

National Annex

National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) and Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation/MCTI

BRICS STI Framework Programme

4rd Coordinated call for BRICS multilateral projects 2020

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The National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation/MCTI provide funding for applied research projects under the thematic areas:

1. Research and development of new technologies/tools for diagnosing COVID-19.
2. Research and development of COVID-19 vaccines and drugs, including repurposing of available drugs.
3. Genomic sequencing of SARS-CoV-2 and studies on the epidemiology and mathematical modeling of the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. AI, ICT and HPC oriented research for COVID-19 drugs design, vaccine development, treatment, clinical trials and public health infrastructures and systems
5. Epidemiological studies and clinical trials to evaluate the overlap of SARS-CoV-2 and comorbidities, especially tuberculosis.

The number of supported projects will depend on the number of excellent applications and available funding.

This 4rd Call will close on **August 18th, 2020** and applications sent after this date will not be considered valid.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Only Brazilian researchers or foreign researchers with permanent Visa in the country can apply for BRICS Programme. Each applicant can submit only one proposal considering the following:

- The project leader must have a PhD degree.
- The project leader must have an updated CV available in the Lattes Platform at CNPq website (www.cnpq.br).

FUNDING PRINCIPLES

- Within each selected international consortium, funding of the participant researchers is provided by their respective national funding organization in accordance with

their standard award terms and conditions. The total national budget for this call is R\$ 5,000,000.00, up to R\$ 750,000.00 per approved project.

ELIGIBILITY

Proposals must be submitted as follows:

- Joint Application Form to the Call Secretariat by the leading PI/General Coordinator (for central registration, coordination and statistics).
- The country specific component of the multilateral project needs to be submitted to the national Participating Organization/PO.

Each international consortium must include partners from at least three participating countries (including Brazil). Researchers outside BRICS countries can participate in the research project at their own expense and are not considered as a partner from participating country.

Applicants that would like to request financing lines for research (APQ-modality) from CNPq have to submit a national proposal via Carlos Chagas Plataforma (<http://www.cnpq.br>). Proposals should be submitted only electronically by completing online forms. Rules and requirements for submitting National proposals will be available at CNPq website. Funding decision is also taken based upon the applicant's compliance with national rules and requirements. There will be organized a National Evaluation procedure for the selected proposals.

REPORTING

The report submission period is the same as the calendar year. By the end of each calendar year, Brazilian participants have to submit a scientific report as well as the financial statement according to the standard rules and requirements of CNPq. The report has to include a short overview of the work performed by the foreign partners and the amount of funding allocated by the foreign participants to the joint project.

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