



## International Affairs

### SPARC Material

### Promotion of SPARC

#### (Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaborations)

MHRD has started a new initiative, **Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)**. It identified 25 foreign countries for active collaborations in different fields of research to facilitate and improve Internationalization that will allow the mobility of Students (Ph.D.'s and Postdocs), International faculties to come to India and for Indian Students and Faculties to go to the foreign country. University of Hyderabad has been identified as the Nodal institution (NI) for BRAZIL. The 25 nodal institutions identified in India would work in close coordination with the National Coordinating (NC) institute IIT Kharagpur which will coordinate as the nodal centre for all the 25 Nodal Institutes identified. The National Coordinator would soon release the call for joint research proposals (2018-2020).

The web link to receive joint proposals is open until November 15, 2018 (<http://www.sparc.iitkgp.ac.in>). It is proposed to have collaborations with the foreign Universities (BRAZIL) with Institutions and Universities that are in the top-500 of QS world university Rankings or in the top-200 QS World University Rankings by subject to be eligible to be supported under SPARC. Following is the list of top institutions in Brazil:

Universidade De São Paulo (USP)  
Universidade Estadual De Campinas (UNICAMP)  
Universidade Estadual Paulista "Júlio De Mesquita Filho"  
Universidade Federal De São Paulo (UNIFESP)  
Universidade Federal Do Rio De Janeiro

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