

**2018 CALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
FOR THE PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH PROJECTS
NATIONAL ACCREDITATION COMMISSION**

“Learnings, Diversity in Higher Education and Challenges for Quality Assurance”

The National Accreditation Commission (hereinafter and interchangeably the Commission or CNA –for its initials in Spanish) invites researchers from Chilean and foreign higher education institutions, study centers and private and public bodies associated with Quality Assurance to participate in the fourth call for research projects on affairs inherent to the endeavor of the Commission.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1. Aware of the task assigned by the regulations in order to continuously improve the accreditation processes of institutions and higher education programs, the Commission has considered as necessary to foster the development of research in this field, supporting the funding of high-quality research projects that allow for broaden the available knowledge base. This will also allow for increasing the understanding that the community has regarding the operation and impact of quality assurance, objective that the Commission has specifically established as a priority by the Commission. To that end, the Commission has created a special fund intended for funding research projects setting a thorough prior assessment system. These Bases develop and explain the call, in terms of eligible projects, available funding, application process, assessment, award and follow-up of the selected projects.

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1. The National Accreditation Commission has determined as thematic framework in this call the analysis of the current needs of the quality assurance, projections of futures scenarios and the challenges arising from the actors comprised. It is expected that the investigations contribute from the academic reflection to the design or orientation in policies in the area and to the development of the system as a whole.

- 2.2. This call focuses on selecting research projects and funding the execution of the original researches that fall within the framework of the national higher education quality assurance systems. It is expected that the investigations can detect potential improvement opportunities and support the introduction of modifications to the existing instruments in order to progress towards the better fulfillment of the objectives and functions they perform.
- 2.3. In order to strengthen bonds of cooperation and knowledge creation with the quality assurance systems from other countries, in this version, apart from the funding line of national projects, CNA could select a project led and sponsored by a foreign institution.

3. RESEARCH LINES

This call will fund research projects which address some of the research lines shown hereinafter:

3.1. Funding line for national projects

- 3.1.1. On-line and mixed (semi distance learning) modalities: current situation and challenges for quality assurance in Chile.
- 3.1.2. Internationalization and its effect on quality improvements on PhD programs. Evidence and results.
- 3.1.3. Diversity of conditions for admission to higher education: quality assurance focused on equity and inclusion.
- 3.1.4. Teacher Training through continuity of studies: How to assure quality and equivalence regarding the teachers' initial training?
- 3.1.5. Learning from the institutional diversity in professional institutes and technical training centers as a result of the certification and quality assurance processes.

3.2. Foreign projects funding

- 3.2.1. Pending challenges with regard to certification and quality improvement systems: learning, new modalities and articulation results in the undergraduate-graduate-postgraduate system.

4. ELEGIBLE PERSONS

4.1. Within the framework of this call, the academic and management personnel of Chilean and foreign higher education institutions, as well as, researchers in study centers and public and private bodies related to quality assurance may present research projects in order for them to be funded by the Commission, provided that they are sponsored by the institution they work for. National projects must fall in the framework of the research lines established in clause 3.1, and foreign projects must comply with the research lines established in clause 3.2.

4.2. The Principal Investigator (PI) must observe the conditions here below:

4.2.1. To be a Natural Person

4.2.2. To have the Chilean Citizenship or a Residence Permit, should they be foreigners, for the national funding line.

4.2.3. To be foreigner or have Chilean citizenship and not living in Chile, for international funding line.

4.2.4. To be the holder of –at least– one certificate of professional or licentiate's degree granted by an officially accredited institution in Chile or abroad.

4.3. The following persons are not allowed to participate at this call as a Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator:

4.3.1. Members of the National Accreditation Commission (Commission members).

4.3.2. Officials of the *Secretaría Ejecutiva* (Executive Secretariat) of the National Commission for Accreditation, including the Executive Secretary.

4.3.3. Spouses, live-in partners or their relatives to third degree of consanguinity or to second degree of affinity of the persons mentioned in sections 4.3.1 and 4.3.2.

4.3.4. Person who has any type of formal understanding in force with the Commission when applying.¹

¹ The restrictions defined around the maintenance of any of the current links address the participation of the Investigator in some of the Advisory Committees or Area committee as an evaluator in any accreditation process (in force) at the application moment or in the capacity of CNA Consultant.

