



HARVARD UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE VICE PROVOST FOR RESEARCH

HARVARD UNIVERSITY LEMANN BRAZIL RESEARCH FUND

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Application portal opens: November 1, 2017

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: January 29, 2018

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 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 Lemann Brazil Research Fund, please visit Harvard's online application portal at 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 1000 words that succinctly describes the proposed research project, its significance and expected impact, and any proposed collaboration with Brazilian academics and researchers. This proposal narrative should be no longer than 2 pages. An additional field will be provided for inclusion of no more than 2 additional pages of supplemental information (citations, images, etc.).
3. **Assurance of Compliance** All recipients of an award from the Lemann Brazil Research Fund are expected to comply with all University, (or local institutional, if awarded through an affiliated entity), policies governing the conduct of research including, but not limited to, the use of animals, human subjects, hazardous materials, and export controls. Applicants must provide the name and contact information of a school or department administrator who, in addition to the principal investigator, will certify that the project complies with all relevant policies. Funds will not be made available, and invoices from non-Harvard entities will not be reimbursed, without such certification. All applicants are subject to audit.
4. **CV or bio sketch** of no more than 3 pages for each PI, co-investigator, and collaborator. If funding is requested for postdoctoral scholar(s) or graduate student(s), please also include a CV or bio sketch for each such individual.
5. **Project budget** applicants must use the form provided in the application. Applicants must also use the budget justification form provided to explain each budget item.
6. **Other Support** Applicants must use the form provided in the application to summarize 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 proposes 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

November 1, 2017:	Application portal opens
January 29, 2018:	Application deadline/portal closes
April, 2018:	Awardees notified
May, 2018:	Funds disbursed (Fund disbursement will occur upon receipt of signed terms and conditions, and provision of any required documentation. Delayed receipt of documentation may delay the disbursement of funds.)

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