MIT PORTUGAL PROGRAM
2017 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This set of guidelines provides additional information regarding the submission of proposals for the 2017 Call for Exploratory Research Proposals under the MIT Portugal Program.

The proposals must be submitted via the standard FCT online form for collaborative research proposals, available through the FCT online platform.

Please ensure that all sections of the FCT online form are completed. Except where explicitly stated otherwise, all sections should be completed in English. If you copy and paste material, please make sure that text entered in the online form remains formatted.

INFORMATION ON APPLICATION SECTIONS

SECTIONS 1 & 2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION & INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR ROLES

Investigators applying for collaborative research grants must be organized as an international research team. One investigator is designated as the “Principal Applicant” and the other investigators as “Co-Applicants.” The Principal Applicant must be located in Portugal. The Principal Applicant will be responsible for coordinating the research on behalf of the team. He or she will also act as the team’s liaison with the MIT Portugal Program and FCT throughout the application process and the execution of the proposal, and will be required to submit annual budgets and progress reports.

SECTION 3. SCIENTIFIC COMPONENT

This section should include an overview of the Exploratory Research Proposal, clearly stating its vision and goals, nature and expected outcomes of the collaborative and cross-disciplinary work, the envisaged scientific and broader socioeconomic impact, and explaining the advantages of conducting the proposed project as cross-disciplinary collaboration that involves multiple universities, MIT, and non-academic partners. Please discuss the aims of the team as a whole and indicate the specific role played by each member in achieving the goals of the team. The section should also describe briefly how the proposal meets the objectives and focus areas laid out in the Terms of Reference.

Please make sure to complete sub-sections 3.1.b (Executive Summary), 3.2.1. (Literature Review), 3.2.2 (Plan and Methods) and 3.2.3 (Tasks).

SECTION 4. RESEARCH TEAM

All necessary and appropriate Portuguese proposed members of the research groups participating in the proposal should be included in the FCT form. All members listed should obtain an Association Key at the FCT SIG website.
SECTION 5. FUNDED PROJECTS
This section of the FCT form must indicate funded projects by the same PI as the current proposal.

SECTION 6. EXPECTED INDICATORS
This section of the FCT form is applicable to the whole team (Portuguese and international members).

SECTIONS 7 & 8. BUDGET
This section is applicable only to the Portuguese institutions participating. Research activities of participating MIT research teams will be covered independently through designated MIT funds. Please make sure the total budget does not exceed the supported funding.

GENERAL REMARKS
- If URLs with references or other material pertinent to your proposal are mentioned in the application, please make sure these are operational for the duration of the review process.
- PDF files cannot be larger than 5 MB. Avoid using large images or bitmaps to keep the files under this size.
- Please refer to the FCT on-line materials for general information on application submission process.
- For specific information related to application submission, please contact projetosMIT@fct.pt
- For general inquiries and comments related to this Call, please contact the MIT-Portugal Program at: info@mitportugal.org