- 4.3.5. Persons who participate in the consulting or evaluation process in this call.

Likewise, any fact that remains impartial to the applicants and/or selected, should be informed immediately to the Commission, who will analyze the continuity of the application and/or project.

5. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1. Each Project must be submitted by a Principal Investigator who is sponsored by an institution with legal status in Chile –for the national funding line– or abroad –for the international funding line–. Each Project may include up to four (4) co-investigators (COI).
- 5.2. The projects must be original research works which aim to increase the available evidence regarding the operation of the quality assurance system of higher education and/or to multiply the theoretical approaches for their analysis. The selected projects are expected to contribute to a better understanding of the systems and that also allow for powering reviews and adjustments of the sector policies, all within the research lines framework established in section 3.
- 5.3. Projects comprised by a bigger one may be submitted (for application), ongoing or not, provided that they meet with the originality requirement and other selection criteria established in this document when considered as an independent project.
- 5.4. Only one proposal per Principal Investigator will be accepted. In turn, Principal Investigators may not be Co-Investigators in other proposals. Should a Principal Investigator submit more than one proposal, or be a Co-Investigator in one or more proposals, all the proposals in which this person appears will be declared as non-compliant with the terms and conditions of this grant.
- 5.5. Each research proposal must observe the principles and responsibilities specified in the “Singapore Statement on Research Integrity.”²

² Read more <http://www.singaporestatement.org/statement.html>

6. PROJECT FUNDING AND EXECUTION TIME

- 6.1. CNA will select and fund to a maximum of four (4) projects, among which three (3) may be national projects and one (1) international project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the foreign call is declared void, the Commission may select 4 national projects that meet the requirements defined in these terms and conditions. The Commission will provide funding for the selected projects by means of fixed fee contract, which must be undersigned by the Principal Investigator.
- 6.2. The amount to be allocated per national Project will be seven million pesos net (\$7, 000,000), and for the international project, eight thousand US Dollars (USD 8,000). Both modalities will be paid as set in section 13.3.
- 6.3. The duration of the Project will be ten (10) months, starting from the date of the contract mentioned in section 6.1. The term of the contract will be established in accordance with the program intended for the complete development of the project.

7. APPLICATION

- 7.1. The application of the projects will be carried out via the online platform of the Call, which is available on the website www.cnachile.cl.
- 7.2. To apply, the forms established by the Commission must be used, available at the on-line application platform. Projects in Spanish, Portuguese and English will be received.
- 7.3. Every project must provide a valid e-mail address which will be used as a mean of communication of all the CNA official notifications
- 7.4. The required application documents attached must be submitted in PDF format, not heavier than 2,048 kb, without protection or encryption.
- 7.5. Towards the deadline of the on-line application there will be no possibility of modifying nor adding new information and/or documents.
- 7.6. The Principal Investigators will guarantee the authenticity, integrity, and legibility of the information provided in the application.

8. STRUCTURE OF THE PROJECT

8.1. Research projects submitted within the framework of this call must include the sections here below:

8.1.1. Academic Background: in the corresponding section of the platform, the academic background information and personal details of the Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators of the Project must be provided.

8.1.2. Project Form. This section is comprises the elements hereinafter:

- (a) Identification of the Project
 - (i) Title of the Project
 - (ii) Executive summary of the project
- (b) Research Problems and Objectives
 - (i) Justification for the selected research line
 - (ii) Justification for research problem
 - (iii) Research enquiries
 - (iv) Hypothesis and assumptions
 - (v) Objectives
- (c) Conceptual framework
 - (i) State of the art
 - (ii) Theoretical framework
 - (iii) Bibliography
- (d) Methodology
- (e) Results and dissemination
 - (i) Expected results
 - (ii) Dissemination Strategy
- (f) Planning
 - (i) Budget
 - (ii) Work Plan
 - (iii) Gantt Chart

9. MANDATORY APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

9.1. The application documents detailed here below are considered to be essential in the submission of the projects. Not submitting one or more of them will be ground for declaring the applicant “non-compliant with the terms and conditions.” The following detailed list is exhaustive and mandatory, therefore not being able to be replaced by any other. The required documents are as follows:

