

# **Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action on “Climate Predictability and Inter-Regional Linkages”**

## **National Annex: FAPESP - STATE OF SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL**

### **1. Introduction**

This call aims to contribute to the overall challenge of developing climate services with a focus on inter-regional linkages role in climate variability and predictability.

The announcement for the researchers from the State of São Paulo, Brazil is published at FAPESP website at [www.fapesp.br/en/9434](http://www.fapesp.br/en/9434). Applicants are advised to contact their National Contact Point before starting to prepare proposals for application.

### **2. Partners**

This call is supported by Belmont Forum selected funding agencies from different countries including FAPESP (*São Paulo Research Foundation*) for the participation of researchers in the State of São Paulo, Brazil. The complete list of participants can be found at:

<https://igfaqcr.org/cra-2015-climate-predictability-inter-regional-linkages-national-contact-points>

### **3. Funding**

3.1. Depending on all conditions of eligibility and peer review being met, the budget earmarked by FAPESP for this call will be equivalent of up to 1M€ (one million euros).

3.2. This call will support collaborative research projects of multinational research teams for 36 to 48 months, beginning in early 2016, to be selected with a two-stage procedure (Pre-Proposal stage followed by a Full Proposal stage for the projects that successfully go through the previous stage). The total budget for each proposal may range from 1 to 3 M€, including funds requested from all the agencies involved.

3.3. Funding should support proposals that combine significant contributions by scientists from at least three of the participating countries and at least one outside Europe.

3.4. It is expected that applications to this call will be Collaborative Research Grants with the consortium composition as defined in the call document and FAPESP will fund the partner from the State of São Paulo, Brazil, of any successful trans-national collaborative proposal.

### **4. Scientific Research Topics**

4.1. The three main topics that characterize this call are: “1 - *Understanding past and current variability and trends of regional extremes*”, “2 - *Predictability and prediction skills for near-future variability and trends of regional extremes*” and “3 - *Co-construction of near term forecast products with users*”. For detailed descriptions, please consult the call main page at:

<https://igfaqcr.org/cra-2015-climate-predictability-and-inter-regional-linkages>

4.2. Proposals addressing one or more of the topics mentioned above are eligible for FAPESP funding.

## 5. Dates

Closing Date for Submission of Pre-Proposals: **1st June 2015**

Opening Date for Full-Proposal Submission: **mid-September 2015**

Closing Date for Submission of Full Proposals: **mid-November 2015**

Starting date of the projects: **April-June 2016**

## 6. General Guidelines for Researchers from the State of São Paulo, Brazil:

6.1. FAPESP will fund only the State of São Paulo (Brazil) partner of any successful trans-national collaborative proposal.

6.2. **No submissions should be made directly to FAPESP at the closing dates mentioned above.** Only the lead Principal Investigator of each consortium will submit the joint proposal according to the guidelines at:

<https://iqfagcr.org/cra-2015-climate-predictability-and-inter-regional-linkages>

6.3. Proposals will be processed by FAPESP as **Thematic Project Research Grants** ([www.fapesp.br/176](http://www.fapesp.br/176)) for up to 48 months.

- **Thematic Projects** aim to support research proposals with bold objectives through a research team coordinated by an experienced researcher in the field with the potential to result in significant findings for the advancement of knowledge.

6.4. Please, note that for **Thematic Projects** there is a qualification phase (“*enquadramento*”) upon submission and researchers interested in this scheme are encouraged to consult FAPESP before initiating the preparation of a joint Pre-Proposal.

6.5. **All other rules and conditions** (such as proponent eligibility checks, allowable expenses, overheads, etc.) for the **Thematic Projects** will apply, except as mentioned in these guidelines.

6.6. After the submission phase of the Full Proposals, the Principal Investigator from the state of São Paulo of a project consortium will be individually contacted for further instructions on how to submit the due documentation to FAPESP.

6.7. A provisional funding request must be included in the budget plan so that all partners involved in a particular successful project are able to participate in kick-off, mid-term and end term meetings for joint cross viewing and dissemination.

6.8. FAPESP has the ultimate responsibility for decisions regarding funding recommendations for the selected proposals, which will confirm any budgetary constraints on submitted projects prior to a final decision on an award being made by the review process as described by the Call for Proposals on BELMONT FORUM official web site.

## 7. FAPESP’s National Contact Point:

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