

HARVARD UNIVERSITY LEMANN BRAZIL RESEARCH FUND

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Application portal open: November 4, 2020

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: January 25, 2021

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 is intended to foster collaboration between scholars and to support research projects focused on current issues facing Brazil. Proposals are sought for research 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.

Given the challenges of this year, special consideration will be given to applicants in any field proposing work related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligibility and Review Criteria

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

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.

Individuals who are Principal Investigators on an active Lemann Brazil Research Fund award will not be funded. Previous awardees are invited to apply for a new project provided their prior award cycle has concluded.

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. An additional field will be provided for inclusion of no more than 2 additional pages of supplemental information (citations, images, etc.).
*Note that the faculty review committee is comprised of members in various disciplines, which may or may not include that of the applicant. Therefore, [applicants are strongly encouraged to submit proposals demonstrating impact in a manner comprehensible to a highly-educated lay audience.](#)
3. **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.
4. **Project budget** must be provided using the form available in the application. Applicants must also use the **budget justification** form provided to explain each budget item.

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).
- It is strongly recommended that, for proposals including work performed in Brazil, applicants seek budget advice from knowledgeable representatives at their local school or from Harvard Global Support Services
- All applications must adhere to university and school-level [guidance](#) on travel. All University-related travel, both international and domestic, is prohibited until further notice.

5. **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 include any Harvard internal grants or major, project-specific support. Please do not include any "start-up" packages and/or tenure-transfer funding.

6. **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. Awardees will be asked to provide the name and signature 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.

Review and Funding Timeline

November 4, 2020: Application portal opens

January 25, 2021: Application deadline/portal closes

April 2021: Awardees notified

May 2021: 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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