

CAPES Global.edu Program

Call for applications No. 04/2026 – BLUE LINK NETWORK

Visiting Professor Fellowship in Brazil

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, exercising the responsibilities established in its Governance Plan, hereby announces this Call for Applications for the selection of Visiting Professors in Brazil. The initiative aims to support effective engagement in the Graduate Programs participating in the Network, contributing to the qualification and expansion of international collaboration networks among 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 among the Graduate Programs participating in the Network;
- III – to consolidate strategic international partnerships within the BLUE-LINK Network; and
- IV – to promote scientific, technological and societal 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 allocation of Visiting Professor Fellowships in Brazil, as detailed in Table 1.

2.2 Following the institutional selection conducted by each participating institution and the nomination process coordinated by the Steering Committee, fellowship implementation under the BLUE-LINK Network shall be the responsibility of the Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education (CAPES), which shall provide funding in accordance with its regulations and procedures.



2.3 The awarding of funding to candidates selected through the Network is conditional upon compliance with all procedures, requirements, and deadlines established by CAPES.

2.4 Applications must comply with the following mandatory requirements:

- I – The applicant must be a faculty member or researcher holding a doctoral degree, residing abroad and affiliated with a foreign institution, with a recognized academic trajectory;
- II – The applicant's work plan must include the delivery of in-person courses, lectures, training activities, seminars, or academic disciplines at the host institution; and
- III – The applicant must submit all documentation required under this Call.

2.5 The duration of each fellowship depends on the fellowships available at each institution within the Network, as specified in Table 1, and must comply with the CAPES schedule presented in Section 9.

2.6 Fellowships not utilized by one institution may be reallocated to other institutions within the same intake, according to the prioritization criteria established in Section 7.4.

3. NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS

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

3.2 Table 1 presents the number of fellowships available for commencement between March and June 2027, according to the allocations established by each participating institution.

Table 1: Visiting Professor Fellowships in Brazil available under this call by institution and theme.

Institution	Themes			
	Biodiversity & Biotechnology	Climate Change	One Health	Food Safety
FURG 15-day fellowships	1	2	2	1
Fisheries Institute 15-day fellowships	2	2	2	2
Fisheries Institute 1 month fellowships	0	1	0	0
UEFS 15-day fellowships	1	0	0	3
UEFS 2-month fellowships	0	0	1	0
UEFS 9-month fellowships	0	1	0	0
UFDP 15-day fellowships	2	2	3	2

UFDPar 1 month fellowships	1	1	0	0
UNIFAP 15-day fellowships	3	0	-	0
UNIFAP 1 month fellowships	0	1	-	1

4. BENEFITS

4.1 In accordance with CAPES Ordinance No. 1 of January 3, 2020, each fellowship includes:

- I – Installation Allowance;
- II – Travel Allowance;
- III – Health Insurance Allowance;
- IV – Half monthly stipend (for stays of up to 15 days); and
- V – Monthly stipend (for stays longer than 15 days).

4.2. The total value of benefits is as follows:

- a. 15-day fellowships: BRL 14,650.00;
- b. 1-month fellowships: BRL 21,650.00;
- c. 2-month fellowships: BRL 36,050.00;
- d. 9-month fellowships: BRL 136,850.00.

4.3 Receipt of the Health Insurance Allowance obliges international fellows to obtain valid health insurance covering the entire period of stay in Brazil. The insurance policy must include coverage for medical and hospital expenses, funeral repatriation, and accompaniment by at least one family member in Brazil in the event of serious occurrences. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in full reimbursement of the allowance received, in accordance with CAPES regulations.

4.4 CAPES and the institutions participating in the BLUE-LINK Network shall not be responsible for medical, funeral, or repatriation expenses not covered by the health insurance policy obtained by the fellow, including expenses related to self-inflicted injury, regardless of the cause. Under such circumstances, these costs shall be borne by the fellow's family.

5. REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Participating Institution

5.1.1 Each participating institution shall be required to:



I – Ensure broad dissemination of this Call for Applications among the Graduate Programs participating in the Network;

II – Establish and conduct its institutional selection process for applications; and

III – Submit to the Network Steering Committee the nomination of candidates provisionally awarded the fellowships available to the institution and, where applicable, the ranking of alternate candidates, organized by thematic area.

5.1.2 The institutional selection schedule shall include, at a minimum, deadlines for:

I – Submission of applications;

II – Validation of applications;

III – Evaluation and selection of candidates;

IV – Publication of preliminary results;

V – Appeal period, in accordance with Section 8.1; and

VI – Publication of the final institutional results.

5.1.3 Each Higher Education Institution (HEI) shall submit to the Steering Committee, through the designated reporting spreadsheet, the following information for each approved candidate (awardees and alternates):

I – Information regarding the institutional administrative focal point;

II – Thematic area;

III – Full name of the candidate;

IV – Candidate status (fellowship awardee or alternate);

V – Candidate ranking position;

VI – Raw Curriculum Vitae scores for each approved candidate (scores shall not be normalized or weighted against the highest score); and

VII – Fellowship duration assigned to the selected candidate or associated with the alternate candidate position.

5.1.4 Each institution shall be responsible for maintaining, for a period of five (5) years, all candidate documentation and official records related to the institutional selection process.

5.2 Steering Committee

5.2.1 The responsibilities of the Steering Committee shall be to:



- I – Publish and disseminate this Call for Applications throughout all institutions participating in the Network;
- II – Reallocate fellowships not utilized by one institution to alternate candidates from other institutions, in accordance with the prioritization criteria established in Section 7.4;
- III – Approve the final list of selected candidates and alternates for fellowship implementation and forward it to the Theme Coordinators; and
- IV – Resolve cases not expressly addressed in this Call for Applications.

