



call for proposals no.3/2019

frequently asked questions

Why is the call limited to researchers who completed their doctorate after 2012?

We chose to prioritize researchers who obtained their degree more recently because they have more trouble securing funding when competing with scientists at more advanced stages of their academic careers.

If the goal is to support young researchers, why not include those who obtained their degrees less than two years ago?

We wish to train a group of scientists who are not senior researchers, but who have already had an independent professional experience. Nevertheless, there will be future annual calls for proposals and those candidates who have completed their doctorate within the set time frame may apply then.

What sort of research is Serrapilheira interested in?

We are looking for fundamental research projects that raise major questions in the context of the supported fields. The institute's objective is to invest in original initiatives. Projects already underway will not necessarily be rejected, but we are not interested in projects that clearly extend a previously funded research study with predictable results. There must be some innovation.

What is the point in supporting only fundamental research?

Since scientists these days are increasingly encouraged to conduct research with an aim for applications, funding for fundamental research is scarce. We thus want to provide an opportunity for projects aimed at producing new knowledge and support research motivated by theoretical curiosity that is not necessarily aimed at practical applications.



How do you identify whether the project meets the criteria for fundamental research?

Fundamental research considers the most general and essential aspects and seeks answers that advance the fundamental understanding of a certain field of knowledge. The questions below provide parameters for identifying whether the research project is fundamental:

- What is the fundamental question raised by the project?
- What is the project's testable hypothesis? If the project is exploratory, what is the reason to explore this area?
- How will the project advance fundamental understanding in the field?
- Why is this project important and timely?

Why must the applicant have a permanent position?

Since Serrapilheira Institute's goal is to support long-term projects, it is important that candidates have permanent positions as a guarantee of greater stability and infrastructure for developing research.

How is a permanent position defined?

A permanent position means having a permanent contract with a host institution. In the case of public officials, the applicant must be appointed to the position until the registration date.

How will the bonus for putting together and training diverse teams be implemented?

We encourage diversity through acts of inclusion, especially those focused on race/ethnicity and gender. Implementing the R\$300,000 bonus for training under-represented groups in the researcher's field will be discussed with each applicant who is selected for the second phase of funding.

