

**Belmont Forum
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Annex for Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)

Duration of time:	The IAI will support research projects for up to 3 years, with the potential to apply for a 1-year, no-cost extension.
Country/(ies) supported	The IAI will support the participation of research teams from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay. Country participation will be considered based on the location of the institution hosting the PI or Co-PI requesting funding from the IAI.
Description/qualifications of eligible participants	Institutions eligible for IAI awards are colleges, universities, professional societies, not-for-profit organizations, or governmental institutions which have formal research programs. Sub-awards are also allowed to these organizations. Early and mid-career scholars are encouraged to apply and take key responsibilities in the project, including as Lead PI and Co-PI. Any scientist from natural and social sciences, the humanities, or stakeholder (as described in the call text) is eligible to apply as Lead PI, Co-PI, or key investigators.
Stipulations for the maximum number of researchers in the consortium	There is no maximum number of researchers.
Type of contribution + amount of contribution (K€)	Financial resources will be provided, ranging from \$100,000 to \$300,000 USD per project. We anticipate funding 5 projects.
Maximum amount that can be requested per project or by researcher (K€)	The maximum total budget request to IAI by a single consortium must not exceed \$300,000 USD including accountable administrative costs. Consortia that include 1 eligible country can apply for up to \$100,000 USD. Consortia that include two eligible countries can apply for up to \$200,000 USD. Consortia that include 3 or

	<p>more eligible countries can apply for a maximum of \$300,000 USD.</p>
<p>Restrictions for use of funds</p>	<p>Funding can be for project-related costs supporting research, data management, travel, workshops, capacity building, communication and dissemination costs, and scholarships. IAI funding is normally not available to replace or supplement the salary of investigators although funding can be used for stakeholder participation. Limited expenditures (up to 10% of the total project budget) for equipment and software are allowed. No overhead is allowed, but accountable administrative expenses may be charged up to 7%. IAI funds can only be managed through institutionally controlled accounts. IAI will only make awards to the lead institution (Lead PI or IAI PI) which will be responsible for disbursement to Co-PIs at collaborating institutions (sub-awards). The IAI will grant 1 funding award per consortium to the designated 'IAI PI,' who is responsible for managing sub-awards to other Co-PIs if applicable. If the Consortium Lead PI is not from an eligible IAI country, the consortia should determine which Co-PI in an IAI eligible country would serve as the IAI PI. If the Consortium Lead PI is from an eligible IAI member country, this person would also be considered the IAI PI. If the Consortium is selected for funding, the IAI PI will sign a grant agreement with the IAI, indicating roles and responsibilities with respect to managing the grant, including sub-awards, and annual financial and technical reporting requirements. A representative of the sponsored programs office or equivalent for the IAI PI should email the IAI contact point notifying them of the request for funding prior to the CRA submission deadline.</p>
<p>Specific themes within the call</p>	<p>All applications should align with the IAI's policies, strategic plan and science agenda:</p> <p>Strategic Plan:</p>

	<p>https://www.iai.int/pdf/en/Strategicplan-en.pdf</p> <p>Science Agenda: https://www.iai.int/en/research/agenda</p> <p>Open data policy: https://iai.int/pdf/en/iai-open-data-policy-e.pdf</p> <p>Gender Equity Diversity and Inclusion Policy: https://www.iai.int/administrador/assets/images/ckfinder/files/EDI-IAI-CoP-30-9-en.pdf</p> <p>Conflicts of Interest and Standards of Ethical Conduct: https://www.iai.int/administrador/assets/images/ckfinder/files/IAI_conflict_of_interests-2019-02-25_approved.pdf</p> <p>Teams must include an equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) plan in their proposal to explain how they will mainstream considerations of EDI in the composition of the research team, in the research activities, and in the research questions. If EDI considerations are not applicable to the research approach or research questions, please provide justification.</p>
<p>Where to submit proposal</p>	<p>www.bfgo.org [and list out instructions if you have a parallel requirement for submission to your institution]</p>
<p>Requirement for co-funding</p>	<p>This call for grants is based on the expectation of co-funding so that the resources necessary to carry out projects will not be fully dependent on the IAI grant.</p> <p>Co-funding is a key factor for projects being considered for these grants. The IAI anticipates greater co-funding in upper and upper middle-income countries with greater science and technology development. Co-funding encourages additional resources—funding, knowledge, and expertise—to</p>

	<p>the program. It increases the ownership of the project by participants and contributes to the establishment of strong partnerships. Co-funding also helps the IAI to focus its funding in supporting the incremental cost of projects, with emphasis in backing IAI member countries that are in more need of support to develop their science and technology capacity.</p> <p>Co-funding is defined as resources that are additional to the IAI grant and that are provided by grantee’s institutions, governments (science funding agencies, other government bodies at the national, subnational and local levels), other multilateral agencies, development cooperation agencies, the private sector, private foundations, civil society organizations, and various type of beneficiaries, for supporting the implementation of the proposal and the achievement of its objectives. Co-funding does not include funding provided by the other Belmont Forum funding partners on this call. Co-funding could take the form of financial or in-kind contribution. Eligible in-kind contributions include non-monetary resources such as: researchers’ salaries or those from employees of organizations involved in the project; scholarships for students, valued at the regular rate of pay for the time devoted to the project; access to paid databases (incremental costs of access); analytical, professional, technical and other services (printing, editing, publishing, transportation, etc.) at customary rate for time; provision of or access to equipment and vehicles, and their supplies; space and facilities to be used for office work, field work, meetings and community-based activities, valued at the fair rental rate; other supplies. Co-funding needs to take into account the specifics of the proposal: partners engaged and their roles, work plan and types of activities, timing. The IAI will</p>
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	recognize only those in-kind contributions that are fully documented and considered essential to carry out the work.
Additional requirements for proposals selected for the second phase	<p>We seek proposals that demonstrate a robust transdisciplinary approach. Consequently, during this second phase, we request the inclusion of a certificate of attendance for a minimum of 8 hours in a course on transdisciplinary research. Only one certificate is necessary per consortium, and it applies exclusively to the Principal Investigator (PI) or one of the Co-Principal Investigators (Co-PIs).</p> <p>The IAI provides this required training through its virtual campus (https://moodle.iai.int/) under the program titled "Advances in Transdisciplinary Research on Global Environmental Change in Latin America and the Caribbean" In addition, high-quality courses on the topic are also offered by various institutions elsewhere.</p>
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