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CALL FOR PROPOSALS <u>CNPq/CAPES/IRD № 27/2025</u> Support Program for the Franco-Brazilian Center for Amazonian Biodiversity

The National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), the Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES), and the Research Institute for Development (IRD) make public this Call for Proposals and invite interested parties to submit projects under the terms set forth herein.

1 - OBJECTIVE

To select up to five (5) joint research projects between Brazilian and French research groups that aim to contribute to the scientific, technological, and innovation development of the country, through the funding of collaborative projects within the following themes, as detailed in Annex I:

- a) Understanding, Monitoring, Conservation, and Documentation of Amazonian Biodiversity;
- b) Past and Present Contributions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities to Biodiversity;
- c) Forest Cover, Earth Observation, Regional Environmental Changes, and Sustainability;
- d) Biodiversity, Human Health, and Nutrition (One Health Approach); and
- e) Bioeconomy for Inclusive Livelihoods and Plural Economies, Good Living, and Healthy Food Systems.

The adherence to the thematic areas will be assessed by the Evaluation Committee based on the proposal content.

1.1 - Objectives and Guidelines of this Call

- a) To significantly contribute to the scientific, technological, and innovation development of both countries, within the framework of bilateral cooperation between Brazilian and French research groups in areas of strategic interest;
- **b)** To add value to national strategic research carried out by Brazilian and French teams, aiming for greater impact on the scientific community and society at large;
- c) To establish cooperation based on shared principles, scientific excellence, and bilateral funding; and
- **d)** To promote education, outreach, and/or science communication activities for diverse audiences, reaching broad sectors of society, in coordination with experts, groups, and institutions active in formal and nonformal education (e.g., schools, extension centers, museums, science centers, zoos, botanical gardens, aquariums, conservation unit visitor centers, and non-governmental organizations).

2 - SCHEDULE

PHASES	DEADLINES
Publication of the Call in the Federal Official Gazette (DOU) and on the CNPq website	October 28, 2025
Deadline for filing objections to the Call	November 7, 2025
Deadline for proposal submission	February 20, 2025
Evaluation period	March to June, 2026
Publication of results in the Federal Official Gazette (DOU) and on the CNPq website	July, 2026
Deadline for administrative appeals	10 calendar days after the disclosure of the preliminary result
Publication of final decision in the Federal Official Gazette (DOU) and on the CNPq website	August, 2026

3 - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- **3.1** The eligibility criteria listed below are mandatory, and the absence of any of them will result in the rejection of the proposal.
- **3.2** Regarding the Proponent and Team
- **3.2.1** The individual responsible for submitting the proposal shall be the Brazilian coordinator of the project, who must:
- a) Have a labor or statutory link with the project executing institution, which must necessarily be located in one of the following States: Amapá, Amazonas, Pará, or Roraima;
- b) Have their curriculum updated and registered on the Lattes Platform, up to the deadline for submitting the proposal; and
- c) Hold a PhD degree.

- **3.2.1.1** If the proponent is retired, the institutional affiliation must be formalized through an official document demonstrating mutual consent between the proponent and the host institution for the development of research and/or teaching activities. This document shall remain in the custody of the proponent and does not need to be sent to CNPq.
- **3.2.2** In the submission form, the proponent must declare, for all legal purposes, that they are not in default with CNPq or with the Federal Public Administration, directly or indirectly. Failure to comply will result in the rejection of the proposal.
- **3.2.2.1** If false information is identified at any time, CNPq will take appropriate measures in view of the evidence of ideological falsehood.
- **3.2.3** In the submission form, the proponent must specify who will be grant beneficiaries (including the type of scholarship to be awarded) and those who will be part of the project team, within the scope of this Call.
- **3.3** Regarding the Host Institution
- **3.3.1** The host institution must be registered in the CNPq Directory of Institutions and must be a Scientific, Technological, and Innovation Institution (ICT) and/or a private company incorporated under Brazilian law, headquartered in Brazil, or a public enterprise or nonprofit civil society organization. (See item 6.4.)
- **3.3.1.1** A Scientific, Technological, and Innovation Institution (ICT) is defined as a public administration body or entity, whether direct or indirect, or a private non-profit legal entity, legally constituted under Brazilian law, headquartered and registered in Brazil, whose mission or statutory objectives include basic or applied scientific or technological research or the development of new products, services, or processes.
- **3.3.2** The host institution is the one with which the proponent must have a formal relationship in Brazil.
- **3.3.3** Members of the boards and committees of the Franco-Brazilian Center for Amazonian Biodiversity may not submit proposals or join research teams.

