

Social Research Call

# At a glance



The Social Observatory of "la Caixa" Foundation launches an open and competitive call for **high quality social research** projects that rely on data to provide robust quantitative evidence and insights about current and emerging **social challenges** through an **original and innovative approach**.



Open to **researchers from all disciplines** in social sciences and humanities whose research focuses on current or emerging social challenges, shedding light on social phenomena and providing a better understanding or assessment of social issues in the Spanish and/or Portuguese context.



**Results orientated funding scheme** leading to at least one scientific publication in an indexed journal, a dissemination article for a lay audience and one knowledge brokering activity.



**Straightforward application process.** Two-stage submission process: 3-page short proposal followed by 15-page full proposal for shortlisted applications.



**Up to 100,000 euros** per awarded project and up to 24 months of duration. Successful applicants will be invited to join "la Caixa" Foundation's Social Research Talent Network.

## Ground-breaking selection process



**Multidisciplinary panels:** Evaluators will come from a range of different fields of knowledge.

**Stakeholders involved:** Experts from outside of academia will play an active role in the selection of proposals.

**Thorough assessment:** Selected proposals will be assessed by up to 27 independent experts with wide experience in their fields and proven skills in evaluating research proposals.

**Blind-reviewed:** Proposals will be anonymous until the final stage in order to foster equal opportunities for the best ideas.

## Evaluation criteria



**Originality, novelty and scientific soundness:** Proposals are expected to offer an original perspective, use novel concepts, new methodologies and approaches and/or be cutting-edge in the management of data.

**Social relevance:** The proposal must address a relevant social issue(s) bringing significant benefits for society.

**Data-based methodology:** Proposals have to rely on quantitative data analysis techniques to produce data-based knowledge and reliable evidence for decision-makers in policy and practice.

**Proven expertise:** Project leaders and research teams must clearly show that they have appropriate experience to carry out the proposed project.

## Timeline

