



# SOLACI RESEARCH GRANT

The SOLACI Research Scholarship

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## **Mission of the Grant**

To improve knowledge or access to endovascular treatments in Latin America

## The Following Three Inclusion Criteria Must Be Met:

1. **The study must be conducted in Latin America**
2. **It must aim to achieve at least one of the fellowship's missions**
  - **Improve knowledge:** for example, "Prevalence of bicuspid valve disease in TAVI candidates in the XXX region," "Post-infarction mortality incidence with primary angioplasty," or "TAVI and heart surgery outcomes in severe aortic stenosis"
  - **Improve access:** for example, "Implementation of an infarction network in rural areas," or "Impact of a multidisciplinary team for the indication of percutaneous structural procedures"
3. **It must be within feasible limits**
  - The results must be presented within two years from the fellowship award date
  - The budget must be equal to or less than 15,000 USD





## The following study designs are not recommended

### Observational effectiveness studies

Observational efficacy studies (e.g., TAVI vs surgery in severe aortic stenosis, or coronary angioplasty with drug-eluting stent vs balloon with drug in STEMI, or similar)

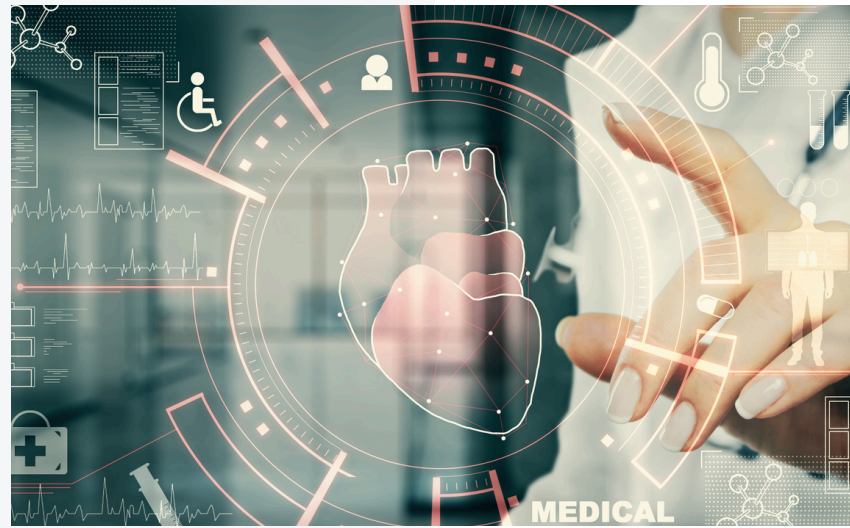
If an efficacy study (whether observational or randomized) is proposed, it must clearly explain why it is important to study this research question within the specific context of Latin America

### Evidence summaries

Systematic reviews, meta-analyses, or narrative studies (also known as "reviews")

If an evidence summary study is proposed, it is recommended to be a systematic review and must clearly explain why it is important to study this research question within the specific context of Latin America with its added value

## Total Grant Fund: 15,000 USD



### What does this mean?

The total amount for approved studies within the fellowship will not exceed 15,000 USD

For example, SOLACI may choose to fund:

- Two studies of 7,500 USD, or
- One study of 1,000 USD and another of 14,000 USD
- Or three studies of 5,000 USD
- Or any possible combination



### It is discouraged for the study's budget to exceed 10,000 USD

As it would leave little room for other studies unless the proposal is considered exceptional by the evaluation committee

## Steps to follow

1. **Complete the required documents**
  - Research Proposal
  - Budget Sheet
  - Timeline (Objectives over time)
2. Send all attached files in one email to **research@solaci.org**
3. The email must be sent by the principal investigator in charge
4. Submit the proposal before the deadline: **April 30, 2025**
5. Final decision: it will be published before **May 30, 2025**

**Proposals will be accepted only in English.**

# Research Proposal

Failure to adhere to the following guidelines will exclude the proposal from evaluation by our review committee

- Word document format
- A4 sheet, Arial 12 font, 2 cm margins, single spacing (1.0)
- Structure
  - First page with only the following:
    - Title
    - Authors
    - Affiliations
    - Contact
  - Second and third pages:
    - Introduction
    - Study Objective
    - Methods
  - Fourth page: References (American Medical Association, AMA format)
- A pre-formatted Word document is attached to simplify this



# Budget



Complete the Excel/CSV sheet detailing how the budget will be used



Up to 1,000 USD may be assigned for protected time of the principal investigator



At the end of the study, an accounting of the specified expenses will be required



An Excel preformatted file is attached to simplify the task. It contains an example at the end of the page



# Timeline

Complete a timeline as provided in the attachment

## **SOLACI CONGRESS 2026**

The results must be presented in a special session at the SOLACI Congress 2026

## **MARCH 2027**

The main manuscript of the study must be published before March 2027



## Evaluation Process

### Evaluation Committee

A committee composed of the SOLACI board and SOLACI Research representatives will evaluate the proposals and decide which one(s) will be selected to receive the fellowship

### Possibility of changes in the proposal

The committee may make changes to the budget and timeline if necessary, and the investigators must accept these changes to receive the fellowship

**Deadline for proposal submission: April 30, 2025**

**Final decision: It will be published before Friday, May 30, 2025.**

**We look forward to receiving  
your proposals!**