

Call for Proposals 2026

Legs Lelong (Social Anthropology)

Submission deadline: September 15, 2026

Host institution: CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences and the CNRS Foundation.

Goals : “Legs Lelong” grants in social anthropology are awarded to finance «anthropological research on Amazonian cultures of Peru and the Amazonian regions adjacent to that country».

CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences and the CNRS Foundation are launching a call for projects in three Categories of the *Legs Lelong in social anthropology 2026*.

Category 1- Funding of one to three fixed-term contracts from our own resources for a maximum of one year, at PhD or post-doc level.

Category 2- Funding of field mission expenses for PhD students, post-docs and researchers.

Category 3- Funding for stays in France by young PhD students, post-docs and researchers in a CNRS laboratory.

Category 1 will be funded by CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences ; categories 2 and 3 by the CNRS Foundation.

How to apply

Projects submitted must clearly indicate the category chosen and include the following elements:

Category 1:

- a resumé with full contact information (postal address, e-mail, telephone).
- a motivation letter.
- a scientific project (5 to 10 pages maximum, including a one page summary).

- other relevant items may be added to reinforce your project's chances of selection.

Beneficiaries of a Legs Lelong contract (CDD) must perform their contract in France, in the research center which they are assigned.

Category 2:

- a resumé with full contact information (postal address, e-mail, telephone).
- a motivation letter.
- a scientific project (5 pages maximum, including a one page summary).
- a detailed budget (travel and living expenses).
- other relevant items may be added to reinforce your project's chances of selection.

Category 3:

- a resumé with full contact information (postal address, e-mail, telephone).
- a motivation letter.
- a scientific project (5 pages maximum, including a one page summary).
- other relevant items may be added to reinforce your project's chances of selection.

Candidates are required to send all relevant documents **joined together in just one file** (PDF format).

Deadline for reception of the complete submission is **September 15, 2026**

Registrations will be made only on NOA (information and management system for calls for projects) via the portal: <https://noa.cnrs.fr>

The Scientific Council will examine the projects submitted and draw up the list of beneficiaries, who will receive notification of their funding within three months after official announcement of the winners' names. The list of selected projects will be posted on CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences and CNRS Foundation websites.

At the end of their fixed-term contract or residency, the recipients of the Lelong Legacy must submit a research report to CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences and to the CNRS Foundation (**Lelong2026-rapport-NAME of candidate**), to be sent to: cnrs-shs.legs-lelong@cnrs.fr

**CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences and the CNRS Foundation
and its Scientific Advisory Board**

Bernard Lelong

Bernard Lelong worked many years in Latin America for an airplane company. Self-taught anthropologist, he concentrated his efforts in the study of the Lamista, an indigenous People of the Western Peruvian foothills of the Andes. He enthusiastically focused on their history and culture, paying particular attention to their perception of illness and knowledge of medicinal plants, leading to a large collection of ethnobotanical files. His publications include several papers in *Les Temps modernes*, and two books. One, co-authored with Jean-Luc Lancrey-Javal: *Cordillère magique* (prefaced by Marcel Griaule, published by Amiot Dumont in 1955); the other, bearing his sole name: *La Rivière du Maïs* (published by J.-C. Lattès in 1974), in which he describes his search for a lost expedition in the Peruvian Amazon.

After moving back to France, Bernard Lelong acquired a large estate in Sologne and lived off the benefits of his well-managed property. His earnings allowed him to finance several scientific expeditions in the Amazon. Wishing to turn his manor into a place where researchers “might find a peaceful environment to work in”, he chose CNRS as his heir. The first Lelong grants were awarded shortly after he passed away in 1980. The estate has since been sold and the money invested.

By this legacy, Bernard Lelong wished to support specialized anthropological research in the Peruvian Amazon. CNRS’s *Institut des Sciences Humaines et Sociales* offers several grants on a yearly basis to fulfill his wish and encourage such projects.

Scientific advisory board:

The Director of CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences and the Director of the CNRS Foundation have named a Scientific advisory board headed by the President of Section 41 of the French National Scientific Research Committee, or his/her representative.

Board members

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