- 9.1.1. Project Form: Available in electronic format on the application platform, whose content is mentioned in section 8.1.2.
- 9.1.2. Academic Background: available in electronic format on the application platform, on which both the Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators must provide information regarding their academic and professional background.
- 9.1.3. Profession or academic degree of each members of the project: simple copy of the degree obtained by the Principal Investigator and Co-investigators.
- 9.1.4. Valid national Identification card (national projects): a simple copy of the identification document of the Principal investigator and Co-Investigators.
- 9.1.5. Valid Passport (international projects): simple copy of the valid Passport of the Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators.
- 9.1.6. Affidavit: in accordance with the CNA format available on the application platform, in which the Principal Investigator and Co-investigators state that they do not have conflicts of interest with regard to the grounds established in section 4.3 of the these terms and conditions. An Affidavit of each member of the project must be attached.
- 9.1.7. Institutional Sponsorship Letter (Carta de Patrocinio Institucional): pursuant to the CNA format available on the application platform, in which the institution certifies that the Principal Investigator is linked to the sponsoring academic institution, that it will support the projects and fund the participation of the PI in the submission of the research in the Serie Cuadernos de Investigación en Aseguramiento de la Calidad (Research Bulletins Series on Quality Assurance) of the National Accreditation Commission, in the second semester of 2019 in the city of Santiago de Chile. This letter must be undersigned by the legal representative of the institution.

- 9.1.8. Simple copy of the document that verifies the legal representation of the undersigned of the Institutional Sponsorship Letter.

10. ADMISSIBILITY

- 10.1. After the application deadline, within a maximum period of 10 business days, the CNA will perform an admissibility exam which will verify the compliance with the submission of all the required documentation, conditions and requirements established in these terms and conditions.
- 10.2. The applications that pass the admissibility exam will move on to the next evaluation phase described in section 11. Those application that do not pass the admissibility exam shall be declared “non-compliant with the terms and conditions” and will not move onto the evaluation phase.
- 10.3. After the end of the admissibility exam, the projects declared non-compliant with the terms and conditions will be notified via e-mail at the address stipulated for purposes of communication with CNA in a maximum period of 10 business days.
- 10.4. Should there be confirmation of a non-compliance with any of the requirements and/or conditions established in these terms and conditions, omission or false statement of any piece of information, non-submission of the required documents or that the submitted information is not accurate, plausible or misleading; it will be considered ground for the application to be declared non-compliant with the terms and conditions.
- 10.5. With regards to the result of the admissibility exam, the Principal Investigator of the contest may file an appeal for reconsideration, provided for in Law N° 19.880. The time for filing the aforementioned appeal against the admissibility decision is a period 5 business days starting from the date of notification via e-mail. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the CNA Filing Office, located at Santa Lucia st. 360, 6th Floor, Santiago (from Monday to Friday, between 09:00 AM and 06:00 PM.)

11. EVALUATION

- 11.1. All the projects declared admissible will undergo the evaluation process.
- 11.2. The evaluation process comprises two phases:
 - 11.2.1. Peer review: this phase is carried out blindly and in accordance with the “peer review” methodology. Each project will be evaluated by two external evaluators, experts in the proposed topics,

who will grade the project according to the scale in 11.3 of the criteria 1 and 2 set in 11.4³. In the event of a discrepancy of 1.5 points or higher in the final score of both evaluations, CNA will request a third evaluation. In this last case, the two evaluations with the closest final scores are will be kept.

11.2.2. Panel Evaluation: in this phase, an Evaluation Committee (composed of three external evaluators, one full member of the Commission and one head of the Accreditation Department of the Executive Secretariat of the Commission) will evaluate the projects that obtain a final grade point average equal to or higher than four points (4) in the peer review phase. During the strategic evaluation criteria 1, 2 and 3 described in 11.4 will be graded, and the Evaluation Committee will use the grades obtained by the projects in the peer review phase as background data for the evaluation. Resulting from this phase, the Evaluation committee will disclose the final scores for each criteria and sub- criteria, and will create a list of the projects that will be funded by the Commission.

