

FGV – Fiocruz – Queen Mary
Strategic Partnership Research Funding

CALL GUIDANCE

Background

Following the previous [Brazil Accelerator Fund](#) (launched in 2019), [Queen Mary](#), [FGV](#) and [Fiocruz](#) have committed to a further seed funding programme. FGV hosted Queen Mary & Fiocruz at their offices in Rio de Janeiro in August, and the parameters of an exciting collaborative programme were determined at an [international workshop](#).

Next phase of partnership

Colleagues are invited to submit applications that support new research engagement between all three institutions. Successful projects will be awarded up to £7,000 from each institution (maximum funding £21,000 per project). We welcome applications from all disciplines; in particular, we strongly encourage applications to develop new research partnerships or new research ideas in the fields of **health, policy and economy, digital worlds and regulation**. Funding will be available until the end of December 2022 and must be used within this timeframe.

Funding principles

Fiocruz, FGV and Queen Mary have shared values which are applied through their education, research and policy efforts. Therefore, any applications made to this partnership scheme should reflect those values. We are particularly keen to see applications which consider and incorporate factors such as:

- Social impact
- Sustainability
- Diversity and inclusivity
- Public engagement
- Innovation
- Open science

As a fundamental principle, all outcome and publications from these applications should be open access.

Applications are encouraged from across all Faculties, Departments and Schools and should be as multidisciplinary as possible.

This scheme is intended to catalyse the creation of new collaborations across the partners, and from the seed-funding investment should grow a greater relationship for larger scale research work funded by third parties. Such opportunities should be expressed within the applications.

In particular, seed-funding and development grants are powerful tools for early career researchers, and opening the doors of opportunity. Through this fund, Queen Mary, Fiocruz & FGV are demonstrating their commitment to investing in young talent.

Given the limited funding, efficient and economical use of funds, including virtual convening should be considered in lieu of expensive international travel. Innovative use of funding to further the reach and impact of the funds is encouraged. For example, considering schemes with low input but high reward e.g. training exchanges, re-purposing of existing infrastructures and data banks.

Applications

The scheme application form must be used for submissions. Applications should:

- demonstrate strategic alignment ([QM Strategy 2030](#) | [Fiocruz](#) | [FGV](#))
- include a project activity plan (details see below)
- include a project output plan (details see below)
- include a breakdown of the budget requested (details see below)
- describe the expected impact of proposed activities and explain the potential impact or wider benefits to society
- demonstrate project sustainability such as describing future funding plans
- Single application by partners, be typed in English, in a maximum of seven sides A4
- A copy of each PI's CV from each organisation.
- Applications are open to all FGV, Fiocruz & Queen Mary staff members. PhD students are not eligible to apply for funding through this scheme.

Submission

Submission deadline Sunday 15th January 2023. Please submit applications in triplicate by email to [Rachel Miles](#) (QM) and research.net@fgv.br (FGV) and partnership.fund@fiocruz.br (Fiocruz).

Project activity plan

Applications must outline how this funding will support activities with FGV, Fiocruz and Queen Mary partners including, but not limited to:

- Preliminary data collection and analysis for developing a research proposal for external funding calls
- Visiting/Hosting a colleague to discuss a research proposal and/or a publication or other form of impact outputs (Covid-permitting)
- Co-organising and co-delivering workshops seminars
- Delivering public lectures

Project output plan

Expected outputs from activities must include a Year 2 plan plus a minimum of two of the following:

- PhD mobility
- Submission of a significant external funding application
- Publications in top-tier journals
- Policy, industry or civic engagement

Budget of projects

This includes consumables for obtaining pilot data, costs in travel and subsistence, costs associated with networking events, administrative support and access to technical support, etc.

The budget will not include staff salaries, hardware purchases, costs of standalone events that are not part of the activity plan, or activities that would have taken place regardless (for instance, connected to an existing conference).

Assessment

Applications will be assessed by a Panel co-convened by Senior International staff and all three institutions.

