

Postdoctoral fellowship: GLOBALCAR Research Project (FAPESP/ANR)

“Global cars: a transnational urban research on vehicle informal economies (Europe, Africa and South America)”

Call to a postdoctoral fellowship

1. Summary:

The GLOBALCAR Research Project and the Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP) are receiving applications for 1 (one) postdoctoral (PD) scholarship to develop research on popular informal/illegal economic circuits of vehicles and spare autoparts. This scholarship is associated with the FAPESP's Thematic Grant 2020/07160-7, coordinated by Dr. Bianca Freire-Medeiros in Brazil and Dr. Sébastien Jacquot in France. For further information on this project, please go to:

<https://bv.fapesp.br/en/auxilios/107461/global-cars-a-transnational-urban-research-on-vehicle-informal-economies-europe-africa-and-south-ame/>.

More than an international comparative research, our team develops a multisited empirical research, at the intersection between urban and transnational scales. We assume that transnational mobilities inscribed in second-hand car economies reveal the reconfigurations of work in a post-Fordist context, as well as the mechanisms of social inequalities, conflicts and violence reproduction.

The main goal of this postdoctoral fellowship, endorsed by the Sao Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP), pertains to the synthesis of quantitative databases essential for the project's advancement. This involves not only the integration of diverse primary and secondary data sources, encompassing both quantitative and qualitative dimensions, but also producing original data. We expect to count on a proactive researcher, capable of programming, collecting, organizing, and analyzing different quantitative and cartographic databases, but who also knows how to work in a multi-methodological and multi-disciplinary environment.

The selected candidate is expected to speak and write fluent Portuguese and reside in São Paulo, Brazil, during the scholarship period. The scholarship holder must regularly participate in the Thematic Project's research activities, such as meetings and seminars, and dedicate themselves to specific tasks that include construction and analysis of databases using different primary and secondary sources, based on material already collected and to be collected. In short, the scholarship holder is expected to have the

profile of a data scientist and to assist project researchers, especially with the use of quantitative methods, in the preparation of joint manuscripts for analysis, presentations and publications.

The postdoctoral scholarship is granted by FAPESP to foster excellence in research centers by engaging young scholars in teaching, research and extension. The fellowship is scheduled to start on 1st of May 2024, and will last until 31st of March 2025.

The selected candidate will receive a (non-taxable) monthly fellowship in the amount of BRL\$ 9.047,40 and a grant, equivalent to 10% 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 15th March 2024. Applicants should send an e-mail with the subject “Postdoctoral fellowship” to Bianca Freire-Medeiros [bfreiremedeiros@gmail.com] containing the following documentation:

- i) Curriculum Vitae (in English or Portuguese) or Lattes Curriculum (for researchers based 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 – in English or Portuguese;
- iii) Graduate school transcripts;
- iv) Ph.D. diploma. Candidates who have not yet completed their doctorate requirements may present an official letter from their Graduate Program indicating the probable date of the defense of the doctoral thesis, which must be no later than 1st April 2024 (one month before the expected start of the fellowship).

The candidate for the Postdoctoral Fellowship must have completed the Doctorate less than 7 (seven) years ago and have an excellent academic history transcript. 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 April 1st, 2024.

3. Hiring Process

The committee will examine all documents presented and confirm the candidate's eligibility according to the following criteria: (i) documentation meets FAPESP's requirements, (ii) candidate's experience in the field, and (iii) adequacy of the candidate's interest in the research topic. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a virtual/online interview, which will take place between 26th and 29th of March, 2024.

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	Until 15 th of March
Announcement of first stage approvals	22 th of March
Interviews	26 th to 29 th of March
Selection announcement (final result)	1 th of April

Acceptance of the scholarship will still be pending FAPESP's analysis of the research project and plan of activities, to be prepared after approval.