

## EL COLEGIO DE MÉXICO-SCIENCES PO JOINT RESEARCH FUND

To promote collaboration between academics from *El Colegio de México* and Sciences Po, within the framework of the cooperation agreement signed by the two institutions in March 2009, a joint fund was established to finance research projects conducted by academics from *El Colegio de México* and Sciences Po.

Funding is attributed through a call for proposals by *El Colegio de México* and Sciences Po every two years.

### The 2017/2018 Call for Proposals

The 2017/2018 Call for Proposal has been launched **beginning of September 2017** for funding from **January 2018 to June 2019** (18 months). Applicants should submit a research proposal including:

1. An application form that provides:
  - a. The collaborative project plan (maximum 4 pages);
  - b. A statement detailing the importance and relevance of the project for *El Colegio de México* and for Sciences Po
2. The CVs of all the project participants;
3. A detailed, justified budget.

The projects will be submitted to two anonymous reviewers appointed by *El Colegio de México* and two anonymous reviewers appointed by Sciences Po.

The assessment committee responsible for the final selection of the candidates will be composed of:

- The vice presidents for research of *El Colegio de México* (*Coordinador General Académico*) and Sciences Po,
- The international affairs directors of the *Colegio de Mexico* and Sciences Po,

Only projects that have obtained at least three positive assessments (projects rated A+ or A) will be selected and submitted to the evaluation committee. The committee may decide not to grant any funding if it considers that none of the proposals fulfil all the required criteria.

### Key dates for the 2017/2018 Call for Proposals

Publication of the call: 5 September 2017

Closure of the call: 10 November 2017

Publication of results: mid December 2017

Start of funding: January 2018

## **Suggested subjects of research**

This funding contemplates four main themes: (1) violence, peace and security; (2) concepts and practices of citizenship; (3) governance of the megalopolis; (4) development and inequalities. The assessment committee will be open to review research proposals on other subjects.

## **Objectives and criteria**

This funding, which will be awarded through a competitive application process for a period of 18 months, is designed to allow academics to meet in Mexico City or Paris in order to conduct collaborative research, to develop a joint research project for submission to funding agencies, or to share their research findings and produce a joint publication.

The goal of this funding is therefore to lay the groundwork for possible joint research projects or to allow the successful completion of existing projects. The fund is intended to finance working seminars, short stays between faculty members of the two institutions (transport, accommodation and food costs), empirical research on a common project and the joint publication of the results of their collaboration. It may not be used to pay salaries or scholarships.

Proposals will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Importance and relevance of the project for *El Colegio de México* and for Sciences Po
- Strategic interest or scientific value of the collaboration
- The project's potential for further collaboration in the future and the forms that such collaboration may take
- Feasibility and appropriateness of the budget

## **Funding**

The funding for a period of **18 months** will be used to finance the activities mentioned above. The budget allocated will be based on the activities detailed in the proposal and may not exceed **USD 20,000** (twenty thousand US dollars).

The assessment committee may decide to allocate all the funding to one project, to reduce the amount if needed, to fund two projects within this limit, or to declare the call void.

If the full sum of USD20,000 is not awarded for a given call, the Colegio de México and Sciences Po may agree to carry the balance over to the following call for proposals.

## **Description of the selection process**

In each institution, proposals may be submitted by an individual academic or a team. At Sciences Po, only permanent faculty members (professors and lecturers, CNRS researchers, FNSP researchers, FNSP professors) may apply.

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**Reporting**

An activity report will be sent to both institutions by participants in the selected projects no later than six months after the project's completion. This report will include a summary of the project's main contributions and a statement of expenditure.

**Contact**

Proposals must be sent by email (in English) to the *Office of Special Projects of El Colegio de México* ([proyectosopi@colmex.mx](mailto:proyectosopi@colmex.mx)) and to Sciences Po's Research Division ([vincent.morandi@sciencespo.fr](mailto:vincent.morandi@sciencespo.fr)).