

# Special Call for Proposals: “KoUP LatAm” Collaboration Grants for Our Partner Universities in Argentina and Brazil

Dear Colleagues,

Earlier this spring, I visited partner universities in Brazil and Argentina as lead of a University of Potsdam delegation. One outcome of these discussions was our partners’ strong interest in further expanding their collaboration with the University of Potsdam. In response, and in addition to the KoUP call for proposals issued in January of this year, we are pleased to launch this special call inviting proposals for collaborative activities with our partner universities during 2026 and 2027.

The participating partner institutions and faculties are:

[National University of General San Martín \(UNSAM\)](#), Buenos Aires, Argentina

[University of Buenos Aires – School of Exact and Natural Sciences \(UBA Exactas\)](#), Buenos Aires, Argentina

[University of Buenos Aires – School of Philosophy and Humanities \(Filo-UBA\)](#), Buenos Aires, Argentina

[University of Campinas \(UNICAMP\)](#), Campinas, Brazil

[University of São Paulo \(USP\)](#), São Paulo, Brazil

This special KoUP funding initiative is intended to support the long-term development of our strategic partnerships with these institutions.

Through the KoUP program, the University of Potsdam supports the establishment and expansion of international collaborations across its three core missions of research, teaching, and knowledge transfer. These grants are intended to serve as a catalyst for the preparation of **joint proposals for external funding, joint publications, or the development of new initiatives and partnerships that advance the internationalization of teaching and learning**. Applicants should therefore explain in their proposal how their project will produce sustainable outcomes—for example, by leading to a joint external funding proposal or by laying the groundwork for student exchange.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Marita Böhning by phone at extension 4190. We look forward to receiving your proposals and to continuing to strengthen our partnerships with Brazil and Argentina.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Oliver Günther, Ph.D.

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- Objective** The purpose of this KoUP funding initiative is to strengthen collaboration between the University of Potsdam and its four partner universities in Brazil and Argentina:
- [National University of General San Martín \(UNSAM\)](#), Buenos Aires, Argentina
- [University of Buenos Aires/School of Exact and Natural Sciences \(UBA Exactas\)](#), Buenos Aires, Argentina
- [University of Buenos Aires//School of Philosophy and Humanities \(Filo-UBA\)](#) , Buenos Aires, Argentina
- [University of Campinas \(UNICAMP\)](#), Campinas, Brazil
- [University of São Paulo \(USP\)](#), São Paulo, Brazil
- Eligibility** Eligible applicants include professors and research staff from all faculties of the University of Potsdam. Doctoral researchers are also eligible to apply, provided the proposal is submitted jointly with a faculty member. Research support staff are also eligible if the proposed training or professional development abroad is directly related to a project. Applicants must be members of the University of Potsdam as defined by the [Basic Regulations of the University of Potsdam](#).
- Funding** The following activities are eligible for funding:
- A) **Research Collaboration:**
- Joint workshops
  - Project-related materials and consumable supplies
  - Publication-related expenses
  - Activities to finalize joint proposals for external funding
  - Consortium meetings
  - Research visits to Brazil or Argentina for master’s students (to be nominated by their professors)

**B) Teaching and Learning Collaboration:**

- Development of Online International Learning initiatives in fully virtual or blended formats, including the use of digital technologies in collaborative teaching
- Joint development and/or exchange of digital teaching materials
- Development of joint academic modules or degree programs
- Development and implementation of summer schools in Potsdam or abroad involving University of Potsdam students
- Teaching assignments
- Preparatory activities for structured student exchange programs in consultation with the International Office

**Funding Amount** The maximum award is **€5,000**.

Funding for projects taking place in 2026 has been secured. Proposals for projects in 2027 may also be submitted; however, funding decisions will be contingent upon the availability of funds.

**Review Criteria** Proposals will be evaluated based on the project description and the proposed budget. In the evaluation of proposals for teaching and learning projects, priority will be given to proposals that clearly demonstrate their contribution to the internationalization of teaching and learning; research proposals will receive priority if they present a convincing strategy for developing a joint research proposal for external funding and/or producing joint scholarly publications. For proposals requesting travel funding, outbound mobility will be given priority over inbound mobility.

**Proposal Requirements** Proposals may be submitted in either English or German and must include (i) the completed application form ([Excel](#)) and (ii) a project description of **no more than** one page (using the provided [template](#)). The project description should clearly explain the project's significance and its potential contribution to the [internationalization](#) of the University of Potsdam and to strengthening the partnership.

The proposal must also include (iii) a detailed budget, including any matching funds, if applicable. If travel funding is requested, applicants must specify the university or faculty to be visited.

**Note on preparing the budget:** When preparing the budget, please consult the guidelines issued by Division 4 regarding international travel expenses ([German Foreign Travel Expenses Regulations](#)). For student assistants, please use the current [compensation schedules](#). For budgeting outbound and inbound travel to Brazil and Argentina, applicants may use €1,735 per traveler as a planning estimate, based on the DAAD travel allowances. Funding for

inbound participants is provided solely through reimbursement of travel and living expenses actually incurred. Scholarships or mobility grants cannot be awarded under this program. If the proposed budget includes travel expenses for students (either inbound or outbound), applicants are required to consult Ms. Böhning when preparing the budget.

Honoraria should be budgeted at reasonable levels. The following expenses are not eligible for funding: hospitality or catering expenses, gifts or tokens of appreciation for partner institutions or participants, other representational expenses, standard equipment (e.g., laptops), and research or laboratory equipment. Please also note that all expenditures must comply with the applicable **German public budget regulations**.

**Submission Deadline** There is no fixed submission deadline. Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis until all available funding has been allocated. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals at least two months before the planned start of the project. Please submit your proposal by email to Ms. Böhning.

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