

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND (UQ) - UNIVERSIDADE ESTADUAL PAULISTA "JULIO DE MESQUITA FILHO" (UNESP)

2019 CALL FOR ACADEMIC EXCHANGE

Call for proposals for visiting fellowship scheme for research/academic activities within the framework of the Strategic Partnership between Universidade Estadual Paulista "Julio de Mesquita Filho" (UNESP) and the University of Queensland (UQ).

1. PURPOSE

UQ has been invited to participate in UNESP's 2019 Call for Academic Exchange with institutional partners.

This call aims to foster the strategic partnerships and strengthen existing bilateral relations between UNESP and UQ under the UQ Global Strategy¹ through joint research and academic activities across all disciplines.

Through this call, UNESP and UQ invite their researchers/academics to present visiting fellowship proposals to be developed under the terms and conditions provided below. Up to four projects will be approved per institution.

UQ will coordinate applications for UQ academics travelling to UNESP, and participating schools and institutes may also have the opportunity to host an incoming academic from UNESP to support and expand academic and research collaboration.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. UQ academics from participating schools and institutes are eligible to apply, and early career researchers are particularly encouraged. Please discuss your intention to submit a proposal with your Head of School / Centre / Institute Director before preparing an application.
- b. Only one proposal per academic will be accepted.
- c. Up to four projects for UQ will be approved.

3. AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE

This Call for Proposals is open to academic exchanges from participating schools and institutes in all areas of knowledge.

4. TIMELINE

Call announced	27 th August 2019
Deadline for submission of proposals	11 th October 2019
Outcomes announced	October 2019
Visit timeframe	28 th October 2019 to 28 th February 2020

¹ For further information on the UQ Global Strategy or UQ's partnership with UNESP, please contact the Global Engagement and Entrepreneurship office at globalstrategy@uq.edu.au

5. LENGTH OF VISIT

The length of the exchange period allowable under this call is 2 - 4 weeks, non-extendable, between 28th October 2019 and 28th February 2020.

As part of your application, you will be required to submit a letter of support from your nominated host at UNESP confirming their availability to host during your proposed dates.

6. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A co-funding arrangement has been agreed between UQ and UNESP. The sending institution will fund up to A\$1,875 for air tickets and travel insurance and the host university will fund up to A\$2,500 for their living expenses in country (accommodation and meals).

6.1 For UQ applicants

Your school, faculty, centre or institute will need to agree to fund your air tickets and travel insurance to a maximum of A\$1,875. Please ensure your application has been discussed with your Head of School, Centre of Institute Director prior to submission, and your application form must be signed at Section D to confirm your unit is willing to cover these costs if your application is successful.

Your accommodation and living expenses in Brazil to a maximum of A\$2,500 will be covered by UNESP.

6.2 For UQ units hosting an UNESP academic

As per the reciprocal arrangement, UNESP will cover flights and travel insurance for the visiting academic, and Global Engagement and Entrepreneurship will cover accommodation and living expenses in Brisbane of up to A\$2,500. Any costs relating to supervision, use of laboratories or workspaces will be the responsibility of the hosting unit.

7. SUBMISSION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted to UQ Global Engagement and Entrepreneurship by **COB on Friday 11th October 2019**.

The completed application form for UQ applicants must include a single activity plan and be submitted as a single file in PDF format, with a maximum of 5 pages, limited to 5 MB, and include the following items:

- a. The completed Application Form for UQ Applicants addressing all sections including following elements:
 - History of ongoing cooperation activities;
 - Description of the exchange activities, highlighting their relevance;
 - Schedule of activities to be developed;
 - Indicators for the measurement of the planned activities;
- b. A two-page CV of the UQ applicant using the UQ template.
- c. Letter of acceptance from the research group at UNESP confirming interest and availability to host the academic during the proposed dates; in the absence of a contact at the host institution

academics should indicate a potential researcher that could act as a collaborator at the partner institution.

Applications must be signed by your Head of School, Centre or Institute Director confirming support of your application and funding of up to A\$1,875 for air tickets and travel insurance, if successful.

Please submit your applications to:

Dr Jessica Gallagher

Director, UQ Global Engagement and Entrepreneurship

E: globalstrategy@uq.edu.au

8. SELECTION

The selection process will occur in two steps. In the first step, each institution will select its preferred proposals and in the second stage, the two institutions will jointly analyse the proposals and confirm final selection through mutual consensus.

The proposals will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- a. **Compliance:** The proposals will be analysed by UNESP and UQ (Global Engagement and Entrepreneurship), to verify the compliance with the mandatory characteristics and the adequacy of the proposal to the specifications and conditions contained in this call;
- b. **Technical-Scientific Merit:** The proposals will be analysed and selected by a selection committee at each institution. The analyses of the technical and scientific merit will take into consideration the following aspects:
 - Quality and adequacy of the proposed research project;
 - Experience of the faculty who submitted the proposal in the research area and activities related to the topic in which the applicant submitted the proposal as presented in the CV;
 - Impact and outcomes expected at the end of the research project;
 - Relevance of the proposed research project, considering its impact in the area of knowledge, in the faculty/institute of UQ and UNESP, and for the consolidation of the strategic partnership between UNESP and UQ;

9. RESULTS

The final result of the call will be announced via official communication to the applicant and the applicant's school, centre or institute.

10. CONTACT

For any queries regarding the scheme please contact Dr Jessica Gallagher, Director, UQ Global Engagement and Entrepreneurship at globalstrategy@uq.edu.au or on (07) 3346 7869.