



Science



Joint Call Biobased Economy 2017

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Background

- Scientific Cooperation Agreement (MoU) between FAPESP and NWO
- Fifth call of Joint Research Projects

Aim

- Strengthen research cooperation between SP and NL
- Call for **joint** research proposals



Theme

■ **Biobased Economy**

- Sustainable agriculture
- Sustainable food production and food security
- Systems/synthetic biology and bioinformatics
- Biobased chemicals and materials
- Biotechnology
- Bioprocess engineering
- Biocatalysis
- Chemo/thermo-catalytic biomass conversion
- Waste management
- Bioenergy



Available budget

- NWO and FAPESP can jointly fund ca. 6 research projects
- At NWO, the budget for this call is ~ 1.8 M€
- At FAPESP, matching effort



Who can apply (in NL)

- Assistant, associate and full professors
- With appointment at a Dutch University for at least the duration of the project

What can be applied for (in NL)

- Max. 280 k€ per project
 - Personnel: PhD or a 3-yr PD
 - Consumables & equipment
 - Travel costs



Who can apply (in SP)

- Researchers associated with public/private higher Education or Research Institutions in the state of São Paulo
- Researchers must meet requirements for the type of projects described below:

What can be applied for (in SP)

- Regular research project
- Thematic research project
- Young investigator award



Preparing an application

- Request for a *single, jointly written* research proposal from SP and NL researchers
- Download and use the *application form* (in English)
- Complete the required information in *ISAAC* (NWO's online submission tool)
- Upload the necessary documents in *ISAAC* (application form as pdf)
- Actions are performed by the Principle Investigator

- *!!! FAPESP requires a separate submission, including additional files provided by PI from São Paulo*



Eligibility

- FAPESP eligibility check required before submitting the research proposal!
- NWO checks eligibility directly after submission deadline



Evaluation

- Peer review (international referees)
- Rebuttal (max. 2 pages)
- International assessment committee
- Decision by NWO and FAPESP



Criteria

- **Relevance to the theme**
 - Fit within the call, urgency of proposed research
- **Scientific quality**
 - Originality, innovation, contribution to science/technology
- **Quality of the research groups**
 - Competence, expertise, synergy and added value of the team
- **International co-operation**
 - Added value of the collaboration, also beyond the project
 - Balance in co-operation
- **Knowledge utilization**
 - Potential impact of the research results in scientific, societal and/or economic terms.



Preliminary timeline

- Mid April 2017 Call launch (*you will be informed*)
- 15 May 2017 Deadline eligibility check PI by FAPESP
- 15 June 2017 Deadline submission of proposals
- Summer 2017 Consultation of referees
- Sep 2017 Request for rebuttals from applicants
- Oct. 2017 Meeting evaluation committee
- Nov. 2017 Final decision NWO/FAPESP
- Dec. 2017 NWO and FAPESP inform applicants about the decision



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