

Belmont Forum RESILIENCE

Annex for the Mountain Research Initiative (MRI)

Duration of time:	3 years.
Country/(ies) supported	Any country, worldwide. For funding and/or in-kind support eligibility, the scope of the proposed project needs to specifically target mountainous areas and/or address connections between lowlands and highlands as part of the Call's themes. The proposed project may be conducted within countries (national and/or sub-national scales); across or between countries (transboundary or regional scales); or include multiple countries / regions across continents (inter-regional or global scales).
Description/qualifications of eligible participants	Eligible participants need to be natural persons affiliated with a tertiary education or research institution in any country. Eligible participants (individual researchers in the consortia) need to have a complete and active profile in the MRI's Experts Database¹ at the time of the proposal submission.
Stipulations for the maximum number of researchers in the consortium	No formal restrictions on the number of researchers in a consortium.
Type of contribution + amount of contribution (K€)	A total financial contribution of up to 20'000.00 CHF (~20,000.00 €) is envisaged for this call. Additionally, consortia may request and receive in-kind contributions from the MRI through the following resources, activities, or services that can help meet the proposed research objectives: • Access to and/or support with the use of resources such as data, information, and/or tools available via the MRI's Flagship Activity, the Global Network on Observations and Information in Mountain Environments² (GEO Mountains). • Eligibility to participate in workshops and activities hosted by the MRI, its Working

¹ <https://mountainresearchinitiative.org/find-an-expert/> last accessed 14.10.2025

² <https://mountainresearchinitiative.org/flagship-activities/geo-mountains/> last accessed 14.10.2025

	Groups³, and/or GEO Mountains. Support from the MRI Coordination Office in identifying, or connecting with, individual researchers and/or research groups with the expertise or knowledge needed to meet research objectives. In-kind support can be requested at the proposal preparation phase and/or at any stage during the implementation of the research project.
Maximum amount that can be requested per project or by researcher (K€)	Financial support for up 20'000.00 CHF (~20,000.00 €) per consortia may be requested. Only one project is possible to fund.
Restrictions for use of funds	Costs that may be covered with the MRI's financial contribution can include: - Salaries of scientific or technical staff in the research project, with priority given to support research assistants or early career researchers (ECRs) in developing countries; - Material costs that are directly related to the research work (e.g. expendable items, fieldwork or travel expenses, or costs associated with the provision of open access to research data); - Organisation of project specific scientific meetings or workshops. Funds can only be managed through institutionally controlled accounts. Institutional overheads are not eligible costs.
Specific themes within the call	The MRI's funding and in-kind contribution can be solicited for research addressing any of the three areas of this call.
Where to submit proposal	www.bfgo.org A brief communication with the MRI point of contact is expected ahead of the proposal submission.
Additional information	Proposals need to demonstrate alignment with the MRI's guiding principles for implementing its activities ⁴ , and make tangible contributions towards the MRI's mission and objectives ⁵ .
GPC point of contact	Carolina Adler, mri@mountainresearchinitiative.org

³ <https://mountainresearchinitiative.org/our-activities/community-led-activities/active-working-groups/>
last accessed 14.10.2025

⁴ <https://mountainresearchinitiative.org/our-activities/> last accessed 14.10.2025

⁵ <https://mountainresearchinitiative.org/who-we-are/> last accessed 14.10.2025