

Postdoctoral scholarship associated with the Research Project “Political institutions, patterns of executive-legislative relations and government capacity”

Call to postdoctoral research position in the field of political representation and legislative polarization in Brazil

1. Summary:

The Political Institutions and Elections laboratory (NIPE) at the Brazilian Center for Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP) is receiving applications for 1 (one) postdoctoral scholarship in order to develop a research on political representation and legislative polarization in Brazil. This scholarship is associated with the Research Project “Political institutions, patterns of executive-legislative relations and government capacity” (FAPESP’s Thematic Grant 2016/14525-6), directed by Prof. Dr. Fernando Limongi. For more information please go to <https://bv.fapesp.br/en/auxilios/96322/political-institutions-patterns-of-executive-legislative-relations-and-government-capacity/>

The main goal of this postdoctoral research proposal, which was pre-approved by the Sao Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP), is to assess how voters’ preferences are taken into account by political actors when they need to make a decision. The research should systematically test how polarization at the mass level affects the behavior of political parties and legislators in Brazil. Hence, the postdoctoral fellow should build on the findings regarding legislative behavior extensively explored in previous editions of this FAPESP’s Research Project – Thematic Grant.

The starting point of the analysis is the acknowledgment of the political polarization process taking place in Brazil. The research should investigate how this process reinforces the connection between the electoral and legislative arenas. Specifically, the goal is to shed light on whether and how the attention of parliamentary action to its electoral effects is being affected by the polarization process.

The selected candidate is expected to participate in the daily and exceptional activities developed within the main research project, such as seminars and study groups. These activities take places in several universities and research centers in the state of Sao Paulo,

namely the Brazilian Center for Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP), the Research Center for Comparative and International Studies at the University of Sao Paulo, the LegU at the State University of Campinas and the Federal University of Sao Carlos. In order to fulfill the requirements regarding the scholarship, the postdoctoral fellow will be in charge of writing reports, managing data sets, participating in conferences and project's collective activities, conducting short courses for the members of the project and preparing papers that should be submitted to peer-reviewed journals.

The postdoctoral scholarship is offered by FAPESP in order to foster excellence in research centers by engaging young scholars in teaching, research, extension and, eventually, mentoring. The scholarship lasts 24 months, renewable for a further 12 months. The selected candidate will receive a (non-taxable) monthly fellowship in the amount of R\$ 7,373.10 and a grant, equivalent to 15% of the annual value of the fellowship, which should be spent in items directly related to the research activity. FAPESP regulates how the grant can be spent (<http://www.fapesp.br/4566>).

2. Application:

The call is open until September 28, 2019. Applicants should send an e-mail with the subject "Postdoctoral scholarship" to neciffch@usp.br containing the following documentation:

- i)** Lattes curriculum or Curriculum Vitae, if foreigner;
- ii)** Official graduate school transcripts;
 - a.** Transcripts must inform the criteria for approval or, alternatively, a declaration from the institution indicating the criteria.
- iii)** Certificate of PhD degree awarded;
- iv)** Research Project in accordance to the norms (see more in <http://www.fapesp.br/en/postdoc>). It should comprise (i) cover page with title and abstract, (ii) problem statement, (iii) expected results, (iv) scientific and technological challenges and the strategies and methods to overcome them, (v) working plan and schedule, (vi) dissemination, (vii) other funding, and (viii) references in no more than 20 pages.

3. Selection Process

The selection of candidates will be conducted in two stages. In the first stage the documentation of applicant will be examined. Those approved in this phase will be called for an interview on October 4, 2019. Applicants living outside Sao Paulo can request to be interviewed via videoconference.

4. Other information

Applicants should access FAPESP website (<http://www.fapesp.br/270>) in order to check all requirements and commitments associated with this postdoctoral scholarship.

5. Calendar

Applications:	Until September 28, 2019
Announcement of first stage approvals	Until October 1, 2019
Interviews	October 4, 2019
Selection announcement (final result):	October 7, 2019

Acceptance of the scholarship will still be pending FAPESP's analysis of the research project and plan of activities.