4 - FINANCIAL RESOURCES

- **4.1** Approved proposals will be funded up to BRL 1,407,412.50 in scholarships by CAPES and up to BRL 1,407,412.50 in operating expenses by CNPq, and up to EUR 400,000.00 in operating expenses by IRD. Disbursements will depend on the budgetary and financial availability of CAPES, CNPq, and IRD.
- **4.1.1** Each proposal may request up to BRL 400,000.00 in CAPES scholarships (in the Sandwich Doctorate, Postdoctoral Abroad, and Junior Visiting Professor Abroad modalities), up to BRL 300,000.00 in CNPg operating expenses, and up to EUR 80,000.00 in IRD operating expenses.
- **4.1.2** Additional resources from future partnerships may be applied to supplement approved proposals and/or to fund new projects among those deemed meritorious.
- **4.1.3** When disbursement occurs over multiple fiscal years, annual transfers will depend on the budgetary and financial availability of CNPq and CAPES.
- **4.2** If additional resources become available, CNPq may supplement contracted projects and/or fund new projects among those approved based on merit, according to the priority determined by the Directorate for Institutional, International, and Innovation Cooperation (DCOI) through a substantiated decision.
- **4.2.1** In the case described in sub-item 4.2, the selection of projects will necessarily follow the classification order according to the final decision of the DEX.

5 - FUNDABLE ITEMS

- **5.1** The resources of this call are intended for the financing of current expenses items and scholarships, comprising:
- **5.2** Current Expenses by CNPq:
- a) Accessory import expenses;
- b) Third-party services full or partial payment of contracts for individuals or legal entities, of an eventual nature;
- c) Accessory import expenses:
- d) International airfare and per diem, between Brazil and France, for Brazilian team participants, in accordance with the Per Diem Value Tables for Individual Aid and Short-Term Scholarships, with a limit of up to 15 per diem payments per mission, within the project execution period. Airfare must be purchased in economy class. In this case, health insurance must also be included for each Brazilian team participant and/or foreigners with permanent visas in Brazil, when on mission abroad; and
- e) Domestic airfare and per diem intended for Brazilian researchers and/or specialists, for mobility between

the project's national institutions that are in other federative units, in accordance with the <u>Per Diem Value</u> <u>Tables for Individual Aid and Short-Term Scholarships</u>.

- **5.2.1** Any payment to an individual must be carried out in accordance with current legislation, so as not to establish an employment relationship.
- **5.2.2** The labor employed in the execution of the project will not have any kind of link with CNPq and cannot demand any payments from it, remaining the exclusive responsibility of the coordinator and the project executing institution.
- **5.2.3** Payment of publication expense(s) should prioritize the open access model.
- **5.2.4** TAll items to be financed by CNPq must be registered in the respective field in the electronic form of the Plataforma Integrada Carlos Chagas.
- **5.3** Current Expenses by IRD:
- **a)** Funding for current expenses and work missions of French teams in Brazil, including per diem and airfare. Per diem are EUR 216.00 for residents abroad and EUR 194.40 for internal missions, all limited to 30 days (https://www.economie.gouv.fr/dgfip/mission_taux_chancellerie/frais_resultat/BR).
- b) Per diem in France (https://www.ird.fr/intranet/preparer-une-mission#68ed39442fab6).
- **5.4** CAPES Scholarships:
- **5.4.1-** Scholarships in the Sandwich PhD, Postdoctoral abroad, and Junior Visiting Professor abroad modalities.

Modality and Payment Item	Number of Installments	Value
Monthly Fee - Sandwich PhD	6 a 9	€ 1.300,00
Monthly Fee- Postdoctoral	3 a 9	€ 2.100,00
Monthly Fee - Junior visiting Professor Abroad	3 a 9	€ 2.100,00
Installation Assistance - Sandwich Doctorate	One-time	€ 1.300,00
Installation Assistance - Postdoctoral and Visiting Professorships Abroad	One-time	€ 2.100,00
Health Insurance Assistance	Up to 9	€ 90,00
Relocation Assistance		CAPES Ordinance No. 1 of January 3, 2020.
Location Allowance	Up to 9	CAPES Ordinance No. 1 and CAPES Ordinance No. 319

- **5.4.2** The values of the aids and benefits listed in the table above, as well as the regulation, are provided in the following ordinances: <u>CAPES Ordinance N° 110</u>, of <u>April 28, 2025</u>, <u>CAPES Ordinance n° 289</u>, of <u>December 28, 2018</u>, and <u>CAPES Ordinance n° 1 of January 3, 2020</u>, and may undergo adjustments if they are modified.
- **5.4.3** The proponent/coordinator is not eligible for the scholarships provided in this Call.
- **5.4.4** Expenses with the following are prohibited:

- a) Certificates, ornamentation, cocktails, food, shows or artistic manifestations of any nature;
- **b)** Routine expenses, such as electricity, water, and telephone bills, understood as mandatory counterpart expenses of the project executing institution;
- c) Mail and reprography expenses, unless directly related to the execution of the research project;
- d) Payment of administration or management fees, under any title;
- e) Civil works (except for works with installations and adaptations necessary for the adequate functioning of equipment, which must be justified in the detailed budget of the proposal), understood as a mandatory counterpart of the project executing institution;
- f) Acquisition of motor vehicles;
- **g)** Payment of salaries or salary supplements for technical and administrative personnel or any other advantages for personnel of public institutions (federal, state, and municipal); and
- **h)** Payment for third-party services to an active public agent for services rendered, at the expense of any resource sources.
- **5.4.1** Other expenses will be the responsibility of the proponent and the project executing institution, each one answering for their respective acts.
- **5.5** For the contracting or acquisition of goods and services, <u>CNPq Ordinance n.º 914/2022</u>, which provides for the Use of Resources and Accountability, must be observed
- **5.6** CNPq will not be responsible for supplementing resources to face expenses resulting from any external factors to its control, such as exchange rate fluctuation.

