

JOINT CALL

ADDENDUM No. 1**CALL FOR MAX PLANCK TANDEM GROUPS
IN UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES 2026***Opening of a second application cohort and joint evaluation of both cohorts***Background**

On May 25th, 2026, Universidad de los Andes (Uniandes) and the Max Planck Society (MPG) opened the international Call for Max Planck Tandem Groups in Universidad de los Andes 2026, within the framework of the Cooperation Agreement signed between both institutions for the establishment of Tandem Groups associated with Max Planck Institutes.

In accordance with Section 1.1 of the Terms of Reference, the call aims to select up to three (3) researchers to lead a Tandem Group. The schedule set out in Section 6 established August 24th, 2026, as the deadline for the submission of proposals (hereinafter, the "first cohort").

With the aim of broadening the participation of Universidad de los Andes faculty members interested in establishing collaborations with Max Planck Institutes, the organizing institutions have decided to open a second application cohort. Likewise, in order to ensure a single and comparable evaluation process, the proposals submitted to both cohorts will be evaluated jointly. Consequently, the evaluation, selection and announcement dates established in Section 6 of the Terms of Reference are modified, under the terms set out below.

1. Opening of a second cohort

A second application cohort is hereby opened, with a deadline for the submission of proposals of November 6th, 2026.

Proposals submitted to the second cohort must comply with the same requirements, conditions and procedures established in the Terms of Reference, in particular those related to the requirements for application (Section 3), eligibility (Section 4), characteristics of the proposals (Section 7), submission of the proposal (Section 8), and the presentation procedure, review and selection (Section 9).

2. Joint evaluation of both cohorts

Proposals submitted to the first and second cohorts will be evaluated jointly, in a single evaluation and selection process, in accordance with the procedure and criteria established in Section 9 of the Terms of Reference.

Accordingly, the internal pre-evaluation, external pre-evaluation, final selection and announcement of results for the proposals submitted to the first cohort will take place on the

dates established in Section 4 of this Addendum, which replace those set out in Section 6 of the Terms of Reference.

3. Availability of funding

The availability of funding for the second cohort will be subject to the results of the evaluation and selection process of the proposals submitted to the first cohort.

Accordingly, the number of Tandem Groups that may be selected in the second cohort will depend on the number of proposals selected in the first cohort. In no case shall the total number of groups selected across both cohorts exceed the three (3) established in Section 1.1 of the Terms of Reference.

The financing conditions established in Section 12 of the Terms of Reference remain unchanged for proposals selected in the second cohort.

4. Modified schedule

The schedule of the call, applicable to both cohorts, is as follows:

Phase	Activity	Dates
Call opening – first cohort	Call opening	May 25th, 2026 (unchanged)
Deadline – first cohort	Deadline for submission of proposals	August 24th, 2026 (unchanged)
Call opening – second cohort	Opening of the second cohort	Upon publication of this Addendum
Deadline – second cohort	Deadline for submission of proposals, including the letter of support from a Max Planck Institute and the Faculty letter of support	November 6th, 2026
Internal pre-evaluation (both cohorts)	Internal evaluation coordinated by an evaluation committee appointed by Universidad de los Andes	November 11 – 27, 2026
External pre-evaluation (both cohorts)	External pre-evaluation coordinated by the Max Planck Unit for Cooperation with LATAM	November 11 – 27, 2026
Selection Committee (both cohorts)	Final selection by an Ad Hoc Selection Committee convened by Universidad de los Andes, with observer participation from the Max Planck Society	November 30 – December 10, 2026
Announcement of selected proposals (both cohorts)	Publication and notification of selected proposals	December 10 – 15, 2026

This schedule replaces the schedule established in Section 6 of the Terms of Reference. The opening date and the submission deadline of the first cohort remain unchanged.

5. Submission of proposals

Proposals for the second cohort must be submitted within the established deadline through the Universidad de los Andes institutional platform Platypus, within the Internal and Joint Calls module. In addition, proposals must be sent by email to the Representation for Latin America of the Max Planck Society at latam@gv.mpg.de, with the subject line:

“Call for Uniandes–Max Planck Tandem Groups 2026 – Second Cohort”

Proposals must be presented in English, in a single PDF file containing all documents in the order indicated in Section 7 of the Terms of Reference. Proposals received after the deadline will not be accepted.

6. Validity of the remaining conditions

All other conditions established in the Terms of Reference that have not been expressly modified by this Addendum remain in force and unchanged.

7. Coordination of the call

All questions related to this Addendum and to the second cohort of the call should be directed to odp-vice@uniandes.edu.co and to latam@gv.mpg.de.