual respect and sustainability. Applications with ambitious goals and innovative approaches will be preferentially funded. Projects involving inter- and multi-disciplinary research teams are highly encouraged.

- **Priority research areas**

The following fields of cooperation were agreed in academic and industrial science and technology on basic, applied and market-oriented research and development:

- a) Energy and environment, with focus on "renewable energies";
- b) Health and environment, with focus on "neglected diseases" and "nutrition and functional food".

- **Project duration**

24 months

- **Eligibility**

Applications must be submitted jointly by one (or more) Swiss and one (or more) Brazilian faculty from an institution with research track record.

In Switzerland, such institutions include¹:

Swiss federal institutes of technology, cantonal universities of higher education, federal and cantonal research institutions, Swiss universities of applied science, international research institutions located in Switzerland and for-profit research organizations.

In Brazil:

Open and public call: the coordinator must be a researcher from a Brazilian institution of High Education or Research & Development, public or private, non-profit.

- **Funding instruments**

Joint research projects in the above mentioned fields. The Joint research projects may also include the following activities:

- Joint conferences and workshops;
- Academic visits for students and researchers involved in the project to the partner's institute.

- **Submission of proposals**

Proposals must be prepared jointly by the Swiss and the Brazilian applicants and must be submitted in Switzerland and Brazil.

Deadline for submission is May 15th, 2011. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.

¹ See annex 1 for the indicative list of Swiss Universities eligible to the call.

Submission in Switzerland:

Swiss applicants send the original of the completed joint application form, along with an electronic version, to the BSJRP Coordination Office at EPFL.

By e-mail to :

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And by post:

BSJRP Call 2011-2012

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CM 2303, Station 10

EPFL 1015 Lausanne

The printed copy must be signed by the Swiss applicant (written signature) and the Brazilian applicant (electronic signature).

Submission in Brazil:

All proposals must be submitted through the CARLOS CHAGAS PLATFORM (<http://carloschagas.cnpq.br/>)

- **Grant Information**

Swiss funding will be awarded to the Swiss main applicants to cover the costs for the Swiss part of the joint projects (maximum of support: CHF 200'000 for 2 years). This call for JRP is based on a matching fund principle: thus the same amount is available on the Brazilian side and the funding of the two-year project could be up to 400'000 CHF.

Please see the call release by the CNPq for more information.

A detailed budget is required. Projected expenses must be justified and related to the proposed research activities.

Allowable budget items for Swiss applicants:

- Salary for Ph.D. student (up to 2 years) and / or one postdoctoral fellow (up to 2 years) and / or a scientific collaborator according to SNSF guidelines.

- Consumables necessary for the proposed research
- Travel expenses in connection with visits to the partner institution in Brazil (economy class at the lowest possible rate)
- Living expenses for the visiting project partners (faculties and/or students) from Brazil. Please refer to the Financial Guidelines (on [BSJRP's website](#)).
- Other costs, e.g. conference registration fees, fees for publications, patent fees, etc. (max. CHF 2 000 per year)

- **Evaluation and selection of projects**

During a first round, applications will be evaluated independently by a scientific committee composed of independent experts.

Evaluation criteria applied in Switzerland:

- a) Scientific merit, significance and potential impact of the proposed research
- b) Originality of the proposed research
- c) Sustainability and originality of the proposed methods
- d) Experience and past performance of the applicants
- e) Specific qualification of the applicants for the proposed research
- f) Potential synergy between the partners
- g) Feasibility of the project
- h) Potential for exploitation / commercialization of the results

During a second round, a decision will be taken jointly by the Brazilian Swiss Joint Working Group on all projects rated as scientific excellent by both countries.

Final decision criteria applied by Swiss-Brazilian Joint Working Group:

- common interest
- common will of funding
- sustainability (interest in follow-up projects)
- potential for exploitation and commercialization
- available funding

- **Notification**

The State Secretariat for Education and Research is responsible for the notification of the results to the applicants. After the notification, if requested, the applicants could have a brief report on their projects.

- **Contract**

Specifications concerning payment, allocation of resources and reporting will be retained in a contract between the project leader and EPF Lausanne as Coordination Office of the BSJRP.

- **Reporting**

Swiss and Brazilian project partners will submit an annual scientific and financial report to their respective Swiss and Brazilian Program Office. The scientific reports will be evaluated by a scientific committee and/or international experts. The financial reports will be reviewed by the Program Office.

- **Intellectual Property**

Applicants must consult both the hosting as well as the guest institution concerning their internal regulations. For market oriented/industrial projects, it is important that a consensus document has been signed by all parties or is in preparation.

- **Coordination offices**

Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL) and Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) agreed upon the timetable of the second joint call for proposals.

- **For more information, please contact**

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In Brazil :

Further details about the corresponding CNPq's Call for Proposals may be obtained by the institutional e-mail:

cocbi@cnpq.br

- **Timeline**

Call release in Switzerland:	December 20 th , 2010
Call release in Brazil:	January 20 th , 2011
Deadline for submission:	May 15 th , 2011
Joint funding decision:	June 30 th , 2011
Project start date:	August, 1 st , 2010
Project duration:	24 months