

## CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

### CAF Research Program on Health and Social Inclusion in Latin America

Latin America has made great progress towards improving the health of its population, as evidenced in the sharp drop in child mortality and in the sustained increase in life expectancy observed in the last decades. However, many health related problems are still to be solved, such as child malnutrition (stunting affects ten percent of children below five years old) or some infectious diseases, like dengue and malaria, which are endemic in many countries. In the recent past, many Latin American countries introduced reforms aimed at strengthening health systems and universalizing access to health care. Still, a considerable number of individuals remain without effective access, even for the most basic medical services. At the same time, the demographic changes are increasing the incidence of chronic diseases, challenging the sustainability of health systems in the region.

CAF's Socioeconomic Research Department is inviting researchers to submit research proposals addressing a wide range of health-related issues, with an emphasis on the connection between health and social inclusion. Both empirical and theoretical contributions are welcome. A list of proposed topics is: *public health, health prevention, health related behaviors, mental health, insurers'/providers' competition and choice, mixed private-public health care systems, market regulation and incentives, human resources, national, social and private insurance, risk adjustment, high cost drugs, long term care, and policy evaluation and assessment*. Although suggestive, this list is not exhaustive and any other well posed question of relevance for Latin America will also be considered.

Proposals should be sent to [investigacion@caf.com](mailto:investigacion@caf.com). Winning proposals (up to **three**) will receive **USD 15,000** to finance the research. The authors of the **two best** proposals are expected to present their results in the workshop "*Frontiers of Health Economics Research in Latin America*", that will be held in Boston.

#### Important information

- Deadline for submission of proposals: **February 15, 2017**.
- Announcement of winners: **February 25, 2017**.
- Submission of first draft: **June 30, 2017**.
- Presentation of the paper in the *workshop "Frontiers of Health Economics Research in Latin America"*, in the context of the 12th World Congress in Health Economics organized by IHEA (**two best proposals**): **July 8, 2017 (Boston, USA)**. CAF will cover travel expenses (economy class airfares and 2 nights of lodging) for one author of each of the two selected projects.
- Submission of final version of the paper and a policy brief summarizing the main results: **October 30, 2017**. Final papers will be part of CAF's working paper series, but authors will be free to publish them in academic journals.
- Format: There is no specific format or length limit. Proposals are accepted in Spanish or English. The main requirements are a clearly defined question and details on the methods and data to be used in answering it. Proposals that exploit a novel dataset and/or have a clear identification strategy will be favored.
- Selection committee: CAF's researchers (Lucila Berniell, Pablo Brassiolo and Dolores de la Mata), Ana Balsa (Universidad de Montevideo), Matilde Machado (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid) and Marcos Vera-Hernández (University College London). While evaluating the proposals the committee may ask the author/s for clarification or further information if they consider it necessary.