



A group of RMic's members submitted a proposal to the Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative – Expanding Global Access to Bioimaging\* in July, 2021. This proposal has been explicitly designed to strengthen collaboration within RMic, as well as other multi-user bioimaging facilities within the state of Minas Gerais, and then expand this effort to other regions of Brazil and Latin America.

If approved for funding, this group of bioimaging cores will make up the “Bioimaging Network for the Advancement of Biomedical Research – **BioIMG Net**. This new network will be a branch of RMic and count on its well-established administrative experience. A committee composed of one representative member for each institution involved in the BioIMG Net will be responsible for the general policy and strategic actions to reach proposed goals.

The BioIMG Net proposal aims to act on two fronts with importance for the development of bioimaging in the region: i) Obtain community, financial and political support for bioimaging in the biomedical field; ii) Disseminate scientific knowledge obtained via bioimaging by bringing together universities and research institutes with the public schools and the general public. The biomedical research done with the support of the BioIMG Net has a great potential to have a directly positive impact on the quality of life and health of all citizens in Brazil and Latin America.

\* <https://chanzuckerberg.com/science/programs-resources/imaging/>