



Comisión Nacional de Investigación
Científica y Tecnológica – CONICYT

2013 CALL FOR PROPOSALS IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING BETWEEN RESEARCH CENTRES

- 1. Overall objective:** Support the creation of networks for the strengthening of international ties between Chilean national science and technology centres and those based in the following countries below:

Region	Countries
North America	United States*, Mexico, Canada
South America	Argentina (*), Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Uruguay
Asia	China(*), Korea, India, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam
Europe	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France (*), Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, United Kingdom, Sweden, Switzerland
Oceania	Australia, New Zealand

(*). See section 5, Funding.

2. Specific objectives:

- 2.1 Support activities promoting international networking between Chilean national science and technology centres and those based in the countries above.
- 2.2 Contribute to the development of human resources promoting participation in cutting-edge research and new innovation processes thereby developing expertise in specific areas relevant to national development.

Summary of Items Financed

Modalities	Maximum duration	Countries within North America, South America and Europe		Countries within Asia and Oceania		
		International Airfares (\$ USD)	Living Allowances (\$ USD)	International Airfares (\$ USD)	Living Allowances (\$ USD)	
A	Short-term training internships at research centres abroad	\$1790.00 maximum per flight	\$1370.00 USD per month	\$2100.00 maximum per flight	\$1370.00 per month	
B	Research visits to centres in Chile		15 days each		\$160.00 per day	\$160.00 per day
C	Research visits to centres abroad		15 days each		\$250.00 Per day	\$250.00 Per day
D	Organisation of bilateral		5 days each		Up to \$160.00	Up to \$160.00

	workshops or seminars in Chile			maximum per day		maximum per day
E	Access to scientific and technological equipment (5)	Maximum amount that may be requested: \$10,500.00 (ten thousand five hundred US dollars). This may be used to cover the cost of laboratory services or research requiring the use of/access to equipment including, among others, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supplies - Training - Lab Hours (man-hours) - Equipment usage time - Sample analysis costs - Other related costs (when duly justified) 				

Note: Chilean Peso/Dollar exchange rate \$474,31 CLP to the dollar as per the *Banco Central de Chile* website, 4th of March 2013. <http://si3.bcentral.cl/Indicadores/siete/secure/Indicadoresdiarios.aspx>

3. Description of networking modalities available

A description of the networking modalities available for Science and Technology research centres based in the countries included in the present Call are as follows:

- A. Short-length training internships at research centres abroad, for PhD students, Post-doctorate fellows and young professionals residing in Chile, in foreign research centres.
- B. Research visits to centres in Chile, for foreign Researchers or Academics to national science and technology research centres.
- C. Research visits to centres abroad, for Researchers or Academics residing in Chile.
- D. Organisation of bilateral workshops or seminars in Chile, in all areas of expertise in collaboration with the partner countries mentioned above.
- E. Access to scientific and technological equipment, in foreign research institutions and/or laboratory services for research, for Researchers or Academics residing in Chile.

4. Application requirements:

- 4.1 The project proposal must be carried out by a research group composed of at least three Senior Researchers – one of which must be the Lead Coordinator – all resided in Chile and belonging to one or more national science and technology research centres. The research proposal itself must be presented by a national science and technology research centre in Chile.
- 4.2 The proposal must include at least two of the 5 networking modalities mentioned above, one of which must be either training internships or the organisation of bilateral workshops and seminars.
- 4.3 For proposals including Modality E (access to the use of scientific and technological equipment), this must be associated with Modality A (short-term training internships abroad) and/or Modality C (Research visits abroad).

- 4.4 The Lead Coordinator must be based at the national science and technology research centre applying and assume responsibility before CONICYT of the technical and administrative coordination of the project.
- 4.5 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 centre at which the lead Coordinator is based. For those centres without Legal Personality, the contractual agreement must be signed by the Host Institution of the awardee centre.
- 4.6 The proposal must formally demonstrate the foreign research centres' commitment to participate with the national science and technology research centres in carrying out the international networking activities proposed.
- 4.7 The proposal must be **submitted in Spanish via the application form provided on the online system** available at www.conicyt.cl.

5. Funding:

The resources allocated in this Call for Proposals will be assigned to finance the networking modalities stated previously. The maximum amounts that may be assigned to each selected project are as follows:

- For the development of proposals with research centres in North America, South America and Europe included in this Call, applicants may request up to a total of \$16.000.000.- (sixteen million Chilean pesos).
- For proposals with research centres from Asia and Oceania included in the current Call, applicants may request up to a total of \$25.000.000.- (twenty five million Chilean pesos).
- **For Astronomy proposals with China**, the Researchers from China participating in the project activities presented may also request additional complementary resources from the Chinese Academy of Science (CAS).
- **For proposals with the United States**, the Researchers from the United States participating in the project proposal may also request additional complementary resources from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research or the Office of Naval Research.
- **For proposals with Argentinian institutions**, the Researchers from Argentina may apply for additional support through CONICET (programme GII).
- **For proposals with France**, involving INRIA project-teams, the Researchers from INRIA participating in activities may also apply for additional complementary resources from INRIA ("Associate teams" Programme).

6. 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 5 expert Scientists resident in Chile. 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.

7. Details for Applying:

Applications may be submitted online and received in CONICYT until the 16th of May 2013 at 16:00hrs (Chilean continental time), via the following webpage: www.conicyt.cl