6 - SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

- **6.1** Proposals must be sent to CNPq exclusively via the Internet, using the online Proposal Form, available on the Integrated Carlos Chagas Platform PICC
- **6.2** The deadline for submitting proposals to CNPq will be until 11:59 PM (twenty-three hours and fifty-nine minutes), Brasília time, according to the date described in the SCHEDULE.
- **6.2.1** It is recommended to send proposals in advance, as CNPq will not be responsible for those not received due to eventual technical problems and/or congestion.
- **6.2.2** If the proposal is sent after the submission deadline, it will not be received by the CNPq electronic system.
- **6.3** Clarifications and additional information about this Call can be obtained through the email address atendimento@cnpq.br or by telephone (61) 3211-4000.
- **6.3.1** Telephone service ends strictly at 6:30 PM (Brasília time), on working days.
- **6.3.2** It is the proponent's responsibility to contact CNPq, in a timely manner, to obtain information or clarifications.
- **6.3.3** Any impossibility of contact or absence of response from CNPq will not be admitted as justification for non-observance of the deadline provided in the schedule for proposal submission.
- **6.4** All research institutions involved with the project, whether national or international, must be previously registered in the CNPq Institutions Directory. To obtain information about this procedure, access: https://di.cnpq.br/di/index.jsp. Additional information about registration is also available in Annex I, at the end of this Call. It is recommended to complete the registration before the deadline for proposal submission.
- **6.4.1** The CNPq computerized system will not receive proposals linked to research institutions not registered in the Institutions Directory.
- **6.5** The proposal submission form on the Integrated Carlos Chagas Platform PICC must be filled with the following information:
- a) Proposal identification;
- **b)** Proponent's data;
- c) Participant Institutions;
- **d)** Predominant knowledge area and related knowledge areas:
- e) Detailed budget
- f) General project data in Portuguese and English, including title, keyword, abstract, and general objectives
- **g)** Information of team, as described in 3.2.3.
- **6.5.1** All items in the form must necessarily be filled in, under penalty of rejection of the proposal.
- **6.5.2** The following must be registered prior to the act of inscription:

- a) in the Lattes Curriculum: proponent and other project members holding a Brazilian Individual Taxpayer Registry (CPF); and
- b) in the **Lattes Curriculum** or in the ORCiD (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) identifier: the proponent and other project members not holding a Brazilian Individual Taxpayer Registry (CPF).
- **6.5.3** The technical team may be constituted by researchers, students, and technicians.
- **6.5.3.1** Other professionals may join the team as collaborators.
- **6.5.3.2** The foreign coordinator must be identified.
- **6.5.4** Only those who have provided formal written consent, which must be kept under the custody of the project coordinator, should be indicated as participating institutions and as team members
- **6.5.4.1** The project coordinator may be held civilly and criminally responsible for the false indication of team members.
- **6.6** The proposal must include a document in English covering the following information:
- a) Summary of the research plan;
- **b)** Research plan;
- c) Current state of research in the field;
- **d)** Current state of own research and partnership aspects;
- e) Detailed research plan;
- f) Division of tasks, schedule, and milestones;
- g) Scientific dissemination plan;
- h) Names of the responsible researchers (at least one from each institution/partner);
- i) Importance, impact, and expected results;
- j) Importância, impacto e resultados esperados;
- k) Ethical, safety, and regulatory issues; and
- I) Budget.
- **6.6.1** The Scientific Dissemination Plan is aimed at non-specialized audiences, so that they have the chance to interact with the production and debates of science. It must be aimed at society as a whole, in order to promote the dissemination, appropriation, and/or questioning of scientific knowledge, in its multiple dimensions.
- **6.6.2** The Scientific Dissemination Plan must necessarily contemplate the following aspects:
- a) Description of the DC actions to be executed, with a schedule;
- **b)** Target audience (non-specialized audience);
- c) Means to be employed;
- d) Indication of those responsible for its execution; and
- e) Expected results.
- **6.6.3** The absence of one or more pieces of information listed in sub-item 6.6. may hinder the merit analysis of the request
- **6.6.4** The submission of the file is mandatory, and the absence of any of them will imply the rejection of the proposal.
- **-** The file must be generated in PDF OCR format and attached to the online Proposal Form, limited to 1 Mb (one megabyte).
- **6.6.6** If it is necessary to use figures, graphs, photos, and/or others to clarify the argumentation of the proposal, the file capacity cannot be compromised, as proposals exceeding the 1 Mb limit will not be received by the CNPq electronic desk.
- **-** Research projects must obligatorily foresee cooperation between research groups from Brazil and France, including the realization of technical missions, and other cooperation activities jointly agreed upon by the involved groups.
- **6.6.8** The establishment of partnerships between research groups from Brazil and France is the responsibility of the project coordinators in each country.
- **6.6.9** The proposal must clearly evidence the complementarity between the Brazilian and French partners.
- **-** After the proposal is sent by the Brazilian party, through the PICC, an electronic protocol receipt of the submitted proposal will be generated, which will serve as proof of transmission.
- **6.6.11** Only one proposal per proponent will be accepted.
- **6.6.12** In the event of more than one proposal being sent by the same proponent, respecting the

