

CONFAP – MSCA RISE 2020 Call

Call for the submission of MSCA RISE proposals
Research and Innovation Staff Exchange
in coordination with Horizon 2020

1. Objective:

The Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies – CONFAP invites researchers from Brazil to pursue research and innovation collaborations within Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE).

2. Background:

The present call is launched by CONFAP on the basis of the Administrative Arrangement between the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission (DG RTD), on the one side, and the Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), the Brazilian Funding Agency for Studies (FINEP) and Projects and the Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies (CONFAP), on the other side, on the mechanisms to support EU-Brazil cooperation in research and innovation activities, signed on the 22nd May 2018.

3. Eligible Proponents:

- **Eligible Institutions:** Public or private (non - profit) Higher Education and Research Institutions, Scientific Institutions, Technology and Innovation Institutions, based in Brazilian States corresponding to the FAPs which participate in the call.
- **Eligible Applicants:** must be linked to a Research Institution located in Brazilian States participating in the call, through their respective FAPs;
- **Additional or alternative eligibility institutions and/or applicants and additional/alternative criteria are defined individually by each of the FAPs which participate in the call** (listed in Item 7), which have to be previously consulted.

4. Scope:

Horizon 2020 (H2020) is the European Union Research and Innovation programme covering the timeframe from 2014 to 2020. Within H2020, the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) aim to support the career development and training of researchers – with a focus on innovation skills – in all scientific disciplines through international and intersectoral mobility.

Among the supported actions under MSCA, the Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) aims to promote international and intersectoral collaboration through the exchange of research and innovation staff, and sharing of knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-versa) for the advancement of science and the development of innovation. The scheme fosters a shared culture of research and innovation that welcomes and rewards creativity and entrepreneurship and helps to turn creative ideas into innovative products, services or processes.

MSCA RISE proposals can include researchers, academic and non-academic institutions (including enterprises) from countries outside the European Union (EU). However, while the EU will fund the participation of partners from EU enlargement and neighbouring countries and from developing countries, it does not automatically fund the partners from industrialized countries and emerging economies such as Brazil¹.

Participants from Brazil must therefore provide their own sources of funding, in order to take part of the collaborative RISE proposals to be submitted under the H2020 MSCA-RISE-2020 call.

5. Participation to RISE proposals with co-financing of Brazilian State Funding Agencies

Brazilian State Funding Agencies (FAPs) participating in the present call (specified in Item 7), may support the participation of Brazilian researchers within collaborative RISE proposals, according to the modalities defined:

- a) In the present call
- b) In the European MSCA-RISE-2020 call (details in Annex I)
- c) By the participating FAPs, in their corresponding Guidelines, providing further rules and orientations.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/hi/h2020_localsupp_brazil_en.pdf

Proponents eligible for funding by the Brazilian State Funding Agencies supporting the present call will use their normal modes of funding to support the participation in MSCA RISE 2020 proposals.

The participating FAPs may provide specific orientations providing instructions to this end.

Participants from Brazil must follow the rules of the general H2020 MSCA RISE 2020, published on the portal of the European Commission, available [here](#) and resumed in Annex I.

MSCA RISE proposals must be submitted in first instance within the European Commission Funding & Tenders Portal, through the above mentioned link.

In addition, Brazilian Principal Investigators (PIs), must also submit a resumed proposal to their FAP, following the indications of the present call, and in line with the funding modalities of their corresponding FAP.

6. General information for the applicants:

6.1. Proposal preparation and submission

- a. Submissions to FAPs must occur after the general H2020 RISE 2020 call closes (28th of April 2020), as the general project presented by the international consortium must be annexed to the resumed project presented to the FAPs. The deadline for the submission to the FAPs is the 21st of May 2020.
- b. Nevertheless, some FAPs may request to be contacted prior to such submission; therefore conditions must be verified directly with the involved FAP.
- c. Each FAP can define their own deadline for receiving proposals associated to projects submitted within the General MSCA RISE 2020 Call.
- d. The proposal submitted to the participating FAPs should make clear that the Brazilian Principal Investigator (PI) in the respective involved State had a relevant participation in the design of the complete research project submitted to MSCA RISE; i.e. being a leader of work packages and/or tasks, or whose participation is fundamental for carrying out specific activities described in the MSCA RISE Proposal. The resulting collaboration must aim to contribute to the scientific, technological and socio-economic development of the involved Brazilian State.
- e. The Brazilian engagement, as described above, must also be clearly stated in the H2020 MSCA RISE proposal.
- f. Proposals with participation of Brazilian PIs from more than one Brazilian state must be submitted independently to the FAPs from all states.

- g. Submission of proposals to FAPs are the sole responsibility of the Brazilian PIs.

