



Comisión Nacional de Investigación
Científica y Tecnológica – CONICYT

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS
FOR RESEARCHERS IN INITIAL STAGE
2017**

I. Objectives

- To facilitate and promote the labor insertion of researchers at an early stage of their career,
- To strengthen international exchange and networks among researchers and research groups of excellence,
- To promote the development of international networks of research and scientific cooperation in all areas of knowledge, and
- To encourage the productivity and future leadership of researchers who start their scientific career.

II. Funding Principals

This Call will finance proposals from 18 to 24 months, for a total amount of up to \$ 18.000.000 (eighteen million Chilean pesos) and must include at least one country other than Chile.

Each proposal must consider for its development **at least two** of the following schemes in order to include participating countries in the network:

- A. Development of joint research projects** that allow the exchange, comparability (if applicable) of scientific knowledge among the researchers participating in the network.
- B. Access to scientific and technological equipment** in the foreign institution or institutions, participating in the research network or research services, for early stage researchers residing in Chile.
- C. Stays abroad**, for initial stage researchers residing in Chile, at the participating institution or institutions in the network.
- D. Short-term internships abroad**, for early stage researchers residing in Chile, at the participating institution or institutions in the network.
- E. Stays in Chile** for foreign researchers or academics at the participating national institution in the network.
- F. Conducting bilateral workshops or seminars in Chile**, between the participating institutions or institutions in the network.

III. Applicants Requirements

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i. Applicants

Applicants may apply for this Call meeting any of the following requirements:

- PhD degree obtained at least 7 years prior to the closing of this call, or
- Health professionals with at least 3 years of university certification (primary specialty of at least three years and derived from at least two years) obtained up to 7 years prior to the closing of this call.

In the case of women researchers who have had children during this period, an additional year per child will be considered the maximum time required since they obtained their doctoral or postgraduate degree of primary specialty or derivative described above. Likewise, this prerogative will be granted to researchers who during the same period have been granted tuition or personal care as a protection measure, or under the provisions of articles 19 or 24 of Law No. 19,620 on adoption of minors in Chile. To access this benefit, it will be mandatory to attach an authorized copy of the decision of the court that granted you tuition or personal care.

IV. Partners

It is hoped to promote support for the development of international networks of scientific and technological cooperation with researchers of excellence without geographic exclusion. All projects must be submitted by the Principal Investigator and a Sponsoring Institution with legal status in Chile, in addition to at least one lead researcher abroad and at least one sponsoring institution in each country participating.

V. Research Topics

This Call is open to all areas of knowledge.

VI. Duration of projects

In terms of the project duration (implementation period), projects can last up a maximum of 18 to 24 months.

VII. Funding Scheme

The resources allocated through this Call will be used to finance the proposed networking modalities, in accordance with what is established in point 3 of the call text, for which the maximum funding to be granted for the total execution period will be \$ 18.000.000 CLP -per project.

The items that can be financed in each modality and the associated restrictions are detailed in the following table:

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MODALITIES	ITEMS	RESTRICTIONS
MODALITY A: Development of joint research projects	Part time worker	Maximum budget sum: \$9.000.000 CLP
MODALITY B: Access to scientific and technological equipment in foreign institutions	Access to scientific and technological equipment in foreign institutions	Maximum budget sum: \$10.000.000 CLP
MODALITY C : Stays abroad	Travel tickets	Economy class tickets
	Per diems	Per diems up to 15 days per person. Maximum sum per person: \$75.000 CLP per day.
MODALITY D: Short-term internships abroad	Travel tickets	Economy class tickets
	Per diems	Maximum of 3 months per person. Maximum sum per person: \$ 1,600,000 CLP a month.
MODALITY E: Stays in Chile	Travel tickets	Economy class tickets
	Per diems	Maximum of 15 days per person. Maximum sum per person: \$75.000 CLP per day.
MODALITY F: Conducting bilateral workshops or seminars in Chile	Travel tickets	Economy class tickets
	Per diems	Per diems up to 5 days per person. (For foreign participants and for residents in Chile from regions other than the venue). Maximum sum per person: \$75.000 CLP per day.
	Dissemination and Seminars	Maximum budget sum: \$8.000.000 CLP

VIII. Application requirements

- i. The proposal must be submitted by the Principal Investigator in Chile with the support of a sponsoring institution with legal status in Chile.
- ii. The proposal may be supported by one or more Associate National Sponsoring Institutions in Chile.
- iii. The research group should include at least 2 national researchers, so that, in addition to the Principal Investigator, the project must have an associate researcher - national researcher).
- iv. The project must include at least one foreign investigator from each country participating in the network.
- v. The proposal must consider at least 2 of the 6 types of schemes indicated in paragraphs 3 and 8 of the call text.



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IX. Submission documents and conditions

The application must be submitted through the online application system available on the CONICYT website, and must include the following information and documentation:

- i. Application form according to available format.
- ii. Letter of commitment from the sponsoring institution supporting the Principal Investigator and the project.
- iii. Letter from partner national institutions committing their participation in the project.
- iv. Letter of commitment from Principal Investigator committing their involvement in the project.
- v. Biographical abstract of the Principal Investigator in Chile
- vi. Certificate recognizing the obtained PhD degree of the Principal Investigator obtained 7 years prior to the closing of this call, or a Certificate according to the stipulated in number 4.1 of the call text.
- vii. Curriculum Vitae of the Associate Researchers (National Co-Investigators).
- viii. Curriculum Vitae of the Foreign Researchers of each Foreign Institution participating in the project, in Spanish or English.
- ix. Annex of Budget plan according to the available format.

X. Evaluation Process

CONICYT will designate an Evaluation Panel, which can be advised by national or foreign experts.

XI. Submission timeline

i. Publication of the Call

CONICYT will announce this proposal Call through a newspaper of wide national circulation, and on its website, which will indicate the opening and closing dates of the Call.

The call text will be available in <http://www.conicyt.cl>

ii. Receipt of Full Applications

Applications will be submitted online, using the formats available on the CONICYT website.