

## Belmont Forum Climate, Environment, and Health 2

### Annex for the Mountain Research Initiative (MRI)

<b>Duration of time:</b>	The MRI will support research projects for a period of up to 3 years.
<b>Country/(ies) supported</b>	<p>The MRI, through its co-head role in the Cluster of Cooperation (CLOC) CONÉCTATE A+<sup>1</sup>, can contribute to financially support research teams affiliated with a CLOC CONÉCTATE A+ member institutions in Switzerland and a CLOC CONÉCTATE A+ member institutions in the following countries in the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, and Peru. Country participation will be determined based on the location of the institution hosting the PI or Co-PI requesting funding from the CLOC CONÉCTATE A+'s via the MRI. For funding eligibility, the scope of the proposed research needs includes mountainous areas or explicitly addresses connections between lowlands and high lands.</p> <p>The MRI also makes available in-kind contributions to research teams in any other country(ies), worldwide, where the scope of the proposed research includes mountainous areas or explicitly address connections between lowlands and high lands.</p> <p>In either case, the research may be conducted within countries (national and/or sub-national scales); across or between countries (transboundary or regional scales); or include multiple countries / regions across continents (inter-regional or global scales).</p>
<b>Description/qualifications of eligible participants</b>	<p>Applicants requesting financial support must be affiliated with a CLOC CONÉCTATE A+ member institution.</p> <p>Early and mid-career scholars are encouraged to apply and take key responsibilities in the project, including as Lead PI and Co-PI. Any scientist from natural or social sciences, or the humanities, is eligible to apply as Lead PI, Co-PI, or as key investigators.</p>

<sup>1</sup> <https://cloc.condesan.org/> accessed 7 April 2023

<b>Stipulations for the maximum number of researchers in the consortium</b>	There is no maximum number of researchers.
<b>Type of contribution + amount of contribution (K€)</b>	<p>A total financial contribution from the MRI of up to \$50,000 USD is envisaged under this call. Depending on funding requested per consortium, we anticipate funding up to two projects.</p> <p>Research teams who include mountainous areas or mountain-related themes as part of their research scope (e.g. links between lowlands and high lands) are eligible to request and receive in-kind contributions from the MRI Coordination Office through the following resources, activities, or services that can help meet the research objectives of applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to and/or use of resources such as data and information available via the MRI’s <i>Global Network on Observations and Information in Mountain environments</i> (GEO Mountains<sup>2</sup>), which include inventories on ‘In-situ Observational Infrastructure<sup>3</sup>’ in mountain areas and a ‘General Inventory<sup>4</sup>’ (of remotely sensed and modeled datasets), with coverage of mountain areas, worldwide.</li> <li>• Eligibility to participate in workshops and activities<sup>5</sup> hosted at the MRI (including GEO Mountains).</li> <li>• Assist in identifying, or connect with, individual researchers or research groups with expertise needed to meet research objectives.</li> </ul> <p>In-kind support can be requested at the proposal preparation phase and/or at any stage during the implementation of the research project activities.</p>
<b>Maximum amount that can be requested per project or by researcher (K€)</b>	The maximum total budget request to the MRI by a single consortium must not exceed \$25,000 USD. Overheads are not eligible to include in this budget. Consortia must include at least 1 eligible CLOC CONÉCTATE A+ member from Switzerland and 1 from a LAC country (see “ <i>country/(ies) supported</i> ”).

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.geomountains.org/> accessed 7 April 2023

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<https://www.geomountains.org/resources/resources-surveys/inventory-of-in-situ-observational-infrastructure> accessed 7 April 2023

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.geomountains.org/resources/resources-surveys/general-inventory> accessed 7 April 2023

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.mountainresearchinitiative.org/activities> accessed 7 April 2023

<p><b>Restrictions for use of funds</b></p>	<p>Funding can be for project-related costs supporting research, data management, travel, workshops, capacity building, communication and dissemination costs, and scholarships. No overheads are allowed. Funds can only be managed through institutionally controlled accounts.</p> <p>The MRI will only make awards to the lead institution (Lead PI) who will be responsible for disbursement to Co-PIs at collaborating institutions (sub-awards). The MRI will grant 1 funding award per consortium to the designated PI, who is responsible for managing sub-awards to other Co-PIs if applicable.</p> <p>If the Consortium is selected for funding, the PI (from a CLOC CONÉCTATE A+ member institution) will sign a grant agreement with the MRI, indicating roles and responsibilities with respect to managing the grant, including sub-awards, and annual financial and technical reporting requirements.</p>
<p><b>Specific themes within the call</b></p>	<p>All applications seeking financial contribution should align with the CLOC CONÉCTATE A+ research priorities addressing a thematic nexus between climate, ecosystems (environment), and health, and links to sustainable development. There are no thematic restrictions for in-kind contributions from the MRI.</p>
<p><b>Where to submit proposal</b></p>	<p>To request funding from the MRI, the proposal needs to be submitted by the Consortia Lead PI through Bfgo.org.</p> <p>A brief communication or expression of interest will need to be submitted to the MRI ahead of the proposal submission, indicating that the consortia will submit a proposal that requests funding or in-kind contribution from the MRI as part of its proposed requested budget.</p>
<p><b>Requirement for co-funding</b></p>	<p>The MRI funding assumes and expects that substantial co-funding will be sought so that the resources necessary to carry out projects will not be fully dependent on the MRI's contribution. Co-funding is a key condition for projects seeking funds.</p> <p><b>Co-funding should include, but is not limited to, funding provided by the other Belmont Forum funding partners on this call.</b></p>

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