

Calls

Cooperation with Latin America

Call: Universidad de los Andes – Max Planck Tandem Groups



In order to strengthen the collaboration ties between Universidad de los Andes in Colombia and Max Planck Institutes, this call seeks to establish 3 (three) new tandem groups to be led by outstanding early career researchers with postdoctoral experience in close collaboration with excellent principal investigators from Max Planck Institutes.



- Open to researchers at the Universidad de los Andes who are in the early stages of a successful scientific career, hold a Ph.D., and have **at least three (3) years of postdoctoral experience** in internationally competitive research groups.
- The groups will last **three years** (with the possibility of a one-year extension)
- UniAndes will award a maximum of **USD 20,000 per year** to fund: **personnel costs for project-related activities**; purchase of **supplies and minor equipment**; contracting of **technical services**; participation in **academic events**; and **travel expenses**.
- The participating **Max Planck Institute** will contribute **resources of equivalent value** (in the form of access to infrastructure and specialized equipment, funding for personnel and travel expenses, organization of events, among others).
- Proposals must be submitted to the Universidad de los Andes via the institutional **platform Platypus** (Internal and Joint Calls for Proposals module) and to the Representation for Latin America of the Max Planck Society **by email** at: **latam@gv.mpg.de**
- **Deadline: August 24, 2026.**
- **Queries:** odp-vice@uniandes.edu.co; latam@gv.mpg.de
- **[More information](#)**

Call for the establishment of Tandem Groups in Uruguay



With the aim of strengthening the collaboration between universities and research institutions in Uruguay and Max Planck Institutes, this call offers opportunities for the establishment of new research groups in higher education and research institutions in Uruguay led by young Uruguayan researchers and in close collaboration with leading principal investigators of Max Planck Institutes.



- Aimed at highly qualified researchers with **several years of highly successful postdoctoral experience**
- Projects may have a duration of **up to 5 years**
- **ANII** contributes funding for **up to USD12.000** in total for the entire duration of the project to cover ongoing research expenses; **a doctoral fellowship** and a **postdoctoral fellowship** in Uruguay for a student to be selected by the Group Leader.
- The **Host Institution** guarantees the **salary of the Group Leader and academic and non-academic staff**
- The **collaborating Max Planck Institute** provides **matching funds** for the research work of the TG in the form of scientific advice, support, training and access to know-how, facilities and infrastructure, travel expenses, among others.
- Deadline: **September 17, 2026**
- Proposals must be submitted to the **Representation for Latin America of the Max Planck Society** at: latam@gv.mpg.de
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Call for the establishment of Partner Groups

Max Planck Partner Groups are led by outstanding early-career researchers who, after a research stay at a Max Planck Institute, establish a research group in a research institution or university in their home country. Max Planck Associate Groups enable collaboration in innovative, scientifically promising, future-oriented research areas of mutual interest to both the IMP and the international partner institution.



- Aimed at **outstanding early-career or postdoctoral researchers** who have completed their PhD no more than seven years ago (medicine: nine years).
- They must have **spent a minimum of 6 to 12 months at an MPI** and have strong **support from the Directors** with whom they were associated during that experience.
- Candidates must obtain **support from an institution in their home country** expressing their commitment **to host the group** for the 5 years.
- Partner groups are supported for **up to five years with 20,000 euros per year** from MPG central funds.
- Only **Directors** of a Max Planck Institute are **eligible to nominate** a candidate.
- Funds can be used for **travel expenses, personnel funds for doctoral and post-doctoral researchers, operating expenses, workshop expenses and minor equipment**.
- Closing date: **October 1, 2026**
- **Queries:** latam@gv.mpg.de & dvorani@gv.mpg.de
- **Request for application documents:** Ms. Annette Dvorani, Unit for International Relations, Cooperation with Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe: [dvo-rani@gv.mpg.de](mailto:dvorani@gv.mpg.de)
- **[More information](#)**