

Exploratory Wine Research Mission – Call

Bilateral research cooperation with the Latin American Region 2021-2024

The State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) has mandated the University of St.Gallen as the Leading House for the Latin American Region (LH) for bilateral collaboration with partner institutions in Switzerland and Latin America for the period 2021-2024.

The Exploratory Wine Research Mission is an initiative from the Leading House to connect researchers from Swiss and Latin American universities and explore the potential for new partnership projects on wine research that could come to apply to and receive grants from the Leading House or other funding agencies in the future.

Aims and objectives

The Exploratory Wine Research Mission's objective is to approximate researchers from Swiss universities to the Argentinian and Brazilian science and innovation landscape. It is an opportunity to visit production sites, attend events, meet potential research partners, and get to know the local environment with the support of the Leading House for the Latin American Region in partnership with Swissnex in Brazil.

The call is designed for researchers who already or plan to develop bilateral collaboration with Latin American universities, working on wine-related topics, and who want to create a network of contacts for future research projects.

Eligibility

The call is open to researchers affiliated with a Swiss university in any scientific discipline or field of study. All researchers of Swiss federal and cantonal universities, universities of applied sciences, universities of teachers' education, and public research institutions are entitled to apply. Research institutions in Switzerland must be accredited by swissuniversities.

Researchers may apply to this call regardless of their nationality.

We welcome applications from researchers working in any wine studies field, including, but not limited to, viticulture, enology, chemistry, biochemistry, genetics, by-products valorization, consumer behavior, public health, psychology, business, marketing, geography, and production technologies.

Costs associated with the Mission to South America

The Leading House will cover the following costs: flight tickets from Switzerland to Argentina and Brazil, local transport, accommodation, event fees, and consumables during the program. Meals and transport outside the official program are not included in the covered expenses.

The program will take place between November 17 and 30, 2024, in Argentina and Brazil, with the following agenda:

November 17-22, 2024: Participation in the 15th International Terroir Congress in Mendoza, Argentina, including a special matchmaking session between researchers from Swiss and Argentinian universities and research institutes.

November 23-30, 2024: Agenda in Minas Gerais and Pernambuco, Brazil, including production sites and laboratories visits, matchmaking sessions with Brazilian universities and research institutes, and networking events.

Application package

Applications shall be submitted in electronic format only. Candidates must submit their CV (maximum two pages) and a motivation letter (maximum two pages) describing:

- Candidate's research experience with vitiviculture, enology, or any other wine-related field of study;
- Candidate's main research interests;
- Justification of why the applicant wants to join the program and seek bilateral collaboration with those Latin American countries.
- Expectations of potential future developments of the candidate's research in Argentina and Brazil.

Please submit the complete application on the University of St.Gallen Leading House for the Latin American Region (LH) website according to the instructions. All information provided and all uploaded documents must be written in English.

The application is individual and non-transferable. Selected candidates may not be replaced by colleagues or team members. The Leading House will fill the position with the next qualified candidate.

Evaluation and selection of participants

The Leading House for the Latin American Region will evaluate the applications and select participants according to their research fit with the program, potential for future collaborations with South America, and diversity.

Timeline

Call launch:	July 05, 2024
Deadline for submission:	August 04, 2024
Notification:	August 16, 2024
Exploratory Wine Research Mission	November 17 – November 30, 2024

The dates are non-negotiable. If the candidate cannot participate during the whole mission period, the information must be disclosed in advance in the motivation letter.

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