stipulated deadline for proposal submission, only the last proposal received will be considered for analysis.

6.6.13 - If identical proposals are found, presented by different proponents, all proposals in this condition will be rejected.

7- EVALUATION

7.1 - Evaluation criteria

7.1.1 - The criteria for classifying proposals regarding their scientific and technical merit and their budgetary adequacy are:

Criterion	Description	Weight	Score
A	Adherence to the Call themes	1	0 to 10
В	Scientific quality	2	0 to 10
С	Originality of the proposal	2	0 to 10
D	Methodological adequacy and feasibility of execution, including infrastructure	1	0 to 10
E	Experience and history of the team members	1	0 to 10
F	Complementarity between research partners and added value of the international collaboration	2	0 to 10
G	Participation of young researchers and post-docs (up to 7 years after PhD)	1	0 to 10
Н	Scientific Dissemination Plan	1	0 to 10

- **7.1.1.1** For setting grades, up to two decimal places may be used.
- **7.1.1.2** The final score of each proposal will be measured by the weighted average of the scores attributed to each item.
- **7.1.1.3** The Judging Committee will consider, in case of a tie, the highest score obtained in evaluation criterion "A" and, if the tie remains, the highest score obtained in evaluation criterion "F" will be considered.

7.2 - Evaluation Stages.

7.2.1 - Stage I - Pre-analysis by the CNPq Technical-Scientific Area

7.2.1.1 • This stage consists of the analysis of the submitted proposals regarding compliance with the provisions established in items 3.2 - Regarding the Proponent and the Team; 3.3 - Regarding the Project Executing Institution; 5 - Fundable Items; and regarding the aspects related to the proposal submission indicated in item 6 and its sub-items, especially item **6.6.9.**

7.2.2 - Stage II - Analysis by ad hoc consultants

- **7.2.2.1** This phase corresponds to the analysis of the proposal, to be carried out by specialists, *ad hoc* consultants, who will comment on the analysis and evaluation criteria set out in the Call.
- **7.2.2.1.1** A standard electronic form will be used for analysis and issuance of the *ad hoc* consultant's opinion through the Integrated Carlos Chagas Platform.
- **7.2.2.1.2** The *ad hoc* reviewers will be indicated by CNPq, as per Ordinance n.º 2192/2025.

7.2.3 - Stage III - Classification by the National Evaluation Committee

- **7.2.3.1** This stage covers the comparative analysis with the classification of the proposals submitted regarding their scientific and technical merit and their budgetary adequacy, following the analysis and evaluation criteria set out in the Call.
- **7.2.3.1.1** The composition and attributions of the National Evaluation Committee will follow the provisions contained in Ordinance n.º 2192/2025.
- **7.2.3.1.2** It is forbidden for any member of the Committee to:
- **a)** Evaluate project proposals in which their spouse, partner, or relative, by blood or affinity, in a direct or collateral line, up to the third degree, is participating in the team;
- **b)** Evaluate proposals in which they are litigating judicially or administratively with any member of the project team or their respective spouses or partners;
- c) Evaluate proposals where there is any other conflict of interest; and/or
- d) Disclose, before the official announcement by CNPq, the results of any evaluation.
- **7.2.3.2** All evaluated proposals will be subject to a substantiated merit opinion, containing the justification for the attributed score.

7.2.4 - Stage IV - Binational Evaluation Committee

- **7.2.4.1** A joint binational panel will be organized with the objective of analyzing and classifying each proposal based on the respective national evaluations prepared in the previous phases.
- **7.2.4.2** The Joint Binational Panel will meet and, at the end of the meeting, present a joint funding recommendation.
- **7.2.4.3** The funding agencies are responsible for indicating the panel members, ensuring that the group collectively gathers the necessary expertise in the thematic areas pertinent to the evaluation of the proposals.

