

CAPES Global.edu Program

Call No. 05/2026 – BLUE LINK NETWORK

Fellowships for Postdoctoral Researchers with Experience Abroad

2027-1 Schedule

The Steering Committee of the Blue-Link Network – Research Network on Sustainability of Estuarine, Coastal and Oceanic Ecosystems for the Internationalization of Graduate Education, in the exercise of the responsibilities established in its Governance Plan, hereby announces this Call for Applications for Postdoctoral with experience abroad, to work effectively in the Graduate Programs participating in the Network, seeking to qualify and expand the network of international collaborations of the participating institutions.

1. OBJECTIVES

1.1 The objectives of this call are:

- I – to strengthen the internationalization of Brazilian graduate education;
- II – to reduce regional and institutional asymmetries between the Network's Graduate Programs;
- III – to consolidate strategic international partnerships of the BLUE-LINK Network; and
- IV – to promote scientific, technological, and social outputs aligned with the Network's thematic areas and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

2. GENERAL CONDITIONS

2.1 This call regulates and publicizes the selection process for the distribution of fellowships for Postdoctoral researchers, as shown in **Table 1**.

2.2 The implementation of the fellowship within the scope of the BLUE-LINK Network, after internal selection by each institution and indication by the Steering Committee, is the responsibility of the Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education (CAPES), which is responsible for its funding, following the specific rules of that Agency.

2.2.1 For the implementation of the fellowship, CAPES will request the signature of a Term of Commitment by the fellowship holder.

2.3 The receipt of the promotion by the candidates selected by the Network is subject to the fulfillment, by the candidate, of the procedures, requirements and schedules informed by CAPES.

2.4 The selection of candidates for the fellowships must comply with the following mandatory conditions:

- I – the candidate must be a doctor, Brazilian or foreigner, residing abroad and having relevant academic-scientific experience abroad (such as a full doctorate or postdoctoral degree for at least 12 months);
- II – the candidate must foresee in his/her plan of activities the performance of research and/or teaching activities in one or more Graduate Programs of the Network; and
- III – present all the documentation required in this call.

2.5 The duration of the fellowship depends on the fellowships available at each institution of the Network, as shown in Table 1 and must follow the schedule established by CAPES and indicated in section 9.

2.6 Fellowships not used by one institution of the Network may be distributed to other institutions, on the same schedule, following the prioritization criteria listed in section 7.6.

3. NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS

3.1 The availability of fellowships is linked to the institutions and themes of the BLUE-LINK Network.

3.2 Table 1 lists the number of fellowships available to start on the first day of **March to June 2027**, as provided for by each institution in the Network.

Table 1: Postdoctoral fellowships with experience abroad available in this call for proposals by institution and theme.

Institution	Themes			
	Biodiversity & Biotechnology	Climate Change	One Health	Food Safety
Fisheries Institute 6-month fellowships	1	1	1	1
UEFS 6-month fellowships	1	0	0	0
UEFS 9-month fellowships	0	0	0	1
UEFS 11-month fellowships	0	1	0	0
UEFS 12-month fellowships	0	0	1	0



UFDPar 6-month fellowships	1	1	0	0
UNIFAP 6-month fellowships	2	2	-	2

4. BENEFITS

4.1 According to CAPES Ordinance No. 1, of January 3, 2020, each fellowship includes the following benefits:

- I – installation assistance;
- II – travel assistance;
- III – health insurance assistance; and
- IV – monthly fellowship stipend.

4.2. These benefits total:

- a. for 6-month fellowships: BRL 40,850.00;
- b. for 9-month bags: BRL 57,650.00;
- c. for 11-month fellowships: BRL 73,900.00;
- d. for 12-month fellowships: BRL 79,500.00.

4.3 The receipt of health insurance aid by fellowship holders implies the obligation to contract health insurance valid for the entire period of stay in Brazil. Health insurance must necessarily include medical and hospital expenses, funeral repatriation and monitoring of at least one family member in Brazil, in case of serious occurrences. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the full refund of the amount received under this title, according to current CAPES regulations.

4.4 CAPES and the institutions participating in the BLUE-LINK Network are not responsible for medical, funeral or repatriation expenses, including those resulting from self-inflicted injury, which are not covered by the contracted health insurance, regardless of the cause of the event. In these cases, it will be up to the student's family to bear the costs of medical or funeral repatriation, when applicable, as well as other necessary procedures, abroad or in Brazil.

5. REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Participating Institution

5.1.1 The institution must:



- I – to promote wide dissemination of this call among the PPGs participating in the Network;
- II – to define and carry out the institutional process for the selection of candidacies;
- III – send to the Network Steering Committee the indication of the candidates **preliminarily** awarded with the fellowships available to the institution and, if any, the classification of alternate candidates, always by theme.

