Brazil Accelerator Fund Guidelines

Fiocruz, FGV and Queen Mary have pledged a total of £120,000 to the Brazil Accelerator Fund to provide seed funding for the development of scalable research collaboration between the three organisations and other Brazilian institutions. Projects may wish to address the following themes:
- Mental health and social intervention
- Gender based violence
- Infectious diseases (Hepatitis C, TB, Dengue, Cardiomyopathy/Chagas/tropical diseases)
- Urbanisation and mobility
- Big data/Epigenetics
- Maternal child and adolescence (with a focus on nutrition)
- Sanitation

Grants between £5,000 and £20,000 will be available for activities which stimulate the development of larger, interdisciplinary projects and further external funding bids. Activities and outcomes funded may include, but are not limited to:
- Workshops
- Publications
- Policy briefs
- PhD exchange/capacity building
- Experimentation/gathering of data

For each project, the principle investigator (PI) must be from one of the funding organisations (Fiocruz, FGV or Queen Mary). There must be at least one co-investigator from one of the other funding organisations, though involvement from all three is preferable. Project proposal must include a PI or co-investigator from Queen Mary University.

Applications should be completed (word limit of 500 words for entire summary section) and submitted along with a one-page CV of the PI to partnership.fund@fiocruz.br. Deadline for applications in the first round of funding is the 31st January.

A panel composed of the organisations to which the PI and the co-investigator(s) are affiliated will review the applications and publish the results by the 14th February.

The selected projects will be funded by the organisations to which the PI and the co-investigator(s) are affiliated.

The costs of salaries and/or any kind of payment for the PI or co-investigators are not eligible.

Selected projects will need to produce a report on progress and outcomes every 6 months after having been granted the funds.

It is anticipated that there might be further calls from the Fund but this will depend on remaining resource.

Download the application form here.