Academic matching making

Given the collaborative nature of this funding call, we will host a Zoom **webinar on 17th November 2022**, where interested academics can learn more about the scheme and have the chance to meet potential collaborators. **To join webinar, please register on Eventbrite [here](#), or contact your**

institutional representative. If you would like us to facilitate an introduction please email either [Rachel Miles](mailto:Rachel.Miles@qmul.ac.uk) (Queen Mary) or research.net@fgv.br (FGV) or partnership.fund@fiocruz.br (Fiocruz).

Timeline

Open funding call	Tuesday 1 st November 2022
Webinar	Thursday 17 th November 2022
Application deadline	23:59 GMT Sunday 15 th January 2023
Collate applications and circulate to panel	w/c 16 th January 2023
Panel meets	Wednesday 8 th February 2023
Confirm awards and notify applicants	15 th February 2023
Award duration	Up to 12 months

Application Terms and Conditions

1. Applications will not be accepted unless signed by applicants from all 3 institutions who can use electronic signatures.
2. This funding should not be used for one off activities.
3. This funding should not be used to pay for conference fees, to purchase equipment or to pay Research Associates.
4. Should any activity involve international travel, this should be planned following government advice in Brazil & the UK. Any funds used for travel (e.g. flights) must be booked in accordance with Institutional policies – add links to travel policies.
5. Activity associated with successful bids must be completed within 12 months of award.
6. Successful applicants will be asked to submit a report outlining the activity outcomes, impacts of the activities, detailed expenditure and next steps for the newly established collaboration e.g. grant proposal once activity has concluded.
7. QMUL applicants need to abide by QMUL Export Control and Sanctions Policy and the UK export control legislations when conducting international research with overseas partners.
8. Unspent funds will be reclaimed before the end of the 2023-2024 financial year.
9. Successful applicants will be asked to share details of any media profile generated; published blogs or social media (e.g. Twitter) as well as sharing photographs for inclusion in future promotional materials.
10. Successful applicants will be responsible for securing their own visas.
11. Applicants wishing to support inbound visits should refer to Queen Mary's expenses policy for non-QM staff.
12. Intellectual property policy (see Appendix 1) will be agreed among partners.
13. Export Control policy (see Appendix 2) will be agreed among partners.

Appendix 1: Intellectual Property

1. **Intellectual Property** shall mean patents, utility models, rights to inventions, copyright and related rights, moral rights, trademarks and service marks, business names and domain names, rights in get-up, goodwill and the right to sue for passing off or unfair competition, rights in designs, database rights, rights to use, and protect the confidentiality of, confidential information (including know-how and trade secrets), semiconductor topography rights, image rights, rights in personality and similar rights, plant variety rights, and all other intellectual property rights, in each case whether registered or unregistered and including all applications and rights to apply for and be granted, renewals or extensions of, and rights to claim priority from, such rights and all similar or equivalent rights or forms of protection which subsist or will subsist now or in the future in any part of the world.
2. **All Background Intellectual Property** is and shall remain the exclusive property of the party owning it (or, where applicable, the third party from whom its right to use the Background Intellectual Property has derived). For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions,

Background Intellectual Property shall mean any Intellectual Property, other than Foreground Intellectual Property, that is used in connection with any funding granted under the application. Each Party acknowledges and confirms that nothing contained in this agreement shall give it any right, title or interest in or to the Background Intellectual Property of the other Parties save as expressly granted by such other party.