11.3. The scaled score used in the evaluation ranges from zero (0) to five (5) points (half points being allowed) and is defined as follows:

Score	Description	Significado
0	Does not qualify	The proposal fails to meet/address the criterion under examination or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
1	Poor	The proposal does not adequately meet/address aspects of the criterion, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
2	Fair	The proposal broadly meets/addresses the aspects of the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
3	Good	The proposal properly meets/addresses the aspects of the criterion, although it requires some improvements.
4	Very Good	The proposal meets/addresses the aspects of the criterion very well, although some improvements are possible.
5	Excellent	The proposal successfully meets/addresses all relevant aspects of the specific criterion.

³ In the peer Review phase, when excluding criteria 3, the point averages of the criteria and sub-criteria are proportionally redistributed in this manner: criteria 1 (82.5%), sub- criteria 1.1 (23.5%), sub- criteria 1.2 (23.5%), sub- criteria 1.3 (23.5%), and sub- criteria 1.4 (12%); criteria 2 (17.5%), sub- criteria 2.1 (17.5%)

11.4. 11.4 Related criteria, sub-criteria and weights to assess the projects are listed thereof⁴:

Criteria	%	Sub-criteria	%
1.- Quality of the Project	70%	1.1.- Objectives of the Project	20%
		1.2.- Conceptual Framework	20%
		1.3.- Methodology	20%
		1.4.- Feasibility, results and disclose	10%
2.- Relevance and Significance of the Project	15%	2.1.- Relevance and significance of Quality Assurance in Higher Education	15%
3.- Project Investigation Team	15%	3.1.- Quality and suitability of the investigation team for the project development	15%

11.5. The members of the Assessment Committee who are part of the same Academic Department of the Study Centers of any project proponent must declare themselves disabled from the discussion of the corresponding proposal. Likewise, members who are married to or those who are related up to the third degree of blood or to the second degree of family relationship with one of the investigators, or in case of any situation which might affect their impartiality will also have to declare themselves disabled.

12. PROJECT SELECTION

12.1. Should any of the projects reach a final examination equal or higher to four (4) points, the Commission will be entitled to declare the call unawarded.

12.2. Along with the formal notice of the results, CNA will be able to suggest amendments to the projects. The Principal Investigator will submit the amended Project, based on the suggestions made by the Commission. In such cases, the final decision of providing resources for the development of a project will depend on the case the Commission to reach an agreement with the Principal Investigator on the suggested amendments.

⁴ In number 18.3 of these grant terms and conditions, the guidance for the assessment process is explained.

13. CONTRACT SIGNATURE

- 13.1. The Principal investigator of each project will sign a fee contract with the Commission within 20 working days starting on the date of the award notice.
- 13.2. The Principal investigator will also undersign a *Declaración de Veracidad de la Información* (Affidavit of Authenticity of Information) which will be an integral part of the contract.
- 13.3. Once the Contract is signed and processed, the amount committed will be paid to the awardee in three installments, once these three milestones are met:
 - The first installment (equal to 30 % of the overall cost of the project) will be paid after the reformulated project is presented or the total processing of the agreement in case the proposal does not have any comments or observations.
 - The second installment (equal to 30 % of the overall cost of the project) will be paid after the submission of the progress report.
 - The third installment (equal to 40 % of the overall cost of the project) will be paid after the approval of the final report of the project and the completion of all the activities committed.

Should the principal investigator fail to comply with the above milestones, he will have to repay the funds granted by the Commission.

14. PROJECT FOLLOW-UP

- 14.1. Investigators who obtain financing for the development of their projects will commit themselves to conduct their investigations according to the program defined. Apart from the compliance with deadline and other formal commitments, investigators' work will reflect high quality, accuracy and originality standards.
- 14.2. Each project funded by CNA will be subject to a follow-up process conducted by an external evaluator, hired for this purpose by the Commission. This evaluator will make sure that the project complies with all the requirements and he will be responsible for reviewing the progress report, the final report from the awardee and accompanying the investigation process in accordance with the CNA terms. Besides making some comments on the project development, the evaluator will recommend the Commission the approval or rejection of the said reports.

14.3. The Commission will submit the Principal investigators a program for the projects follow-up and the following activities:

- Project Start.
- Submission and Presentation of the Progress Report.
- Progress Report Assessment
- Submission and Presentation of the Final Report.
- Final Report Assessment.