6.2 Orientations for Proponents:

Proposal submitted to the participating FAPs must:

- a) Follow the guidelines indicated by the FAPs for this specific CONFAP-RISE 2020 call.
- b) Clearly mention that the project is associated to a proposal submitted to H2020 MSCA RISE.
- c) Include the title and acronym of the proposal submitted to H2020 MSCA RISE, details of the EU Project Coordinator/Manager (Name of the Coordinating institution and Name of the Project Manager, as indicated in the H2020 MSCA RISE proposal, key staff section), his/her's Institution's Participant Identification Code - PIC Number, Call reference (Programme/Topic and number of the call).
- d) Include a short section (maximum two pages) demonstrating why the participation of the PI from Brazil is relevant for the MSCA research and innovation staff exchange project and how this collaboration will contribute to the scientific and technological development of the involved State/s in Brazil.
- e) It is very important that the reviewers and panel members of the involved FAPs clearly understand how the collaboration of the co-PI in Brazil is scientifically relevant, integrated to the EU proposal, and determinant to the success of the whole proposal and staff exchange scheme. It is also essential to clearly demonstrate that the co-PI/s in Brazil participated actively in the conception, and in the preparation of the proposal. **The PI/s in Brazil is/are ultimately responsible for making these elements clear in the proposal submitted to the FAPs.**
- f) The proposal, containing the up-mentioned elements must necessarily annex a full copy of the proposal submitted to the H2020 MSCA RISE call on the European Commission Funding & Tenders Portal, including Part A (Details on Project Partners and on the Overall Project Budget) and Technical Annex Part B (description of the Project).

6.1 Proposal evaluation

- 6.2.1. The evaluation of the proposal submitted to the involved FAPs will follow their respective standard procedures used for analysis and selection of research proposals. The content of

the proposals submitted for evaluation, so as the Annexes indicated in point 6.2.f shall be kept confidential.

- 6.2.2. The proposal will be funded by the involved FAP/s only if it is also approved by H2020. The Award Term of the FAPs (“Termo de Outorga”) will only be available for signature upon the submission of the Grant Agreement with which the EU awards the grant to the consortium.

7. Involved FAPs

The FAPs listed below support the present call according to their respective Guidelines which shall be informed directly by the FAPs. Specific clarifications regarding eligibility issues and additional rules for participation and submission must be directed to the respective FAPs.

7.1.2 Participating State Funding Agencies:

1. Paraná – Fundação Araucária
2. Federal District - FAPDF
3. Alagoas – FAPEAL
4. Amazonas – FAPEAM
5. Goiás – FAPEG
6. Minas Gerais – FAPEMIG
7. Rio Grande do Sul – FAPERGS
8. Rio de Janeiro – FAPERJ
9. Santa Catarina - FAPESC
10. Paraíba – FAPESQ
11. Tocantins – FAPT
12. Ceará – FUNCAP
13. Rondônia - FAPERO

7.1.2 Information about the call in its general features can be obtained by sending a consultation to: elisa.confap@gmail.com

8. Deadlines:

- For submission of the general proposal to the H2020 MSCA RISE Call: 28th of April 2020
- For the submission of proposals to the participating FAPs: 21st of May 2020

Annex I: Horizon 2020 MSCA RISE 2020 Call

In order to be eligible for receiving support from Brazilian FAPs, Brazilian participants must verify the details of the Horizon 2020 MSCA RISE 2020 call, resumed here below and detailed in the call portal – see details available **here**.

Objective:

The RISE scheme promotes international and cross-sector collaboration through exchanging research and innovation staff, and sharing knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-versa).

The scheme fosters a shared culture of research and innovation that welcomes and rewards creativity and entrepreneurship and helps to turn creative ideas into innovative products, services or processes.

Scope:

RISE involves organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (in particular SMEs), based in Europe (EU Member States and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries) and outside Europe (third countries).

Support is provided for the development of partnerships in the form of a joint research and innovation project. This is aimed at knowledge sharing via international as well as intersectoral mobility, based on secondments of research and innovation staff (exchanges) with an in-built return mechanism.

The organisations constituting the partnership contribute directly to the implementation of a joint research and innovation project by seconding and/or hosting eligible staff members. Secondments shall always take place between legal entities independent from each other.

RISE should exploit complementary competences of the participating organisations, as well as other synergies, and enable networking activities, organisation of workshops and conferences to facilitate sharing of knowledge, new skills acquisition and career development for research and innovation staff members.

RISE proposals can focus either on one dimension of mobility (intersectoral / international), or include a combination of both.

Exchanges can be for both early-stage and experienced researchers and can also include administrative, managerial and technical staff directly involved in the research and innovation activities of the proposal.

Support for the exchanges between institutions within Europe (EU Member States and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries) covers only intersectoral secondments.

Exchanges with institutions from and to third countries can be intersectoral as well as within the same sector.

Secondments between institutions established in third countries or within the same EU Member State or Horizon 2020 Associated Country will not be supported.

Expected Impact:

- At staff member level:
 - Increased set of skills, both research-related and transferable ones, leading to improved employability and career prospects both in and outside academia.
 - Increase in higher impact R&I output, more knowledge and ideas converted into products and services.
 - Greater contribution to the knowledge-based economy and society.
- At organisation level:
 - Enhanced cooperation and transfer of knowledge between sectors and disciplines.
 - Strengthening of international and intersectoral collaborative networks.
 - Boosting of R&I capacity among participating organisations.
- At system level:
 - Increase in international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral mobility of researchers in Europe
 - Strengthening of Europe's human capital base in R&I.
 - Increase in Europe's attractiveness as a leading destination for R&I.
 - Better quality R&I contributing to Europe's competitiveness and growth.

Cross-cutting Priorities:

- Socio-economic science and humanities
- International cooperation
- Gender
- Open Science