3. Each Party grants the other Parties, subject to the provisions set forth in items 7, 8 and 9, a non-exclusive, non-transferable, non-sub-licensable, royalty-free licence for the duration of the Project of an accepted Application to use its Background Intellectual Property (provided it is free to license the Background Intellectual Property in question) solely to enable the other Parties to carry out their respective part of such Project.
4. **Foreground Intellectual Property** shall vest in and be owned absolutely by the party creating or developing any intellectual property in respect of which it arises. For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, Foreground Intellectual Property shall mean any Intellectual Property that arises or is obtained or developed by, or by an applicant on behalf of, either party when using the funding granted under their application.
5. To the extent that any Foreground Intellectual Property arises or is developed by applicants of FGV, Fiocruz & Queen Mary jointly or otherwise than solely by either party, it shall be jointly owned by the parties. The parties shall enter into a separate agreement to record the shares of any Foreground Intellectual Property.
6. **Confidential Information** means confidential scientific, business, or financial information provided that the information does not include:
 - (a) information that is publicly known or that is available from public sources;
 - (b) information that has been made available by its owner to others without a confidentiality obligation;
 - (c) information that is already known by the receiving Party, or information that is independently created or compiled by the receiving Party without reference to or use of the provided information; or
 - (d) information that is disclosed pursuant to the order or requirement of a court, administrative agency, or other governmental body; provided, however, that the receiving Party shall provide prompt notice of such court order or requirement to the disclosing Party to enable the disclosing Party to seek a protective order or otherwise prevent or restrict such disclosure.
7. **Protection of Confidential Information.** Confidential Information will not be disclosed, copied, reproduced or otherwise made available to any third party without the written consent of the owning or providing Party except as required by a court or administrative body of competent jurisdiction, or federal law or regulation. Each Party agrees to use reasonable efforts to maintain the confidentiality of Confidential Information, which will in no instance be less effort than the Party uses to protect its own Confidential Information. Each Party agrees that a Party receiving Confidential Information will not be liable for the disclosure of that portion of the Confidential Information which, after notice to and consultation with the disclosing Party, the receiving Party determines may not be lawfully withheld, provided the disclosing Party has been given a reasonable opportunity to seek a court order to enjoin disclosure.
8. **Publication.** The Parties are encouraged to make publicly available the results of their research and development activities. Before either Party submits a paper or abstract for publication or otherwise intends to publicly disclose information related to an accepted Application, the other Party will have thirty (30) days to review the proposed publication or disclosure to assure that Confidential Information is protected or omitted. If there is no reply within the proposed deadline of thirty (30) days the Party should be considered authorized to submit the proposed publication. Either Party may request in writing that the proposed publication or other disclosure be delayed for up to thirty (30) additional days as necessary to protect any Foreground Intellectual Property.

9. **Use of Name; Press Releases.** No Party may, without the prior written consent of the other Party use (i) the name of the other Party or its Affiliates, if applicable, (ii) the name or image of any Representative of the other Party, or (iii) any trade-name, trademark, trade device, service mark, or symbol, whether registered or not, owned by the other Party in any publication, marketing or advertising material.
10. **Dispute Resolution.** All parties agree that the sharing and utilization of Intellectual Property rights and the possible disputes over Intellectual Property rights related to the joint scientific research shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the international conventions to which the two countries are parties. If there are no provisions in the international conventions, international practices designed by the World Intellectual Property Organisation shall be followed.

Appendix 2: Export Control

1. **Export control for Research collaborations.** The Parties shall comply with all sanctions and export control laws to which they are subject and which are applicable to any items, including but not restricted to goods, materials, biological agents, software, data or technology transferred between them. Each Party shall specifically inform the other Party, before the transfer of any such item, of all sanctions and export control conditions applicable to the transfer and the item. Each Party may terminate this contract immediately, without incurring any liability, if it reasonably apprehends that continuing to service this contract would be in breach of any applicable sanctions or export control laws. In the event that an application by a Party for an export licence is denied, the other Party hereby indemnifies and shall hold harmless that Party against all and any liability resulting from the licence denial.
2. **Export control for Material Transfer Agreements.** The Parties shall comply with all sanctions and export control laws to which they are subject and which are applicable to any items, including but not restricted to goods, materials, biological agents, software, data or technology transferred between them. The Provider shall verify whether the supply of the Materials under this Agreement requires any export licence and shall obtain any such licence before the Materials are transferred. The Provider shall specifically inform the Recipient, before the transfer of any such item, of all and any sanctions and export control conditions applicable to the transfer and the Materials. The Provider may terminate this contract immediately, without incurring any liability, if it reasonably apprehends that continuing to service this Agreement would be in breach of any applicable sanctions or export control laws. In the event that an application by the Provider for an export licence is denied, the Recipient hereby indemnifies and shall hold harmless the Provider against all and any liability resulting from the licence denial.