



Comisión Nacional de Investigación
Científica y Tecnológica - CONICYT

CALL FOR PROPOSALS SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS – 2014*

CONTEXT:

CONICYT, through its Programme of International Cooperation promotes the development of international research projects within the framework of:

- 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) and;
- the “*Newton Fund*” announced by the British Government in December 2013, which aims to promote scientific and innovation capacity building in 15 emerging economies, including Chile’s.

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

OBJECTIVES:

- Strengthen collaboration between teams of researchers in Chile and researchers in the United States and the United Kingdom 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 residing 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. or UK counterparts listed in the following table:

COUNTERPARTS	RESEARCH AREAS
U.S. Researchers leading projects funded by the National Science Foundation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Oceanography- Polar Research- Natural Disasters- Ecology/Biodiversity- Social Sciences and the Humanities- Big data- Glaciology
U.K. Researchers leading projects funded by the Research Councils UK.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- All areas covered by the RCUK



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SUMMARY OF AVAILABLE FUNDING:

Each selected project will be awarded by CONICYT up to **CLP 150,000,000**, equivalent to **approximately USD 268,335 or GBP 163,299***, 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 (maximum 30% of the total project costs)
- Travel and Living expenses for Internships in the United States and United Kingdom for Chilean Associate Researchers
 - Duration: 3 to 6 months
 - Monthly Living allowance: Up to CLP\$1.600.000 (approx. GBP 1,742/USD 2,862)
- Travel and Living expenses for Short Working Visits in Chile for U.S. and U.K Researchers
 - Duration: 15 days to 1 month
 - Monthly Living allowance: Proportional to CLP\$1.200.000 per month (approx. GBP 1,306.16/USD 2,146)
- Equipment
- Consultancy and advice expenses
- Dissemination and seminars costs
- Administrative costs (maximum 5% of the total project costs)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- The project proposal must be carried out by a research group composed of a Principal Investigator, a co-researcher and other associate researchers and postgraduate students – all resided in Chile and belonging to one or more national science and technology non-for-profit institutions. The research proposal itself must be presented by a Chilean science and technology institution.
- The proposal must include a Principal Investigator that leads projects funded by NSF or RCUK, respectively, at the time of submitting the proposal.
- For all legal purposes and the respective signing of the contractual agreement, the project's counterpart before CONICYT shall be the national science and technology research institution at which the Chilean PI is based.
- The proposal must formally demonstrate the foreign PI's commitment to participate in the joint research project.
- The proposal must be **submitted in English via the application form provided on the online system** available at www.conicyt.cl.



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ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION:

Each individual proposal will be assessed by at least two external expert Evaluators with expertise in the areas of the projects submitted to the Call.

Also participating in the assessment process will be an Ad-hoc Committee especially appointed for this call, consisting of expert scientists. The Ad-hoc Committee will be in charge of examining the project evaluations received and also proposing priority list of the projects suitable for funding. CONICYT will then make the final selection decision*.

DETAILS FOR APPLYING:

Applications may be submitted online and received in CONICYT until the 5th of June 2014 at 16:00hrs (Chilean continental time), via the following webpage: www.conicyt.cl

** Note: Chilean Peso/Pound exchange rate \$ 918,72 CLP to the pound, 26th of March 2014. Chilean Peso/US Dollar exchange rate \$ 559,57 CLP to the dollar, 26th of March 2014

*** In the case of the proposals presented with researchers funded by RCUK the selection process is to be defined.