7.2.5 - Stage V - Funding Recommendation

- **7.2.5.1** Based on the results of the Joint Binational Panel, the due justification for eventual budget cuts must be presented.
- **7.2.5.2** In light of the results of the Joint Binational Panel, the approval or non-approval of the proposals regarding scientific merit will be recommended.
- **7.2.5.2.1** For each proposal recommended for approval, the Joint Binational Panel must suggest the amount to be funded by CNPq.
- **7.2.5.2.2** The Joint Binational Panel will not recommend the approval of a proposal that has suffered a budget cut above 30% (thirty percent).
- **7.2.5.3** The Joint Binational Panel will register the final opinion in a evaluation spreadsheet, containing the list of all proposals with their respective final scores, as well as other pertinent information and recommendations.
- **7.2.5.3.1** The Evaluation Spreadsheet will be signed by the members of the Joint Binational Panel.
- **7.2.6** There will be a prioritization of recommendation for proposals considered qualified by the Evaluation Committee that involve coordinators from institutions located in Amapá and/or French Guiana.

7.2.7 - During the classification of proposals by the Joint Binational Panel, the Call Manager and the responsible technical-scientific area of CNPq will accompany the activities and may recommend necessary adjustments and corrections, with a view to adapting the opinions to the provisions of this Call.

7.2.8 - Stage VI - Preliminary Decision

- **7.2.8.1** The President of CNPq will issue a decision based on the Technical Note prepared by the responsible technical-scientific area, accompanied by the documents that make up the evaluation process.
- **7.2.8.1.1** The decision will include the proposals approved and those not approved regarding merit, and those rejected.
- **7.2.8.1.2** Among the approved proposals, those that will be contracted will be highlighted, considering the budgetary limit of this Call, with the indication of the respective financing resources.
- **7.2.8.2** The list of approved proposals with an indication of the respective financing resources, considering the budgetary limit of this Call, will be published on the CNPq electronic page, available on the Internet at www.cnpq.br, and published, by abstract, in the Federal Official Gazette according to the **SCHEDULE**.
- **7.2.8.3** The proponents will have access to the opinions issued on their proposal that substantiated the preliminary decision, preserving the identification of the reviewers.

8 - ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL AGAINST THE PRELIMINARY DECISION

- **8.1** An appeal against the preliminary decision may be filed through a specific electronic form, available on the Integrated Carlos Chagas Platform (http://carloschagas.cnpq.br), within 10 (ten) calendar days, starting from the publication of the result in the DOU and on the CNPq website.
- **8.2** The appeal will be addressed to the authority that rendered the decision, who, if not reconsidering it, will forward it to the Permanent Committee for Appeals Evaluation (COPAR).

9 - FINAL EVALUATION DECISION

- **9.1** The Executive Directorate (DEX) will issue the final evaluation decision based on a Technical Note, prepared by the responsible technical-scientific area, accompanied by the documents that make up the evaluation process, observing the deliberation of COPAR.
- **9.2** The final evaluation result will be published on the CNPq electronic page, available on the Internet at www.cnpq.br and published, by abstract, in the Federal Official Gazette, according to the **SCHEDULE**.

10 - IMPLEMENTATION AND EXECUTION OF APPROVED PROPOSALS

- **10.1** Approved proposals will be supported in the Individual Aid modality, in the proponent's name, through the signature of a **GRANT AGREEMENT**.
- **10.2** The proponent will have up to 90 (ninety) days to sign the GRANT AGREEMENT, starting from the date of publication of the abstract of the final evaluation decision of this Call, in the DOU.
- **10.2.1** The term established in sub-item 10.2 may be extended, at the discretion of the Directorate of Institutional, International, and Innovation Cooperation DCOI, upon a justified request presented by the proponent up to 15 (fifteen) days before the end of the fixed term.
- **10.2.2** After the term established in item 10.2 or its extension expires, without the proponent having signed the GRANT AGREEMENT, the right to the grant will lapse, in which case CNPq may support eventual proponents whose proposals, despite being approved, have not been contracted given the resource limit of this Call, observing the classification order.
- **10.2.3** -Exceptionally, the term established in sub-item may be extended by the CNPq Executive Directorate, upon a justified request presented by the Call manager up to 15 (fifteen) days before the end of the term, in which case the extension of the term will benefit all proponents whose proposals have been approved.
- **10.3 -** The proposals to be supported by this Call must have a maximum execution period set at 36 (thirty-six) months.
- **10.3.1** Exceptionally, the project execution period may be extended, upon a reasoned request from the proponent, at CNPq's discretion.
- **10.4** The proponent shall maintain, throughout the execution of the project, all conditions of qualification, eligibility, and integrity presented at the time of proposal submission, ensuring full compliance with the project's objectives and keeping all registration data up to date in the relevant records.