15. RELATED REPORTS AND PRODUCTS

15.1. The Progress and Final Reports will be submitted in accordance with the formats set by the Commission which will be available in the call web site. Additionally, data grant terms and conditions, audio records and/or transcriptions of interviews related to the investigations will be added to the Final Report.

15.2. The final product will consist of an academic work that will be published in the *Serie Cuadernos de Investigación en Aseguramiento de la Calidad de la Comisión Nacional de Acreditación* (Research Bulletins Series on Quality Assurance of the National Accreditation Commission) (ISSN 0719-7896) for the 2019 version. The work will have a maximum extension of 35,000 words, excluding tables, graphs, diagrams and bibliography. The document will summarize the main findings of the research and establish its contribution to the study of quality assurance systems for higher education, offering recommendations on public policies regarding the line of investigation.

15.3. Related reports and products established in points 15.1 and 15.2 will be submitted additionally in Spanish, in case that is a project related to the financing line from abroad and submitted in Portuguese or English.

16. OBLIGATIONS

16.1. Applicants will be responsible for the accuracy, completion, readability and consistency of the information in the application, the curricular record, the project form and attached documents. Applicants will have to be able to submit all the records that the CNA seems appropriate during the eligibility, assessment and execution procedure.

16.2. Research reports created due to this call, as well as the rest of the reports and final product, will be an intellectual property of the Commission, which will also have the proprietary rights over them. Consequently the Commission will be entitled to edit, reproduce by any means, distribute and publish such reports, without prejudice to acknowledge, in all the cases, the moral right in their quality of authors of the corresponding investigators.

- 16.3. Database, audio records and/or transcriptions of interviews resulting from the undertaken researches for will be made available to the Commission. These will back up the findings described in the corresponding reports of the researches. Investigators and the Commission, both, will adopt the necessary measures in order to guarantee confidentiality of this information when required.
- 16.4. The sponsoring institution is committed to fund the cost implied in the principal investigator involvement in the research presentation in the *Serie Cuadernos de Investigación en Aseguramiento de la Calidad de la Comisión Nacional de Acreditación* (Research Bulletins Series on Quality Assurance of the National Commission for Accreditation) in the second term of 2019 in Santiago, Chile.
- 16.5. When a Project is under execution, the investigators will be able to make public use of the results obtained- whether definitive or interim-, only upon the authorization of CNA.
- 16.6. Regardless of the means of diffusion, it will be noted the intellectual property of the Commission and the financing granted for the development of the project indicating: CNA-Chile/Convocatoria Investigación 2018/Project Code.
- 16.7. Each amendment to the project and/or the work team originally established in the application will be modified and approved by the Commission.
- 16.8. The failure of compliance with the grant terms and conditions, adopted agreements or established deadlines will allow the Commission to demand to the principal investigator the anticipated termination of the contract. Likewise, the Commission will ask the principal investigator to repay the money, when appropriate, and will adopt any action deemed adequate.

17. CALL TERMS AND DISCLOSE

- 17.1. The open Call will be published in a daily newspaper of national circulation and the CNA website: www.cnachile.cl.
- 17.2. The grant terms and conditions will be published from the open call date on the Commission website, www.cnachile.cl and at its domicile: Santa Lucía 360, 6th Floor - Santiago, Chile.

17.3. Those who are interested in applying will be able to request in writing clarifications to these grant terms and conditions until March 30th, 2018. All consultations shall be sent to the following e-mail address: investigacion@cnachile.cl

17.4. The Call will be in accordance with the following schedule:

Activity	Date
Publication of grant terms and conditions and application process start	December, 2017
Close of the receipt deadline of consultations to the Call grant terms and conditions	March 30 th , 2018 at 04:00 PM, Santiago de Chile time
Close of the applications receipt deadline	April 20 th , 2018 at 04:00 PM, Santiago de Chile time
Examination of eligibility	April 23 rd – May 4 th , 2018
Projects assessment	May 7 th – July 27 th , 2018
Results publication and notification	July 31 st , 2018

11.5. The results of the Call will be published in the CNA website, www.cnachile.cl. Additionally, the applicants will receive an e-mail with the result.

