

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

2025 Call for Proposals - UBBI-UNICAMP Seed Fund Application

1. What is the UBBI-UNICAMP Strategic Collaboration Seed Fund?

This fund is designed to support collaborative projects between UoB and UNICAMP. It provides financial assistance for activities that:

- Strengthen existing faculty relationships.
- Foster new research collaborations.
- Build networks for joint research, education, and strategic institutional engagement.

2. Who is eligible to apply for the Seed Fund?

UNICAMP and UoB applicants must be active professors of the permanent staff of the University; Post-doctoral researchers and doctoral students may be added to the proposed project team list, but are not eligible for funding.

3. What activities are eligible for funding?

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Planning visits, workshops, and exchanges.
- Joint academic projects such as conferences, symposia, or experiments.
- Curriculum innovation and joint teaching initiatives.
- Relationship-building with academic, cultural, or policy communities.
- Trilateral activities involving other strategic regions.

4. What is the maximum funding available per project?

Up to £15,000 in total per project, with funding shared equally between UoB and UNICAMP.

The maximum funding available per call is £50,000 (or equivalent in local currency), also shared equally.

5. How are funds allocated?

Funds are allocated locally by each institution:

- UoB covers travel and accommodation costs for UoB staff visiting UNICAMP and UoB-based project expenses.
- UNICAMP covers travel and accommodation costs for UNICAMP staff visiting UoB and UNICAMP-based project expenses.

6. Are there any restrictions on funding use?

There are no restrictions as long as activities meet the stated criteria. However, non-standard costs such as research equipment or staffing require strong justification.

7. How do I apply? (item 5)

Applications must be submitted using the UBBI-UNICAMP Strategic Collaboration Seed Fund Application Form (Annex I) and include:

- Identified UoB and UNICAMP Principal Investigators.
- Purpose, timeline, and budget of the activity.
- Academic rationale and anticipated outcomes.
- Plans for sustaining the collaboration.
- Approval from the Executive Officer/Head of College (email confirmation suffices).

8. Where do I submit my application? (item 5)

- **UoB applicants:** Submit online using the UBBI-UNICAMP application form : <https://forms.gle/CRoWda6QtKtoooueA>
- **UNICAMP applicants:** Submit via the FAEPEX system (<https://sistcorp.unicamp.br/faepex/login.jsp>) as per Annex I instructions Applications submitted by other means or after the deadline will not be accepted.

9. What is the timeline for the application process? (item 7)

2025 Cycle

- Applications open: January 2025.
- Applications close: Monday, 19 May 2025.
- Awards announced: Tuesday, 1 July 2025.
- Funding available: 1 August 2025 – 31 July 2026.

10. How will applications be assessed?

Grant review panels at both UoB and UNICAMP will jointly decide which projects to fund. Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate:

- Clear academic value.
- Potential for sustained collaboration.
- Alignment with institutional strategic priorities.

11. Who can I contact for more information?

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