

## CALL No. 13 (2018): “SEED GRANTS” TO PROMOTE THE PREPARATION OF RESEARCH PROJECTS IN MARINE SCIENCES AND RELATED TOPICS

The Seed Grant Program is intended to support our CEMarin researchers in preparing collaborative grant proposals in emerging fields of the marine sciences. It aims to support national and international networking activities to establish novel research questions, and to generate preliminary scientific data before the submission of a full grant proposal to a primary funding agency. The program is open to both early stage researchers supervised by CEMarin scientists and to senior researchers. The seed grants funds will be administered by CEMarin and will be paid directly to the researcher.

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**Deadline for applications:** All year round. The call will run as long as funds remain available.

### Objective of the call

- Support groups of researchers from at least two CEMarin member universities in preparing a collaborative grant proposal that addresses a new research question in marine sciences

**Aimed at:** CEMarin researchers from at least two of our member universities.

**Value of seed grant:** A maximum of twelve million Colombian Pesos (COP 12,000,000) will be granted per proposal, to be executed within six months.

### Specific criteria for projects

The following criteria will be used to prioritize research projects to receive seed grants funding:

- Projects must be carried out in partnership between CEMarin researchers from at least two CEMarin member universities and involve interdisciplinary work.
- Projects must be of high scientific quality.
- Projects are expected to achieve funding greater than US\$ 50,000 per year.
- Seed grant funding will not finance doctoral students' activities in finishing their current projects.
- Projects are expected to provide results that can solve a problem of fundamental importance or fill an information-gap in existing knowledge from the standpoint of marine sciences in the Caribbean or Pacific regions.
- Projects are expected to contain a dissemination component with defined objectives and deliverables.

- Projects are expected to complement and enhance ongoing research by the participating research institutions.
- The seed grant will be used to prepare a proposal for submission to a larger national or international funding agency (e.g., BID, USAID, GEF-7 or the European Commission). It is desirable to know in advance the funding source that will be applied to.
- The project must align with at least one of our CEMarin interdisciplinary research lines.

### Stages of the Seed Grant Program

Stage 1: A CEMarin principal researcher requests the seed grant by submitting a short and concise research proposal, which is evaluated by CEMarin administrative staff and/or the Scientific Committee in an expedited process, according to the criteria outlined above.

If two proposals compete for the same funding source, the Scientific Committee will decide, based on scientific merit, which proposal will receive the seed grant.

**Note:** *Conflict of interests.* Any member of the CEMarin Scientific Committee who seeks involvement, in any capacity, with proposed or funded projects must inform the Scientific Committee and CEMarin administrative staff. They will be excused during any deliberation or review leading to a vote related to said proposal.

Stage 2: Successful seed grant applications will commence funding in stage two, with the objective of preparing an extensive proposal to receive funding from a primary agency. Preparing the proposal for the second stage includes acquiring preliminary data, travel, networking or holding meetings.

### Application steps and requirements

- The proposal must follow the application template found [here](#).
- The proposal must not exceed six (6) pages including the CV for principal researchers, budget, and references. Please use Times New Roman or Arial fonts, size 11, single line spacing, and normal margins.
- The application must be written in English.
- Proposals that do not adhere to these requirements may be rejected.

Documents must be submitted in PDF format to the CEMarin Scientific Project Manager at [scientificcpm@cemarin.org](mailto:scientificcpm@cemarin.org), with a copy to [convocatorias@cemarin.org](mailto:convocatorias@cemarin.org), with the email subject: *Application to Call No. 13 of 2018.*

The results of this call will be published periodically on the CEMarin website.

### Confidentiality and intellectual property

All applications will be treated as highly confidential. It is declared that no project, or part of a project, will be distributed, disclosed or replicated, nor will it be part of any other type of call outside the current one.

### **Commitments upon receiving the seed grant**

The end product of this call must be a proposal. The proposal must be submitted within twelve (12) months of receipt of the seed grant from CEMarin.

The submission of the final proposal may be carried out in one of the following ways:

1. The writing and submission processes is fully supported by CEMarin and the proposal is submitted for funding through CEMarin. In this case, the project will be fully managed by the Corporation.
2. The proposal is submitted in cooperation between CEMarin and the two partner institutions. In this case, the funds will be distributed between the partner institutions and CEMarin.
3. The proposal is submitted by the partner institutions involved. In this case, CEMarin will not take part in the management of the project but will be acknowledged as a funding source in the resulting publication.

The activities involved in building the proposal are defined independently by the recipients of the seed grant, though supervised administratively by CEMarin. The procedure for the execution of the grant will be defined by CEMarin according to the budget proposal approved.

For more information, please email your questions to [scientificpm@cemarin.org](mailto:scientificpm@cemarin.org)