18. APPENDIX: Evaluation Rubrics for the 2018 Call

The related criteria, sub-criteria and weights to assess the projects, and the corresponding rubrics to be applied in the assessment process described in point 11 of the grant terms and conditions are listed thereof.

18.1. Grading Scale

The scaled score used in the evaluation ranges from zero (0) to five (5) points (half points being allowed) and is defined as follows:

Score	Description	Significado
0	Does not qualify	The proposal fails to meet/address the criterion under examination or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
1	Poor	The proposal does not adequately meet/address aspects of the criterion, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
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3	Good	The proposal properly meets/addresses the aspects of the criterion, although it requires some improvements.
4	Very Good	The proposal meets/addresses the aspects of the criterion very well, although some improvements are possible.
5	Excellent	The proposal successfully meets/addresses all relevant aspects of the specific criterion.

18.2. Assessment Criteria

The related criteria, sub-criteria and weights used to assess the projects are listed thereof:

Criteria	%	Sub-criteria	%
1.- Quality of the Project	70%	1.1.- Objectives of the Project	20%
		1.2.- Conceptual Framework	20%
		1.3.- Methodology	20%
		1.4.- Feasibility, results and disclose	10%
2.- Relevance and Significance of the Project	15%	2.1.- Relevance and significance for Quality Assurance in Higher Education	15%
3.- Project Investigation Team	15%	3.1.- Quality and suitability of the investigation team for the project development	15%

18.3. Evaluation Rubrics

Criteria 1.- Quality of the Project (70%)

Sub-criteria 1.1.- Objectives of the Project (20%)

The following aspects will be considered for the assessment of this sub-criteria:

- a) Proper proof of the appointed line(s) of research.
- b) Clear definition of the investigation problem, proofing its importance and projection in the area.
- c) Correct research question(s) formulation, with the appropriate level of complexity allowing identifying the investigation approach.
- d) Hypotheses and assumptions can logically derive from the research questions and they are formulated in a precise manner.
- e) General objective and specific objectives are clearly defined and are consistent with each other and the investigation problem is raised, as well as the hypothesis and assumptions, and the research questions.

Sub-criteria 1.2.- Conceptual Framework (20%)

The following aspects will be considered for the assessment of this sub-criteria:

- a) Systematic and updated discussion of the state-of-the-art including major developments and limitations in the proposed research area.
- b) Clarity and accuracy of the theoretical approach and concepts for this research.
- c) Relevance of bibliographic references: the reference works are consistent with the proposed theoretical framework and the project objectives, as well as the recent progress in the research in the respective field of investigation.

Sub-criteria 1.3.- Methodology (20%)

The following aspects will be considered for the assessment of this sub-criteria:

- a) Adequate pragmatic approach to the investigation problem and the compliance with the established objectives.
- b) Methodological design consistent with the scopes of the research objectives.
- c) Identification and relevance of the analysis and sampling units, data production and analysis techniques to be developed.
- d) Scope and limitations analysis of the proposed methodology.

Sub-criteria 1.4.- Feasibility, results and disclose (10%)

The following aspects will be considered for the assessment of this sub-criteria:

- a) Feasibility of achieving the proposed objectives within the investigation framework.
- b) Contribution of the results expected to knowledge in the field or potential application.
- c) Design of a disclose strategies consistent with the expected results.

Criteria 2.- Relevance and Significance of the Project (15%)

Sub-criteria 2.1.- Relevance and significance for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (15%)

The following aspects will be considered for the assessment of this sub-criteria:

- a) Relevance of the results of the research for quality assurance in Higher Education.
- b) Importance of the research in relation to requirements and challenges of quality assurance in Higher Education.
- c) Transference and reproducibility of the investigation contribution to different actors who comprise the quality assurance systems in Higher Education.

Criteria 3.- Project Investigation Team (15%)

Sub-criteria 3.1.- Quality and suitability of the investigation team for the project development (15%)

The following aspects will be considered for the assessment of this sub-criteria:

- a) Academic and professional experience of the principal investigator and their co-investigators in accordance with the investigation project objectives.
- b) Relevance of the investigation team in relation to the theoretical-methodological approach proposed in the project.