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PICT 2017 CATEGORY III – INTERNATIONAL MAX PLANCK COOPERATION

General characteristics

The Max Planck PICT 2017 projects come within the general framework of the Cooperation Programme between the MINCYT [Argentinian Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation] and the Max Planck Society. The purpose of this Programme is to support scientific and technological research projects with the aim to complement the efforts undertaken by institutions, centres and universities conducting research at national level, and to provide financial support for the development of joint projects.

The Max Planck Call for Applications will commence on 15 November 2017 and end on 20 December 2017. **UPDATED DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS SUBMISSION: 28th February 2018**

Target audience

Argentinian research Groups who belong to public or private non-profit organizations dedicated to research and development and who submit a proposal for the realization of a research project in cooperation with a team of researchers at one of the 83 Max Planck Institutes.

Major themes

a) Biosciences

Processes of basic molecular biology
Research models in biosciences
Neurosciences
Plant physiology

b) Physical sciences

Soft Matter and Nanobiosystems
Light-matter interaction and ultrafast processes
Advanced Quantum Materials
Nano and Mesoscopic Quantum Systems
High-Energy and Particle Physics
Nonlinear Dynamics and Complexity

c) Materials sciences

d) Environmental sciences

e) Humanities and legal sciences

Form of presentation of the project

The proposal is to be submitted in duplicate in *English*, and the submission must be carried out for the two Groups (Argentinian and German) jointly. The respective institutions, through the signatures of those responsible for the respective institution and the signatures of the Team Leaders (responsible researchers), must endorse either Group, respectively.

As far as the Argentinian submission is concerned, this prerequisite will be fulfilled by generating and signing the corresponding cover sheets in the online system of FONCYT [*Fund for Scientific and Technological Research*] in accordance with the criteria laid down in the Bases of the PICT 2017 Call for Applications. The projects will have to be presented in Category III – International Cooperation.

In Argentina, the upload of projects takes place online via the website <http://foncyt.mincyt.gov.ar/FONCYT2/convocatoria>, and inquiries can either be made by telephone by calling 005411 4899-5300 int. 6010 or by email to akalonso@mincyt.gov.ar.

As for the German part of a candidacy, the signed copies of the cover sheets generated in the system of FONCYT must be submitted as a formal endorsement of the project by sending them to the Max Planck Society's Liaison Office based in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Please note that the above-mentioned copies must also bear the signature of the responsible researcher of the Max Planck Institute and include the PDF of the project proposal. Please address all requirements and inquiries first by email to

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The Max Planck Society will send all originals by DHL to Buenos Aires.

The formation of the Working Groups on the Argentinian side will be adapted to the criteria of admissibility and accreditation laid down in the Clauses 7.2 and 7.3 of the Bases of the PICT 2017 Call for Applications. An investigator who joins the Group responsible for a Max Planck PICT 2017 cannot submit more than one proposal for this category.

Project term and financing

All projects have a term of three years. The resources awarded through the grant will be allocated to the fields mentioned in Clause 5.2 of the Bases of the PICT 2017 Call for Applications. The maximum amount to be applied for from the ANPCyT [*Argentinian National Agency for Technology and Science Promotion*] on an annual basis corresponds in whole to the amounts fixed for Category III. For the execution of the project, the respective Max Planck Institute will generally support the cooperative project equivalently out of its budget.

Evaluation process and selection criteria

These projects will enter into the Evaluation System for Scientific and Technological Projects and therefore have to fulfill the stages of admission, accreditation and evaluation of scientific and technological quality, as defined in the Bases of the PICT 2017 Call for Applications.

An ad hoc Committee, composed in equal parts of Argentinian experts and experts from the Max Planck Society, will meet and recommend the projects to be financed to the Governing Board of the ANPCyT, depending on the quality, the general criteria of relevance laid down in these Bases as well as on the expediency and practicability of the envisaged cooperation.

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