"la Caixa" Foundation launches an open and competitive call for **excellent 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** whose research focuses on current or emerging social challenges, shedding light on social phenomena and providing a better understanding or measurement of social interactions in the context of or replicable to Spain and Portugal.

1.5 million euros available to be awarded to projects of 100,000 euros and up to 24 months duration.

Funding scheme oriented towards **results** delivered through at least one scientific publication in an indexed journal, a dissemination article for a lay audience and one knowledge brokering activity.

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

**Timeline**

**20 MAY**
Deadline for short proposals

**JULY**
Call opening for full proposals

**15 SEPTEMBER**
Deadline for full proposals

**30 NOVEMBER**
Resolution announcement

**27 APRIL**
Call opening

**JUNE TO JULY**
Preselection

**SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER**
Selection

**19-20 NOVEMBER**
Interviews

**1 JANUARY 2021**
Start of projects

**Disruptive selection process**

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

**Stakeholders involved:** Practitioners and stakeholders will play an active role in the selection of proposals.

**Thoroughgoing assessment:** Granted proposals will be assessed by up to 25 independent experts with wide experience in their fields and proven skills in evaluating research proposals.

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

**Evaluation criteria**

**Originality and novelty:** Proposals are expected to offer an original perspective, use novel concepts, new methodologies and approaches and/or be disruptive 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 that deliver reliable evidence for decision-makers in policy and practice.

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