5.3 Theme Coordinator

5.3.1 The Theme Coordinator shall be required to:

- I – Nominate the fellowship awardees through the CAPES system, in accordance with the schedule established in Section 9; and
- II – Inform the Steering Committee of any irregularity or issue arising during the nomination of fellowship recipients or the implementation of fellowships by CAPES.

5.4 Fellowship Applicant

5.4.1 The eligibility requirements established in this Call for Applications are mandatory, and failure to comply with any provision shall result in rejection of the application by the Graduate Program.

5.4.2 Applications may be submitted by faculty members and researchers who simultaneously meet the following requirements:

- I – Hold a doctorate degree;
- II – Reside outside Brazil;
- III – Be affiliated as a faculty member or researcher with an institution located abroad;
- IV – Demonstrate recognized expertise and scientific competence in their field of specialization; and
- V – Have a significant academic record, particularly during the previous five years.

5.4.3 The International Visiting Professor shall be solely responsible for obtaining the appropriate visa required for entry into Brazil under the category corresponding to the activities to be undertaken, with validity compatible with the planned period of stay and, where applicable, permitting contract extensions in accordance with Brazilian legislation. Accordingly, all individuals traveling to Brazil to conduct academic activities, teach courses, deliver lectures,



or undertake research activities shall contact the Brazilian Consulate in their country of residence before traveling and shall comply fully with all applicable Brazilian immigration and residency regulations.

6. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

6.1 Applications shall be submitted **by the interested Graduate Program** in accordance with the schedule established in Section 9 and the specific instructions issued by each participating institution. Applications must include the following documentation:

- I – Application Form, as provided in Annex I of this Call for Applications;
- II – An official photo identification document of the applicant;
- III – A work plan consistent with the proposed fellowship period;
- IV – The applicant's Curriculum Vitae; and
- V – Identification of the Graduate Programs that will benefit from the Visiting Professor's appointment, together with a statement explaining the expected contributions and impact of the proposed activities on those Graduate Programs.

7. SELECTION PROCESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

7.1 Compliance with all requirements set forth in Section 5.4 and submission of all documentation specified in Section 6.1 of this Call for Applications shall constitute mandatory conditions for eligibility in the institutional selection process.

7.2 The merit review, evaluation, and ranking of applicants shall be based on the following criteria related to the applicant's Curriculum Vitae and Work Plan:

- a) Quality, consistency, and relevance of the applicant's academic output in relation to the objectives of the BLUE-LINK Network: 2 points;
- b) Applicant's experience in the field of knowledge associated with the proposed work plan: 3 points;
- c) Availability to co-supervise students affiliated with the participating Graduate Programs: 1 point; and
- d) Feasibility and relevance of the proposed work plan, considering its contribution to the internationalization of the Graduate Programs participating in the BLUE-LINK Network: 4 points.

7.3 Each institution participating in the Network shall be responsible for all stages of its internal selection process and may establish additional evaluation criteria that reflect its specific

institutional context and ensure equitable access for Graduate Programs affiliated with the Network. Participating institutions shall assume full responsibility for the evaluation process and the dissemination of results.

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

- I – Candidates affiliated with participating institutions, ranked first according to the lowest Municipal Human Development Index (MHDI) of the municipality in which the institution's administrative headquarters is located and subsequently according to their evaluation score; and
- II – All remaining candidates, ranked according to their evaluation score.

8. APPEALS

8.1 Each participating institution shall ensure the availability of an appeals process within its institutional selection procedure, in accordance with the schedule established in Section 9. Applicants shall be entitled to submit an appeal within one (1) business day following the publication of the institutional selection results.

8.2 Appeals concerning the final results of the BLUE-LINK Network selection process shall be submitted to the Steering Committee, in accordance with the schedule established in Section 9, by sending the appeal request to capex.global@furg.br within one (1) business day following the publication of the institutional results.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 This Network selection call will be carried out according to 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	25 September 2026	Office of Research and Graduate Studies (or



(awardees and alternates), organized by thematic area		equivalent body) of each institution
Approval 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	Scholarship Recipient

10.1 Prior to the commencement of activities, CAPES shall require the selected fellow to execute a Fellowship Commitment Agreement, which shall specify the approved duration of the fellowship and the corresponding period of stay at the host institution.

10.2 All financial and technical reporting obligations applicable to fellowship recipients selected under this Call for Applications shall be governed by the CAPES regulations in force at the time of implementation. The fellowship shall be deemed formally concluded only upon completion and approval of all required reporting procedures.

10.3 The fellowship recipient shall submit to CAPES, within sixty (60) days following the end of the fellowship period, the following supporting documentation:

- a) A final report describing academic outputs and activities carried out during the fellowship period;
- b) Copies of passport identification pages and the official Brazilian entry stamp;
- c) Copies of travel tickets (electronic tickets issued by the airline or other documentation containing travel information);
- d) Copies of boarding passes; and
- e) Proof of valid health insurance coverage for the entire period spent in Brazil.

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 Those contemplated in this call must refer to the funding granted by CAPES, within the scope of Notice No. 13/2025 Program CAPES-Global.Edu, 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].".

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

11.4 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 – Visiting Professor Fellowship in Brazil

Full Name:

E-mail Address:

ORCID ID:

Home institution /Country:

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): () 15 days; () 1 month; () 2 months; () 9 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 scholarship. 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

Date:

Applicant's Signature

