

FLAD Program “UP Ensino Superior 2022-23”

A program supporting new institutional partnerships between Portuguese and US Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

This document defines all the administrative details for this request for proposals (RFP).

I. Purpose of the Call

The Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD) has launched a new program “UP Ensino Superior” for the purpose of stimulating innovative ideas and academic cooperation that link Portuguese and US higher education institutions (HEIs).

Proposals are to be submitted by Portuguese institutions, with the aim of creating new institutional collaborations with US HEIs that will achieve mutually supported objectives over the medium to long term. The objectives proposed should be clearly described and measurable.

Such ideas may include, but are not limited to:

1. Curricular articulation/cooperation, for example through the development of new *dual or joint degree programs*, new interdisciplinary programs with an international component, etc.;
2. Adoption and utilization of technology (e.g. Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL))
3. Short-term training grants for staff/faculty development;
4. Shared research networks (e.g. joint project development, multilateral networks);
5. Talent acquisition (for example, travel support for joint appointments);
6. Others;

Proposals from any disciplinary or multidisciplinary perspective are welcomed and may be aimed at any level of higher education (undergraduate, graduate, executive education, others).

Universities, polytechnics, colleges, research centers and/or professional schools are eligible to apply. Proposals must involve at least 2 institutions from both sides of the Atlantic and will also include a letter of support from the participating North American institution.

FLAD seeks to grant awards from both a geographically and institutionally diverse pool of applicants, proposals submitted by Portuguese HEI’s located in the interior or islands will be favored.

Proposals whose objectives are already covered through other FLAD opportunities will typically not be considered.

II. Dates

The call will be open between June 2nd and October 9th, 2022.

Applicants will receive the evaluation results no later than October 27th, 2022.

Project funding will be disbursed depending on the specific needs of each successful proposal. The default

solution will release funds during the 2022 fiscal year for possible use during 2022/2023 academic year. In exceptional cases we may consider phases for the disbursement of funds.

III. Eligibility Criteria

Applications must be:

- Submitted by Portuguese HEIs;
- Submitted in either English or Portuguese (or both);
- Each proposal, submitted alone or as part of a larger consortium, must identify a PI for the grant affiliated to a Portuguese HEI, plus a point of contact for the US HEI(s) that is/are involved;
- Submitted via the FLAD website located here:
<https://flad.secure.force.com/CandidaturaMain?language=en>

All proposals must include in their supporting documentation:

- a letter of support from the host institution(s) in Portugal;
- a letter of support from one or more partner institutions in the USA.
- A description of the key objectives of the proposal and the joint action activities that are planned;
- Timeline/Chronogram;
- A budget that reflects the respective contributions proposed from each party;
- Other documents that support the application.

IV. Evaluation

- The evaluation of proposals is the responsibility of a jury organized by FLAD;
- Preference will be given to applications that demonstrate a path to financial self-sufficiency over the medium/long-term;
- Requests that demonstrate some amount of institutional co-funding, or support from third parties (public or private), will be reviewed favorably over those that rely exclusively on this RFP.
- All elements being equal, requests from institutions located in the interior of Portugal will be favored over those from coming from large urban coastal regions.

V. Financing

- The maximum to be disbursed by each selected project is 30.000€.
- The award granted to each project may not cover the full amount requested;
- FLAD reserves the right to not select any proposal;
- FLAD does not pay institutional overhead costs, so budget requests that include these must calculate those costs as institutional co-financing;

VI. Additional Information

Questions about the RFP can be sent to FLAD, by email: ricardo.pereira@flad.pt

Start your Application here: <https://flad.secure.force.com/CandidaturaMain?language=en>