



Seed Money Grant 2023 Latin American Center Zurich

Who can apply?

Members and associate members of the LZZ employed by, studying or researching at the UZH, as well as associate members of the LZZ, employed by or affiliated to a Swiss university. Priority will be given to early stage and junior researchers (MA, PhD students and postdocs).

Researchers affiliated to the UZH and those that have no other funding available will be given priority. Nonetheless, all junior researchers working at Swiss universities are encouraged to apply.

Each member can only submit one proposal per year.

Eligible are project proposals to instances such as SNF or EU programs, but not only, where the Latin American Center of the University of Zurich is the co-coordinator or plays a substantial role, and which will be submitted no later than December 2024.

For what purpose?

This Seed Money Grant is aimed at researchers working towards bigger funding project applications, with interdisciplinary approaches.

Topics should have a clear relation to Latin America, but do not need to be restricted exclusively to the region. Interdisciplinary approaches are encouraged.

For what amount of money?

Funding can be claimed for a maximum of CHF 3'000.

Only one proposal will be granted, subject to available funding.

What may the grant cover?

This Seed Money Grant is intended to support researchers with a one-time payment that will help them cover some of the costs incurred during the preparation of a project grant submission.

How to apply?

The proposal should be sent as one PDF file, including:

- Title of the project, date of submission
- Researcher or researchers (name, institutional affiliation, contact details)
- Call to which the researcher(s) aims to apply and deadline
- Supervisors & Partners, co-sponsors and/or institutions co-supporting, if any
- Description of the project idea, hypothesis, methodology and of the envisaged results (max. 800 words)



- Detailed CV of the applicant
- Why is this topic and project relevant?
- Why is the applicant applying to this call and not others?
- How will the applicant involve the LZZ in the project, if granted?
- Impact: What impact would the project have and for whom? (max. 500 words)
- Work schedule
- Budget and planned use of the Seed Money Grant, including total amount requested to the LZZ

Only complete proposals submitted by email to elena.rosauroruiz@uzh.ch will be considered. Languages: English, Spanish, German.

When to apply?

Deadline for submission: October 15th, 2023.

Expected announcement of results by the end of November, 2023.

Evaluation process:

All complete proposals will be reviewed by the LZZ Steering Committee and guest external evaluators –if necessary–, who will recommend funding or not.

The suitability of the proposals will be based on the relevance of the project within the objectives and philosophy of the LZZ, the quality and feasibility of the project, and its interdisciplinary approach.

Decisions are final and will be communicated by email.

Disclaimer: The number of grants the LZZ can support per year is limited. The LZZ reserves the right to reject proposals or to approve only a part of the requested amount of money.

Once a project is granted Seed Money:

The LZZ should not be a mere source of money. It rather promotes the idea of building up constructive collaborations with researchers. According to our personnel and time resources, the LZZ is willing to engage in the project as co-coordinator.

These conditions apply:

- The LZZ must be mentioned in the final application submitted to the funding institution(s). If there are graphic materials the logo of the LZZ must be visible.
- The applicants are responsible to share all information and materials about the project with the LZZ.
- Changes in the project or schedule have to be communicated to the LZZ.
- After submitting the final project to the funding institution (SNF, ERC, etc.), the applicant must send to the LZZ the summary of the research plan.

Please check personally with the coordinator of the LZZ how to manage the granted financial support.

State: June 2023