

nexBio Amazônia for Researchers – Call

Bilateral research cooperation with the Latin American Region 2021-2024

The State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) has mandated the University of St.Gallen as the Leading House for the Latin American Region (LH) for bilateral collaboration with partner institutions in Switzerland and Latin America for the period 2021-2024 and to explore new research in the region.

The nexBio Amazônia aims to bring together Swiss and Brazilian startups and researchers who work in areas of the Amazon bioeconomy. This call for researchers is designed to allow participants to acquire knowledge and learn about the Brazilian Amazon bioeconomy field, get exposed to Brazilian research and business culture, and create connections with Brazilian partners. The nexBio Amazônia is executed by Swissnex in Brazil with the funding from the Leading House for the Latin American Region.

Aims and objectives

The nexBio Amazônia call's objective is to approximate researchers from Swiss universities to the Brazilian Amazon bioeconomy science and innovation landscape. It will be an opportunity to visit potential future partners, stakeholders, entrepreneurs, and researchers, and get to know the local environment with the support of Swissnex in Brazil and the Leading House for the Latin American Region.

The call is particularly useful for researchers who are already developing projects in the Amazon region (or are planning to do so), working on bioeconomy related topics, and who want to create a network of contacts for future projects.

Eligibility

The call is open to researchers affiliated with a Swiss university in any scientific discipline or field. All researchers of Swiss federal and cantonal universities, universities of applied sciences, universities of teachers' education, and public research institutions are entitled to apply. Research institutions in Switzerland must be accredited by swissuniversities.

A researcher can apply to this call regardless of their nationality.

Trip to Brazil

The Leading House will cover the following costs: flight tickets from Switzerland to Brazil, local transport, accommodation, and consumables during the program. Workshops, visits, and other sessions are included on the agenda. Meals and transport outside the official program are not included in the covered expenses.

The program will take place between 22 July and 2 August 2024. Swissnex in Brazil will share the full detailed program with the selected candidates some weeks prior to the trip.

For more information about the program, please visit: [nexBio Amazônia - Swissnex in Brazil](#)

Application

Applications shall be submitted in electronic format only. Candidates must submit their CV (maximum two pages) and a motivation letter (maximum two pages) describing:

- Candidate's research experience with bioeconomy, sustainability, or the Amazon region;
- Candidate's main study topics and research interests;
- Justification of why the applicant wants to join the program;
- Expectations of potential future developments of the candidate's research in the Amazon.

The CV and the motivation letter must be submitted to leadinghouse@unisg.ch, subject “**Application nexBio**”.

Please include the following details in the e-mail text:

- Name;
- Last Name;
- Date of Birth;
- Gender;
- Nationality;
- Postal Address;
- Postcode;
- City;
- E-mail;
- Mobile Phone;
- Academic Degree (e.g., PhD, Master);
- Swiss University;
- Department of Swiss University;
- Discipline;
- Previous participation in another Leading House call.

Evaluation and selection of participants

The Leading House for the Latin American Region and Swissnex in Brazil teams will evaluate the applications and select participants according to their research fit with the program, potential for future collaborations with the Amazon region, and diversity.

Timeline

Call launch:	May 31, 2024
Deadline for submission:	June 14, 2024
Notification:	June 21, 2024
nexBio Amazônia Program	July 22 – August 02, 2024

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