- **10.5** The existence of any record of default by the proponent with CNPq, the Federal Revenue Service of Brazil, or in the Integrated Financial Administration System of the Federal Government (SIAFI) shall constitute a prohibitive factor for the contracting of the project.
- **10.5.1** Any default identified after the signing of the grant agreement shall prevent further financial disbursements during project implementation.
- **10.6.1** Projects submitted under this Call, as well as any technical reports presented by researchers and/or scholarship holders to CNPq containing information on ongoing projects, shall remain restricted until the final decision of CNPq concerning project approval, pursuant to Article 7, §3 of <u>Law No. 12.527/2011</u> and <u>Article 20 of Decree No. 7.724/2012</u>.
- **10.6.2.1** The confidentiality and restricted-access obligations established in subitem 10.6.4 shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date the restriction request is made.
- **10.6.2.2 -** Notwithstanding the possibility of access restriction, such restriction does not exempt researchers, their teams, and their institutions from their responsibility, as members of the research community, to make research results, data, and collections available to other researchers for academic purposes whenever possible.
- **10.6.3** Institutions involved shall ensure that their employees, public servants, agents, and subcontracted personnel with access to restricted information have formally agreed to comply with the applicable confidentiality and access restriction obligations.
- **10.6.4 -** CNPq may, at its discretion, make publicly available the primary information of all projects, such as: title, abstract, objectives, proponent(s), implementing institutions, and financial resources allocated by the agency.
- **10.7** The financial support granted may be revoked by decision of the Executive Board of CNPq, duly justified, should any occurrence of sufficient gravity arise during project implementation to warrant such cancellation, without prejudice to any other applicable measures.
- **10.8** It is the sole responsibility of each proponent to obtain all special permits and authorizations, whether ethical or legal, required for the proper execution of the project.

11 - MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- **11.1** Monitoring and evaluation actions will be preventive and corrective, aiming at the adequate and regular management of the projects.
- **11.2** During the execution, the project will be accompanied and evaluated, in all its phases, considering the provisions of the **GRANT AGREEMENT**.
- **11.3 -** CNPq, CAPES, and IRD reserve the right to monitor, evaluate the execution of the project/work plan, and inspect *in loco* the use of resources during the process validity.
- **11.3.1** During the project execution, such agencies may, at any time, promote technical visits or request additional information aiming at the monitoring and evaluation of the project.
- **11.4** The coordinator must inform CNPq of any and all changes related to the project execution and, in necessary cases, request prior consent from CNPq through a duly justified request, observing the provisions of Decree n° 9.283/2018 and RN n° 006/2019.
- **11.4.1** During the project execution phase, any and all communication with CNPq must be promoted through the Service Center: atendimento@cnpq.br.
- **11.5** For monitoring and evaluation purposes, the coordinator must annually present to CNPq a partial project execution/work plan form, considering the CNPq process start date, via the electronic platform, as determined in the **GRANT AGREEMENT**.
- **11.5.1** The partial results obtained by the research project will be monitored by CNPq, which will also consider, among others, the objectives, the schedule, the goals, and the indicators established in the approved project/work plan.
- **11.6** If it is found that the project is not being executed as foreseen, CNPq will determine the necessary diligence considering the concrete case and, if not met, will promote the cancellation of the grant, without prejudice to the adoption of other applicable measures as the case may be.

12 - ACCOUNTABILITY/FINAL EVALUATION

12.1 • The project coordinator must send the Object Execution Report - OER to CNPq, through the specific online form, within up to 60 (sixty) days counting from the end of the respective CNPq process validity, in accordance with the GRANT AGREEMENT and CNPq Ordinance N° 914/2022, under penalty of reimbursement of the amounts spent by CNPq and other penalties provided for in the Special Accountability legislation.

- **12.1.1** All fields of the OER must be duly filled in.
- **12.1.2** The OER must obligatorily contain:
- a) The description of the activities developed for the fulfillment of the project's objectives and goals;
- b) The demonstration and specific comparison of the goals with the results achieved;
- c) The comparison of the goals fulfilled and the goals foreseen for the period, duly justified, in case of discrepancy; and
- **d)** Information on the execution of scientific dissemination activities through texts, access links, electronic addresses, photographs, videos or audios, among other products that may be made available in public repositories and used by CNPq in its institutional communication activities.
- **12.1.3** The coordinator must attach a file to the OER containing:
- **a)** Declaration that the resources were used exclusively for the project execution, accompanied by proof of the return of unused resources, if applicable;
- **b)** List of acquired, developed, or produced goods, when applicable, with documentation proving the incorporation of the goods into the patrimony of the project executing institution;
- c) Results evaluation; and
- **d)** Consolidated statement of transpositions, reallocations, or transfers of resources carried out, when applicable.
- **12.2** If the OER is not approved or presents signs of irregularity, CNPq will ask the beneficiary to present the Financial Execution Report, accompanied by the digitized proofs of financial expenses and other documents indicated in CNPq Ordinance N° 914/2022.
- **12.2.1** At CNPq's discretion, the Financial Execution Report may be demanded from the beneficiary regardless of the OER evaluation.
- **12.2.2** The original proofs must be kept by the project coordinator for a period of five years counting from the date of approval of the final accountability.

13 - CHALLENGE TO THE CALL

- **13.1** The right to challenge the terms of this Call will lapse for the person who does not do so by the deadline set in the **SCHEDULE**
- **13.2** If the Call has not been timely challenged, the proponent is bound by all its terms, and the right to contest its provisions lapses.
- **-** The challenge must be addressed to the Presidency of CNPq, by electronic correspondence, to the address: presidencia@cnpq.br, following the procedural steps provided for in Law nº 9.784/1999.
- **13.2.2** The challenge to the Call will not suspend or interrupt the deadlines established in the **SCHEDULE**.

