

Postdoctoral fellowship associated with the Research Project “Political institutions, patterns of executive-legislative relations and government capacity”
Call to a postdoctoral fellowship in the field of presidentialism and government coalitions: Brazil and Latin America

1. Summary:

The Political Institutions and Elections laboratory (NIPE) at the Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP) is receiving applications for 1 (one) postdoctoral (PD) scholarship to develop research on presidentialism and government coalitions in Brazil and Latin America. 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 comparatively assess the critical role of the extension of the legislative powers of the Executive and the internal organization of the legislatures on the modes of Executive-Legislative relations and on governmental performance in Latin American countries. Mainly, the research must focus on the relationship between agenda powers and the management of internal disputes within government coalitions. Thus, the project emphasizes the explanatory power of institutional variables and extends the study already implemented by the Thematic Project to the Brazilian case. The fellow should therefore develop research that answers the following question: do the varieties of presidentialism adopted in Latin American countries follow the same patterns of Executive-Legislative as in Brazil?

The selected candidate is expected to participate in the daily and exceptional activities developed within the main research project in the city of Sao Paulo-SP, Brazil. To fulfill the requirements regarding the scholarship, the postdoctoral fellow will be in charge of writing reports, managing data sets, participating in conferences and 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 granted by FAPESP to foster excellence in research centers by engaging young scholars in teaching, research, extension, and, eventually, mentoring. The fellowship is scheduled to start on April 1, 2021, and will last until March 31, 2022. 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 on items directly related to the research activity. FAPESP regulates how the grant can be spent (<http://fapesp.br/rt>).

2. Application:

The call is open until January 15, 2021. Applicants should send an e-mail with the subject “Postdoctoral fellowship” to neciffch@usp.br containing the following documentation:

- i)** Curriculum Vitae or Lattes Curriculum (for researchers residing in Brazil);
- ii)** Brief research statement (maximum of 4 pages), which should be related to the main theme of the fellowship as presented in this call;
- iii)** Graduate school transcripts;
- iv)** Certificate of Ph.D. degree awarded or, exclusively for candidates who have not yet completed their doctorate requirements, a letter indicating the probable date of the defense of the doctoral thesis, which must be no later than March 1st, 2021 (one month before the expected start of the fellowship).

The candidate for the Postdoctoral Fellowship must have completed the Ph.D. less than 7 (seven) years ago and is in good academic standing. The candidate who does not yet have the title of Ph.D. on the application due date must, if selected, complete all the requirements for this and be able to present a certificate of Ph.D. degree awarded by March 1st, 2021.

3. Selection Process

The selection of candidates will be conducted in two stages. The first phase will consist of the analysis of the documents delivered and will be eliminatory. The documents will be analyzed by the senior researchers of the thematic project according to the following criteria: (i) documentation is complete and meets FAPESP's requirements, (ii) candidate's experience in the field, and (iii) adequacy of the candidate's interest in the research topic. Candidates approved in this phase will be invited to a virtual/online interview, an instrument of the second stage of the evaluation, which will take place between February 8 and 11, 2021. The virtual platform on which the interviews will be conducted will be informed to the candidates later.

For more information on the requirements for the candidate and the commitments and activities required by FAPESP, please go to <https://fapesp.br/en/postdoc>

4. Schedule

Applications	Deadline: January 15, 2021
Announcement of first stage approvals	February 5, 2021
Interviews	February 8 – 11, 2021
Selection announcement (final result)	February 11, 2021

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