



Comisión Nacional de Investigación  
Científica y Tecnológica - CONICYT

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH PROJECTS  
BETWEEN CHILE AND THE UNITED STATES  
2013**

**CONTEXT:**

CONICYT, in line with its institutional strategy "*The Shortcut*", through its International Scientific Cooperation Programme of the Department of International Relations within the framework of:

- the "*Memorandum of Understanding in Matters of Education, Energy and Biodiversity*" between the Republic of Chile and the State of Massachusetts, signed by the President of the Republic of Chile and the Governor of the State of Massachusetts on the 1st of December 2011, and;
- the "*Basic Agreement in Scientific and Technological Cooperation with the Government of the United States of America*" signed on the 14th of May, 1992 (enacted under Decree N° 111/1994 of the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs), extended via the "Agreement with the United States of America renewing the Basic Agreement in Scientific and Technological Cooperation of 1992" (enacted under Decree N° 460/2001 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- its international collaboration efforts with the National Science Foundation to date

Hereby invites researchers resided in Chile to submit research projects of 34 months in duration, to be implemented with the participation of Researchers of the United States.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Strengthen collaboration between teams of researchers in Chile and researchers in the United States with the aim of achieving global-standard scientific and technical results worldwide.
- Contribute to the development of human resources to be able to participate in cutting-edge research and new innovation processes, thereby developing expertise in areas relevant to national development

**TARGET PUBLIC AND RESEARCH AREAS:**

The current Call for Proposals is aimed at teams of Researchers resided in Chile, with experience in the areas of this Call, who can confirm the sponsorship of one or more Chilean institutions, public or private, engaged in scientific research and development within the areas specific to this call and an affiliation with one of the U.S. counterparts listed in the following table:



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<b>U.S. COUNTERPARTS</b>	<b>RESEARCH AREAS</b>
U.S. Researchers leading projects funded by the National Science Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oceanography</li> <li>- Polar Research</li> <li>- Natural Disasters</li> <li>- Ecology/Biodiversity</li> <li>- Social Sciences and the Humanities</li> </ul>
U.S. Researchers working at a Public University and/or Public Research Institution of the State of Massachusetts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Biotechnology and related areas</li> </ul>

**SUMMARY OF FUNDING AVAILABLE:**

Each selected project will be awarded by CONICYT up to **CLP \$50,000,000 (fifty million Chilean pesos)**, equivalent to **approximately USD \$105,000 (one hundred and five thousand US dollars)\*** annually, over a period of three years which will be transferred to the Main Sponsoring Institution in Chile to finance items such as:

- Incentives for Project participants in Chile
- Flights and Living expenses for Internships in the United States for Chilean Associate Researchers
  - Duration: 3 to 6 months
  - Monthly Living allowance: Up to CLP\$1.600.000 (approx. USD\$3,380)
- Flights and Living expenses for Short Working Visits in Chile for U.S. Researchers
  - Duration: 15 days to 1 month
  - Monthly Living allowance: Proportional to CLP\$1.200.000 per month (approx. USD\$2,540)
- Equipment
- Operational Costs
- Software
- Consumables
- Publication costs
- Consultancy and Advice expenses
- Dissemination costs
- Seminars
- National and International Travel
- Administrative costs

**PUBLICATION OF RESULTS:**

The estimated date for the publication of the results for this Call is September 2013.

*\*Note:* Chilean Peso/Dollar exchange rate \$472,51 CLP to the dollar as per the *Banco Central de Chile* website, 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2013.  
<http://si3.bcentral.cl/Indicadoresiete/secure/Indicadoresdiarios.aspx>