14 - PUBLICATIONS

- **14.1** Scientific publications and any other means of dissemination or promotion of events or research projects supported by this Call must obligatorily cite the support of CNPq and other funding entities/agencies.
- **14.1.1** In scientific publications, CNPq and CAPES must be cited exclusively as "Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico CNPq" or as "National Council for Scientific and Technological Development CNPq" and "Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior Brasil (CAPES)".
- **14.2** Advertising actions pertinent to projects carried out with resources from this Call must strictly observe the provisions that regulate the matter.
- **14.3** The scientific articles resulting from the supported projects should be published, preferably, in open access journals and deposited, along with the scientific data and all related supplementary material, in public access electronic repositories.
- **14.4** If the project results or the report come to have commercial value or may lead to the development of a product or method involving the establishment of intellectual property, the exchange of information and the reservation of rights, in each case, will occur in accordance with the established in the current legislation: Industrial Property Law Law n° 9.279/1996, Legal Framework for ST&I (EC 85/2015, Law n° 10.973/2004, Law n° 13.243/2016, and Decree n° 9.283/2018) and CNPq norm that regulates the matter PO-1229/2023.

15 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

- **15.1** This Call is regulated by the provisions of Constitutional Amendment no 85, of February 26, 2015, and by the precepts of public law inserted in the Legal Framework for ST&I, Law no 10.973, of December 2, 2004, Law no 13.243, of January 11, 2016, Decree no 9.283, of February 7, 2018, and, especially, by the internal norms of CNPq.
- **15.2** At any time, this Call may be revoked or annulled, in whole or in part, by means of a duly reasoned decision by the CNPq Executive Directorate, without implying the right to indemnity or claim of any nature.
- **15.3** The CNPq Executive Directorate reserves the right to resolve omitted cases and situations not provided for in this Call.

Brasília, on the date of the electronic signature.

Coordination of Negotiation, Advisory and International Studies - CONAE/CGCIN General Coordination of International Cooperation in ST&I - CGCIN/DCOI Directorate of Institutional, International and Innovation Cooperation - DCOI/PRE

ANNEX I - Description of the themes

a) Understanding, Monitoring, Conservation, and Documentation of Amazonian Biodiversity

Amazonian biodiversity remains largely understudied and undersampled, posing a major challenge for effective environmental policy formulation. The Center aims to expand knowledge on all taxonomic groups in the region, including their composition, distribution, diversity, evolution, and ecological dynamics. Research proposals are encouraged in areas such as species biology, genetic variability and adaptive potential, physiology, biochemistry, and ecology, as well as the characterization of lesser-known forest types and habitats - terrestrial (including forest canopy) and aquatic ecosystems. Studies that examine the impacts of different land uses and forest management, considering different territories (e.g., indigenous territories, protected areas, logging concessions, communal and state lands) on biodiversity and/or on the relationship between biodiversity and the functioning of Amazonian forests are also welcome. This includes the ecological dynamics of habitat restoration after activities such as legal and illegal mining, deforestation, burning, livestock farming, and other major land-use changes. Finally, proposals that consider the role of biological collections, herbaria, and museums as vital resources for sharing knowledge about biodiversity, supporting education, research, cultural memory, and artistic expression, are welcome.

b) Present and Past Contributions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities to Biodiversity

Recent advances in historical ecology show the extent to which the human footprint has influenced the floristic composition of forests and the diversity of forest landscapes. Indigenous peoples and local communities have developed rich and detailed knowledge about ecosystems over millennia. Their cosmologies, languages, representations and values, uses, practices, knowledge, norms, and concepts in all fields of material and/or immaterial existence of local populations, are key issues in this focus. Their recognition and contextualized knowledge are of utmost importance for the future of local communities, their livelihoods, their lands, and their rights. This research area encourages inter- and transdisciplinary studies, historical ecology, ethnoecological, and anthropological approaches that link biological and cultural dimensions, focusing on understanding the articulations between biodiversity dynamics and social and territorial processes such as traditional land tenure and engagement/use of species, habitats, and other material or symbolic features of landscapes in a context of climate change. Sociocultural dynamics of agrobiodiversity are also an important research focus. It is linked to food sovereignty, on-farm conservation, cultural heritage, and territorialities - which now include the urban context.

c) Forest Cover, Earth Observation, Regional Environmental Changes, and Sustainability

