

**INSTRUCTIONS TO FILL AND SUBMIT THE PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL
APPLICATION FORM FOR THE 2009 COMPETITION FOR SCIENCE
INSTITUTES, MILLENNIUM SCIENCE INITIATIVE**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The objective of the 2009 Competition for Science Institutes, Millennium Science Initiative (MSI) is to support new Science Institutes, according to the definitions and requirements specified in the Competition Basis. The Millennium Science Initiative Program is described in **www.iniciativamilenio.cl**.

Please send 9 copies of the proposal written in English, together with an electronic version in CD using Word/Excel format (not Acrobat), in a single file, to Oficina de Partes of the Ministerio de Planificación, in an envelope or package addressed to:

Concurso 2009 Institutos Científicos
Iniciativa Científica Milenio
Oficina de Partes de MIDEPLAN
Ahumada 48, piso 7
Santiago
Chile

Dispatches coming from outside the Metropolitan Region may be sent by certificate express mail or by bus, until the deadline, informing about this to the Millennium Science Initiative Executive Secretariat, sending the voucher per e-mail or fax (2) 6751650.

Deadline: Preliminary proposals will be **received** until **Friday, 22 January, 2010, at 12:00 hours.**

In case of any question concerning the application, please contact the Executive Secretariat of Millennium Science Initiative to the e-mail **icm@mideplan.cl**.

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

The preliminary proposal application form requests information about 4 items, that must be completed following the form's instructions. The document should be double sided printed using exclusively Times New Roman, 12-point font size, in 8 1/2 x 11 in. sheet, and stapled in the left upper corner.

All sections and documents of the English version **must be written in this language**, and will be remitted to the jury (Program Committee) as the only source of direct information. The information contained in the electronic version, must be identical to that contained in the printed version, and vice versa. **Do not include documents that haven't been specified in the competition basis**, since they will be excluded and will not be sent to the jury.

Items to be completed are:

- a) Item 1: Principal Investigator's information, name of the proposed Institute and statement of commitment to the Project.
- b) Item 2: Host Institution(s): Host Institution's information in which the project is pretended to be hosted, or institution(s) with which links will be established.
- c) Item 3: Summary of the Proposal: (2 – 5 pages). Brief outline explaining the concept of the Institute that is wanted to be created, including scientific investigation working areas, previous works of the group (if applicable), achievements that are expected to be reached in short and long terms, formation of human resources, plans of collaboration networks and outreach, and proposal of modality to achieve the goals.

Networking activities are aimed to increase the collaboration between your Institute and other national and international institutions, for sharing research benefits in the scientific area. Outreach activities are those intended to design and implement programs to establish connections and inform the private and public sectors, and the society in general, about the success and relevance of the research carried out in the Institute.

- d) Item 4: Scientific Staff: List of the professional scientific staff participating that must be conformed by a team of investigators, identifying the Associated Investigators that will act as Principal Investigator and as Deputy Principal Investigator, and the senior scientific staff. It must include the curricula vitae of the Principal Investigator and other Associated Investigators, indicating their experience as researchers. The Principal Investigator and other Associated Investigators must include a list of their publications, highlighting those five more relevant. Use the formats in the extension indicated in the forms.