5.1.2 The schedule of the institutional process must consider, at least, deadlines for:

- I – registration by the candidates;
- II – approval of registrations;
- III – analysis and selection of candidates;
- IV – preliminary result;
- V – appeal period, according to section 8.1; e
- VI – Institutional final result.

5.1.3 Each institution must send to the Steering Committee, via a specific spreadsheet for this purpose, the following information, for each approved candidate (contemplated and alternates):

- I – data from the administrative focal point of the institution;
- II – theme;
- III – full name of the candidate;
- IV – situation of the approved candidate (if awarded a fellowship or alternate);
- V – placement of the candidate;
- VI – raw scores of the curriculum of each approved candidate (i.e., no score should be weighted by the maximum); e
- VII – duration of the fellowship that the contemplated candidate will receive or that will remain as an alternate.

5.1.4 It is the responsibility of each institution to keep, for 5 years, all candidates' documents and minutes related to the institutional selection process.

5.2 Steering Committee

5.2.1 The responsibilities of the Steering Committee are as follows:



IV – to decide on cases not expressly provided for in this Call for Applications.

above all, adapt to the Brazilian Legislation to stay in the national territory. This term is a fundamental requirement for accountability to CAPES.

6. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

6.1 Registrations must be made by the interested candidate according to the schedule available in section 9 and instructions from each institution, by sending the following documentation:

- I – registration form, contained in Annex I of this call;
- II – official identification document of the candidate with photo;
- III – work plan, with a maximum of 5 pages, indicating the schedule of activities and information that allows the evaluation of all the scoring elements indicated in section 7.4 II;
- IV – curriculum vitae of the candidate;
- V – proof of residence abroad, such as water and electricity bills, among other documents that prove the candidate's place of residence;
- VI – doctorate degree;
- VII – proof of completion of a Full Doctorate abroad or Post-Doctorate abroad for at least 12 months; and
- VIII – ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) identifier valid at the time of registration, to be informed directly in the registration form.

7. SELECTION PROCESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

7.1 All the requirements listed in section 5.4 and documents listed in section 6.1 of this call are a condition for application to the institution.

7.2 The selection will consist of the evaluation of the Curriculum Vitae or Lattes (40% of the final score), considering academic production from 2022 onwards; and evaluation of the work plan (60% of the final score). Both components shall be used for ranking purposes.

7.3 For women who during the curriculum evaluation period (from 2022 onwards) have become mothers, through the birth or adoption of children, the period considered for the analysis of the curriculum will be extended by 2 years for each pregnancy/birth or adoption that occurred in the period, considering the impact of motherhood on the scientific productivity of the



researchers. Candidates who meet this criterion must inform the dates of birth or adoption of the children in the application form.

7.4 The score of the curriculum Vitae/Lattes and the work plan will follow the following criteria:

I – Curriculum Vitae/Lattes assessment; articles shall be evaluated considering the Journal Citation Reports (JCR) Impact Factor:

Curriculum	Scoring
Granted patent	10 points
Patent application filed	2 points
Article published or accepted for publication in indexed journals, according to Impact Factor (IF). The score shall be reduced by 50% when the applicant is not the first author or corresponding author	$IF < 1 = 3$ points $IF 1 - 3 = 6$ points $IF > 3 = 10$ points
Full paper published in conference proceedings	2 points
Book published by an internationally recognized publisher	8 points
Book chapter published by an internationally recognized publisher (forewords, prefaces, and introductions shall not be considered)	4 points

II – Work plan:

Elements	Scoring
Justification explaining the intended contributions of the proposed work plan to scientific, technological, economic, social well-being, or environmental quality improvements	40 points
Adequacy of the planned activities considering BLUE-LINK Network aims and themes	25 points
Impact on the internationalization of the Graduate Programs participating in the BLUE-LINK Network	20 points
Justification for choosing the destination institution	15 points

7.4.1 Publishers will be considered internationally recognized when they demonstrate a structured editorial process involving peer review, a qualified editorial board, indexing in relevant academic databases, and an established academic reputation with a record of significant publications in the relevant field.

7.5 Each institution within the Network shall be responsible for all stages of its internal selection process and may establish additional selection criteria reflecting its specific characteristics and ensuring access for Graduate Programs affiliated with the Network. Institutions shall bear full responsibility for the evaluation and dissemination of results.

7.6 In the event that fellowship positions remain unallocated at one or more institutions, the Steering Committee shall redistribute these fellowships among alternate candidates according to the following order of priority:

I – candidates from affiliated institutions, ranked first according to the lowest Municipal Human Development Index (MHDI) of the municipality where the institution's administrative headquarters is located and, subsequently, according to their Curriculum Vitae/Lattes score; and

II – all remaining candidates, ranked according to their Curriculum Vitae/Lattes score.