Understanding the role, interconnected functions, and future evolution of the Amazonian biome with the region's hydrology, climate, and human habitability is of extreme importance for a sustainable future for the region and its inhabitants. Proposals examining functional ecology at the basin scale, with its regional and local dynamics and connectivity, will therefore be considered. Key issues such as climate change, geographical, trophic, and temporal dynamics of carbon, water, nutrients, heavy metals, and pollutants, across functional compartments of the biome and within species assemblages and habitats will be of special interest. The dynamics and impacts of forest degradation and cover changes in the region is a central issue. Despite the currently low deforestation rate in a large portion of the Guiana Shield and northern Amazon forests, local deforestation dynamics and climate change may have a direct impact on biological diversity in the future. Although data and infrastructure for continuous surface observation and forest-atmosphere dynamics are already widely available, there is still a need to locally document the corresponding ecological, functional, and human consequences, aggregate them, and formulate policy recommendations. The development of new tools for continuous monitoring of environmental changes is encouraged. Evaluating the effectiveness of land tenure, planning, and management systems in the Amazon Basin regarding forest cover stability is a fundamental knowledge interface between science and policy. Qualitative and causal analyses are already well documented at the local scale, but multi-local analyses and a basin-scale synthesis would be a useful addition to operative knowledge of the effectiveness of tenure systems for environmental preservation. The dynamics of the atmosphere, hydrosphere, the carbon cycle, and sink/source dynamics will also be considered, as they constitute intrinsic conditions for the persistence of Amazonian biodiversity.

d) Biodiversity, Human Health, and Food (One Health Approach)

Vector-borne, environmental, and nutritional diseases and sociocultural conditions are the main links between human health and biodiversity. This is captured in the One Health approach, which emphasizes the interconnection between human, animal, and environmental health. Animals—both domestic and wild—play a crucial role in this dynamic, serving as hosts, reservoirs, or sentinels for various zoonotic pathogens. This call for proposals will be especially interested in better documenting such links, with specific attention to the dynamics and evolution of pathogens and vectors in an evolving forest habitat and forest edge environment, as well as their interactions with wildlife populations and implications for human communities. The relationships between biodiversity, human diets, food sovereignty, and food and nutritional security, especially at local scales, are of extreme importance for local communities and indigenous peoples, as well as for providing urban populations with the very rich and diverse food resources of the Amazonian and Guianese regions. Such aspects, always coupled with their sociocultural and heritage dimensions based on local conceptions and experiences of well-being or illness, could benefit from additional scientific approaches. The links between forest degradation, pollution, soil degradation, general habitat, climate change, and health among indigenous peoples and local communities are fundamental dimensions to be explored. Peri-urban and rural health conditions in relation to green and blue infrastructure, biodiversity conditions, and proximity to forest cover, rivers, grasslands, and other key components of the Amazonian landscape are subjects of importance for extracting lessons on favorable choices in One Health approaches with respect to land use and biodiversity management, aspects that have been little studied in the region. Notions of habitability could also typically be explored in connection with these biodiversity-health links, among other determinants such as traditional livelihoods.

e) Bioeconomy for Inclusive Livelihoods and Plural Economies, Well-Being (*Bem Viver*), and Healthy Food Systems

The wise use of the unparalleled biodiversity and natural resources of the Amazonian and Guianese regions has been at the heart of indigenous life for millennia, providing food, health, fiber, and a habitable environment for millions of people. However, the expansion of more intensive land uses in plantation economies has led to radical changes not only in the natural environment but in human lives, values, and living conditions, often suppressing the complex knowledge that local populations had of the forest and its biodiversity. More recently, social and political organizations have encouraged the emergence of a new forest economy, to value the potential of biomolecules, biomaterials, and bio-inspired technologies. This could be the basis for a dynamic bioeconomy sector, as well as very diverse and important plural economies based on biodiversity. This call encourages research related to different dimensions of the bioeconomy in different contexts in the Amazonian and Guianese regions, focusing on:

- identifying the transformation of uses and practices related to biodiversity, especially among indigenous and local communities, for example for local production of nutritious food or biotreatments, to develop opportunities associated with strong social and environmental co-benefits of biodiversity valorization and contribute to local livelihoods;
- identifying nature-based solutions;
- To identify the transformation of uses and practices related to biodiversity, especially among indigenous and local communities, for example for local production of nutritious foods or bio-treatments, in order to develop opportunities associated with strong social and environmental co-benefits of valuing biodiversity and contributing to local livelihoods;
- Valorization of bioresources or bioenergy within new local industries; addressing key constraints in existing or emerging value chains; technical and technological issues in the food chain; sustainable production, conditioning and distribution of important biotreatments, foods and other biomolecules of local importance; conditions for the development of biotechnological innovations with multiple local benefits;
- identification of innovative technological solutions for the production of goods, adapted to the needs of communities using biodiversity and traditional knowledge as a foundation - social technologies and sociobioeconomy.

ANNEX II - Information on confirming registration in the CNPg Institutions Directory

To request the registration of institutions, the interested party must send an email to the CNPq Service Center (atendimento@cnpq.br). The Center will forward the request to the CNPq Fostering Support Coordination, responsible for the registration and Institutions Directory.

The email must include, without fail, all institutional data listed below:

- a) Identification;
- b) Full name of the institution
- c) Address
- d) Street, Neighborhood, City, UF (State), Zip code
- e) Contact
- f) IDD, phone number, institucional email, and website
- g) History/Mission
- h) Date of foundation
- i) Institution history, and
- i) Mission



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