



## IRC-SPRINT Networking Grant

New questions are marked **\*\*New\*\***

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### 1. Eligibility

#### What does it mean that a researcher must be an “ongoing award holder”?

The requirements to have ‘ongoing award holder’ status is **applicable to the São Paulo-based partner only**.

To be eligible to apply for the SPRINT - São Paulo Researchers in International Collaboration, the São Paulo-based researcher must currently hold a FAPESP research award under the categories listed in the call or have a project under analysis by FAPESP.

Eligible São Paulo-based partners can be found on [Research Supported by FAPESP \(bv-cdi\)](#). Please refer to Guide to bv-cdi FAPESP available on the [IRC-SPRINT webpage](#).

An **eligible Ireland-based applicant must be a Principal Investigator who already holds a contract of sufficient duration with an eligible institution to carry out the proposed research from the project start date until project end date**.

#### Must both Irish and São Paulo applications be exactly the same?

An application form submitted by an Ireland-based researcher to the Irish Research Council **must be matched** by an application form submitted by a research partner based in the State of São Paulo. Otherwise, it will not be considered.

Please note that, although applications must be submitted separately to FAPESP and IRC, project leaders based in the State of São Paulo and Ireland are encouraged to collaborate on the elaboration of the proposal.



**\*\*New\*\* Applicants must hold a doctoral degree by the submission deadline to be eligible. Does this mean conferred or having passed the Viva, or both?**

The Ireland-based Principal Investigator must have been awarded their doctoral degree before the application deadline. By awarded the Council means having passed the Viva before the application deadline.

Please note that besides the requirement to have been awarded a doctorate, staff and research staff must hold a contract of sufficient duration with an eligible institution to carry out the proposed research from the project start date until project end date.

## 2. Applying to the programme

**Is the call deadline for São Paulo similar to that of ours in Ireland?**

**Yes**, the deadline for Project Leaders both in São Paulo and in Ireland is **15 June 2020**.

Please note that only Ireland-based projects require Institutional Endorsement.

**Please contact your Research Office in advance of the Institutional Endorsement deadline: 22 June 2020**

**Can an Irish PI submit more than one application, in collaboration with different Brazilian institutions?**

Yes, an Ireland-based Project Leader may submit more than one application in collaboration with different State of São Paulo institutions. In the event that an applicant is successful in more than one project, the applicant must clearly indicate a time-management strategy for simultaneously conducting the projects. Additionally, the applicant must receive approval for the same from the Irish Research Council in order to be permitted to accept multiple awards on this call. The Irish Research Council's decision in this regard will be final.

**Will the research office get an overview of the applications only after submission?**

The IRC-SPRINT Team will endeavour to contact the Research Office throughout the call with updates on applications created, but overview on the system will be only available once the applications are submitted.

*Please note that the IRC-SPRINT is currently working on system improvements.*



### 3. Conditions of award

**Does the team travelling to São Paulo along with PI should also have a Ph.D? or can PI can take his or her PhD student?**

Proposals must aim to respect the principle of reciprocity insofar as the involvement of, and benefit to, researchers based in both locations must be roughly equivalent to one another. For the purpose of offering training and career development opportunities, early career researchers based in Ireland or in the State of São Paulo can be supported by the grant as a team member; the principle of reciprocity must also be respected in this instance.

#### COVID-19

Given the significant impact of COVID-19 on the research and innovation community, deadlines in relation to the IRC-SPRINT 2020 Call have been postponed, with the agreement of FAPESP.

You may be interested to note the Funders' Joint Statement on COVID-19 [here](#) as well.