

MOBILITY CONFAP ITALY CALL

The call opens on May 21st, 2018 and will close on July 31st, 2018.

Brazilian State Funding Agencies (FAPs), articulated through the Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies (CONFAP), are launching a call for proposal offering support to researchers from Brazil, based in Brazilian higher education and research institutions, who are willing to working in research in Italy, in collaboration with local colleagues.

The present call is based on the Cooperation Agreement between CONFAP and the University of Bologna, acting as Technical Secretariat of the network of Italian Universities.

The objective of the agreement is to facilitate and support effective collaboration between the Parties for scientific, technological and innovation cooperation, through the mobility between the two countries of PhD students, Master students (*Mestrado* or *Laurea Magistrale* students) and post-docs.

The call offers support for researchers in Brazil through **Scholarships**.

The Scholarship Awards offer an opportunity for researchers associated to universities and research institutes in Brazil to develop the strengths and capabilities of their research groups through research collaboration and reciprocal visits with a partner in some of the best research groups in Italy.

This call, launched by CONFAP, may be complemented by specific Guidelines issued by each one of the participating FAPs.

Such specific Guidelines must be consulted before preparing a proposal. The FAPs associated to this call are listed in section 6.

1 Eligibility

1.1. Eligible researchers based in universities and research institutions from the Brazilian States participating in this call are:

- a) PhD students
- b) Master students
- c) Post-doctoral researchers

- 1.2. The supporting FAPs, listed under section 6 of the present call, may require additional eligibility criteria, which will be announced in their respective guidelines, in association with this call. Applicants must consult their respective FAPs before starting to prepare a proposal.
- 1.3. All applicants must have a supervisor associated to a university in Italy.
- 1.4. Eligible host institutions in Italy are indicated in the MCI website, under the section dedicated to academic opportunities for Brazilian candidates:
<http://www.mci.unibo.it/en/brazilian-candidates/academic-opportunities>

2 Support offered

- 2.1 Support is offered in the form of Scholarship Awards, which may include different funding components, according to the Guidelines of the respective FAPs supporting this call.
- 2.2 The support offered within the present call will include:
 - a) For Master Students, support offered exclusively for research periods;
 - b) For Doctoral students, support offered exclusively for research periods;
 - c) Post-doctoral research.
- 2.3 No tuition fees will be charged by any side for any exchange mobility.
- 2.4 The values of the monthly scholarships will be indicated in the specific Guidelines issued by the respective FAPs which support the present call. (listed under Item 6 of the present call)
- 2.5 Additional requirements:

In case of mobility in the frame of projects with potential commercial value and from which industrial and intellectual property rights may arise, the host and the sending institutions are required to sign a specific collaboration agreement settling these matters. Such specific collaboration agreements will take into account applicable national legislations and international conventions.

3 How to Apply

- a) For researchers outside the State of São Paulo applications are available at: <http://sigconfap.ledes.net> (available from the 21st of May 2018).

b) Researchers from the **State of São Paulo must send proposals directly to FAPESP**. Please follow the specific guidelines for FAPESP at <http://www.fapesp.br/11763>
For further information, please contact confap.mci@gmail.com

4 Timeline

Announcement	May 21st, 2018
Deadline for submission	July 31st, 2018
Results	September 28th, 2018

5 Selection criteria

- 5.1 All applications will be assessed through a peer review process carried out by each of the participating FAPs, according to the following criteria:
- The quality of the proposed research project.
 - The academic performance and specific requirements indicated by the participating FAPs.
 - The academic performance of the supervisor at the host institution.
 - The record of accomplishment of the applicants, and the host organization in the area of proposed research.
 - The expected benefits for the career development of the Applicant.
 - The record of accomplishment and suitability of the Italian host organization in the area of proposed research.
- 5.2 Each participating FAP may announce its specific selection criteria in their respective Guidelines associated to this call.

6 Supporting FAPs:

The following Brazilian State Funding Agencies support the present call:

- Paraná - Fundação Araucária
- Pernambuco- FACEPE
- Federal District - FAPDF
- Alagoas - FAPEAL
- Amazonas - FAPEAM
- Goiás - FAPEG
- Maranhão - FAPEMA
- Mato Grosso - FAPEMAT
- Minas Gerais - FAPEMIG
- Piauí - FAPEPI
- Rio Grande do Sul - FAPERGS
- Espírito Santo - FAPES
- Bahia - FAPESB
- Santa Catarina - FAPESC
- São Paulo - FAPESP
- Paraíba - FAPESQ
- Sergipe - FAPITEC
- Mato Grosso do Sul - FUNDECT