REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Application portal opens: March 23, 2016
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: May 11, 2016 through June 8, 2016 (see guidance below)

The Lemann Brazil Research Fund is made possible by a generous gift from the Lemann Foundation. The Office of the Vice Provost for Research will administer the Fund together with the Office of the Vice Provost for International Affairs, in collaboration with the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies and the Brazil Studies Program.

Funding Priorities
The Fund will support cross-disciplinary research projects relating to Brazil. Proposals are sought for projects that address education management and administration; social science and its applications; public administration and policy; technological advances in education; and evidence-based research. Consideration will also be given to projects that propose collaboration between Harvard faculty and Brazilian academics in the life sciences, physical sciences and engineering, and basic and applied sciences.

Applications are invited from researchers across disciplines proposing research projects relating to Brazil. Proposed projects must meet at least one of the following three criteria:

1. Include collaboration with Brazilian academics
2. Be undertaken in Brazil in whole or in part
3. Focus on Brazil

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of academic merit, feasibility, and their anticipated advancement of the objectives of the Fund.

Eligibility

Applications are invited from individuals who hold a faculty appointment at a Harvard school and who have principal investigator rights at that school. Harvard Medical School faculty must hold a faculty appointment with PI rights in one of HMS’s basic or social science departments.
Faculty may request support for postdoctoral scholars and graduate students from Brazil; and for Harvard postdocs, graduate students, and undergraduates.

**Available Funding**

Applicants may request up to $150,000 payable over one or two years, as specified by the applicant in his or her proposal. Grants are non-renewable, but there are no limits on the number of times an individual may apply for funding. It is anticipated that 5 - 10 grants will be awarded each year.

**Application Requirements and Instructions**

To apply for support from the Brazil Research Fund, please visit Harvard’s online application portal at [harvard.communityforce.com](http://harvard.communityforce.com). You will be asked to submit the following information and documentation:

1. **Contact Information** for principal investigator and any co-investigators or collaborators.
2. **Proposal** of up to 750 words that succinctly describes the proposed research project, its significance and expected impact, and any proposed collaboration with Brazilian academics and researchers.
3. **CV or bio sketch** of no more than 3 pages for PI and co-investigators. If funding is requested for postdoctoral scholar(s) or graduate student(s), please also include a CV or bio sketch for each such individual(s).
4. **Project budget** presented in tabular form that includes a one-line description of each item (not to exceed 75 words per item). The project budget should not exceed one page.
5. **Other Support** Please provide a brief summary of active and pending support for the Principal Investigator. Other Support includes all financial resources, whether Federal, non-Federal, commercial or institutional, available in direct support of an individual’s research endeavors, including but not limited to research grants, cooperative agreements, contracts and/or institutional awards. Please do not include any "start-up" packages and/or tenure-transfer funding.

**Unallowable expenses:**
- Student tuition
- Salary support for principal investigators (requests for partial support of principal investigator summer salary will be considered in limited circumstances)
- Renovation and capital project costs
Other budget considerations:

- If the total cost of the proposed project is larger than the award requested from the Fund, please provide brief details of other support in the budget.
- Applicants should note that any benefits-eligible personnel expenses in the budget must include the appropriate fringe rates for each year of funding. If the application proposed to fund a certain amount of an existing employee’s time, then the budget must also include that percentage of applied fringe. Applicants should consult with Human Resources at their home school for applicable rates.
- Include direct costs only. School assessments should not be included in your budget (these will be arranged separately with home schools).

Review and Funding Timeline

March 23, 2016: Application portal opens

May 11, 2016: Application Review Begins
Reviewers will begin to evaluate proposals and make funding decisions beginning May 11 and will continue until all available funds have been allocated. Early applications are encouraged.

June 8, 2016: Final Application Deadline
No proposals submitted after this date can be considered for funding.

August 2016: Awardees notified

September 2016: Transfer of funds to awardees

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