8. APPEALS

8.1 Each institution shall ensure the possibility of appeals within its institutional selection process, in accordance with the schedule established in Section 9, allowing candidates one business day after publication of the institutional results to submit an appeal.

8.2 Appeals against the final Network results shall be submitted to the Steering Committee, in accordance with the schedule established in Section 9, by sending the request to capex.global@furg.br within one business day after publication of the results.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 This Call for Applications shall be conducted in accordance with the following schedule:

Stage	Deadline	Responsible Party
Publication of institution-specific procedures associated with this Call for Applications	By 20 July 2026	Office of Research and Graduate Studies (or equivalent body) of each institution
Institutional selection processes	Between 21 July and 20 September 2026 (according to the detailed schedule established by each institution, pursuant to Section 5.1.2)	Office of Research and Graduate Studies (or equivalent body) of each institution
Submission to the Steering Committee of information regarding approved candidates (awardees and alternates), organized by thematic area	25 September 2026	Office of Research and Graduate Studies (or equivalent body) of each institution
Review and publication of the Network's preliminary results	2 October 2026	Network Steering Committee
Appeal submission regarding the final Network results	5 October 2026, until 11:59 p.m. (Brasília Time)	Applicant



Publication of the final Network results	9 October 2026	Steering Committee
Nomination of awarded candidates through the CAPES system	12–30 October 2026	Theme Coordinator
Beginning of academic activities in Brazil	March–June 2027	Fellowship Recipient

10. OBLIGATIONS OF THE FELLOWSHIP HOLDER

10.1 The duties of the fellowship holder are:

- I – provide health insurance that mandatorily includes medical and hospital expenses, funeral repatriation and accompaniment of at least one family member in Brazil, in case of serious occurrences.
- II – sign the Grant and Acceptance of Fellowship Term, committing to comply with the work plan approved by the institution and to return to CAPES any benefits unduly received;
- III – to ensure the appropriate and necessary visa for entry and stay in Brazil before purchasing the ticket;
- IV – to remain in a regular migratory condition in Brazil throughout the course;
- V – inform the institution and the funding agency of the fellowship of any change in their migratory status;
- VI – to keep informed about obligations and commitments arising from the receipt of the fellowship, through regular consultation of the CAPES electronic portals;
- VII – send the documentation requested by CAPES;
- VIII – comply with the regimental rules of the destination institution to which he/she is linked and the rules of CAPES;
- IX – make reference to the funding granted by CAPES whenever there is disclosure, by any means, of actions or results obtained. The citation must be made in the language of the work, in the following terms: “This [type of activity, work, or disseminated result] was carried out with funding from the Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel – Brazil (CAPES), under the CAPES-Global.Edu Program, Process No. [process number].”; and
- X – to forward to the Network Steering Committee the final postdoctoral report, within a maximum period of 30 days from the date of return, containing, in a maximum of 5 pages, at least the following items: description of activities, submission or publication of article, patent deposit, presentation of work at events and submission or publication of chapters/books.



10.2 The accountability of the fellowship holder selected by this call will follow the current rules of CAPES.

10.3 The fellowship closure process will only be considered complete after the recipient has fulfilled all reporting obligations related to the study period in Brazil and has complied with all responsibilities established for former fellowship recipients.

11. FINAL PROVISIONS

11.1 Submission of an application under this Call for Applications implies the applicant's full knowledge and unconditional acceptance of all terms, conditions, and requirements established herein.

11.2 Requests for clarification concerning this Call for Applications may be directed to the contact email addresses designated by each participating institution.

11.3 Any cases not expressly addressed in this Call for Applications shall be reviewed and decided by the Steering Committee of the BLUE-LINK Network.

Issued on 3 July 2026

BLUE-LINK Network Steering Committee

ANNEX I

Application Form – Postdoctoral Fellowship in Brazil

Full Name:

CPF (Brazilian Individual Taxpayer Registration Number):

E-mail Address:

ORCID ID:

Country of residence:

Home Institution (if any):

Host institution in Brazil:

Host Graduate Program in Brazil:

Duration of the fellowship (Please verify the fellowship duration available for the selected thematic area and institution): () 6 months; () 9 months; () 11 months; () 12 months

Period in Brazil (month/year of arrival and departure):

BLUE-LINK Network Thematic Area (Please indicate the thematic area under which you are applying for the fellowship. Applicants should verify which thematic areas are covered by the Graduate Program of interest.)

() Biodiversity and biotechnology applied to the Blue Economy and its management

() Climate change, extreme events, and their socio-environmental impacts on estuarine, coastal, and oceanic ecosystems

() Human health in the context of One Health in estuarine–coastal regions

() Food safety and quality from estuarine, coastal, and oceanic natural resources

Information for women mothers, according to the call:

Date:

Applicant's Signature

