

CAPES/Print CALLS ANNOUNCED AT UFMG

Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG) is pleased to announce four new Calls for Academic and Research Mobility for the year of 2020 under the auspices of the CAPES/Print program, a strategic initiative for internationalization of graduate programs at selected Brazilian institutions of higher education, funded by CAPES, an agency of the Brazilian Ministry of Education.

The Calls provide opportunities for researchers from international partner institutions to develop activities at UFMG and for UFMG researchers to develop activities at partner institutions abroad.

UFMG fosters research on four thematic areas engaged at solving some of the upcoming challenges faced by present and next generations: (1) sustainability, risk management and governance; (2) new technologies and frontiers of science; (3) health and well-being, and (4) human rights.

General Conditions: Proposals must be fully aligned with the institutional plan for internationalization of graduate programs at UFMG, available at <https://www.ufmg.br/prpg/capes-print>, and show evidence of interaction and technical-scientific cooperation between research groups at UFMG and abroad.

**The Calls are now open and
the deadline for submitting proposals is September 13, 2019.**

Applicants from international institutions must contact research partners at UFMG to submit a proposal. Further details are available at <https://www.ufmg.br/prpg/capes-print>. Final results of the application process will be announced on December 13, 2019.

Call 06/2019 for outgoing mobility: Sandwich Research Stay Abroad for PhD students (PDSE)

Fellowships granted for UFMG doctoral students for a research stay abroad (minimum of 6 (six) and maximum of 12 (twelve) months).

Applicants must be Brazilian or foreign residents with a permanent visa in Brazil; not hold a doctoral degree at the time of application; be regularly enrolled in a UFMG doctoral program subscribing to the CAPES/PrInt program, and comply with language proficiency requirements established by CAPES (see Appendix in the Call)

A work plan and a formal invitation letter from the host supervisor must be submitted, printed on the host institution letterhead, bearing an institutional address, and being signed and dated. The letter must clearly state length of stay at the host institution (MM/YYYY), working language specifications, facilities provided for research development and statement of tuition and fee waiving by the host institution.

Tuition and fees shall be waived for UFMG doctoral students. CAPES and UFMG shall not be responsible for expenses related to academic and research fees.

Call 07/2019 for outgoing mobility: Junior/Senior Visiting Professor Abroad (PVJE/PVSE – from UFMG to partner institutions abroad)

Fellowships granted to UFMG Faculty for research stays at partner institutions (minimum of 6 (six) and maximum of 12 (twelve) months).

Application requirements include being Brazilian or foreigner with a permanent visa in Brazil; holding a doctoral degree (recognised in Brazil in accordance with Brazilian law, in case of degrees obtained from a non-Brazilian institution). For applications to Visiting Professor fellowships a document attesting PhD completion, such as thesis defended, must be submitted. Applicants who earned a doctoral degree from 2009 onwards must apply for Junior Visiting Professor fellowships whereas applicants who obtained their doctoral degree before 2009 must apply for Senior Visiting Professor fellowships. The applicant must be a UFMG faculty member designated in a graduate program subscribing to CAPES/Print at UFMG. Applicants who have spent a CAPES-funded research stay abroad within the last 24 months prior to present application are not eligible.

A work plan and a formal acceptance letter from international partners abroad must be submitted, printed on the host institution letterhead, bearing an institutional address, and being signed and dated. The letter must clearly state length of stay at the host institution (MM/YYYY), working language specifications, facilities provided for research development and statement of tuition and fee waiving by the host institution

Tuition and fees shall be waived for UFMG researchers. CAPES and UFMG shall not be responsible for expenses related to academic and research fees.

Call 08/2019 for incoming mobility: Visiting International Professors (PVE)

Fellowships granted for internationally renowned researchers, working and residing outside Brazil, to teach courses, conduct training workshops, to lecture or coordinate seminars at UFMG (short stays of 15 days considering date of arrival in and departure from Brazil).

Applicants must be Brazilian or non-Brazilian residing and working outside Brazil (residents in Brazil are not eligible), holding a doctoral degree and having a record of relevant academic production, especially in the past 5 years, aligned with the goals of UFMG Graduate internationalization program.

Applications must be submitted by a UFMG faculty member through a formal letter, highlighting the candidate's potential to expand medium to long term collaboration with UFMG research groups towards CAPES/PrInt Program goals at UFMG. The letter must attest to the consistency and high quality of the candidate's expertise, providing full bibliographical references of their 5 most relevant productions.

The host faculty must provide a formal acceptance letter printed on the host institution letterhead, bearing an institutional address, and being signed and dated. The letter must clearly state length of stay at the host institution (MM/YYYY), working language specifications, facilities provided for research development and statement of tuition and fee waiving by the host.

Call 09/2019 for incoming mobility: Postdoctoral Fellows with Experience Abroad (PDEE):

Postdoctoral fellowships granted for researchers with international experience to work at UFMG graduate programs in all fields of knowledge (12 month stays).

Applicants must be Brazilian or non-Brazilian with international academic experience, holding a doctoral degree and having a record of relevant academic production, especially in the past 5 years, aligned with the goals of UFMG Graduate internationalization program. Candidates who have not yet completed their PhD must submit a statement by their doctoral thesis supervisor stating the scheduled date for thesis defence, which must take place prior to fellowship acceptance.

Applications may fall into one of the following two categories:

- Postdoctoral fellowships: targeting doctoral degree holders, residing in Brazil or abroad, with international academic experience, having a doctoral degree granted by a non-Brazilian institution, or having a doctoral or post-doctoral research stay (minimum of 12 months) outside Brazil, seeking to carry out research and teaching activities at UFMG.

- Early-career research excellence fellowships: targeting doctoral degree holders residing and working outside Brazil at the time of application, with international academic experience, having a doctoral degree granted by a non-Brazilian institution, or having a doctoral or postdoctoral research stay (minimum of 12 months) outside Brazil, seeking to carry out research and teaching activities at UFMG.

Applications must be submitted by a UFMG faculty member through a formal letter, highlighting the candidate's potential to expand medium to long term collaboration with UFMG research groups towards UFMG CAPES/PrInt Program goals. The letter must attest to the high quality of the candidate's expertise, providing full bibliographical references of his/her 5 most relevant productions.

The applicant must provide a formal letter of agreement with the host faculty's work plan, clearly stating period of stay at the host institution (MM/YYYY), and declaring acceptance of the fellowship granted in the terms of the rules of the Call.

Proposals Evaluation

Submitted proposals will go through a four-step evaluation conducted initially by an Expert Team and the Evaluation Committee appointed by the Management Group of the CAPES/PrInt Program at UFMG, and subsequently by the Management Group itself, as described below:

I - Eligibility Analysis.

II - Research Excellence Analysis.

III - Management Group Decision.

IV - Final Approval

Step I - Eligibility Analysis by a technical team at the Office of the Dean of Graduate Education (PRPG/UFMG) assessing proposal's compliance with the following requirements: complete and correct filling of application form; correct documentation and information submitted; compliance with eligibility requirements established in the Call. Proposals missing information or documentation or failing to meet the Call's deadline will be rejected. Upon completion of Step 1 applicants will be notified of the status of their proposals. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed about the grounds on which their proposals were rejected.

Step II - Research Excellence Analysis by an ad-hoc Evaluation Committee appointed by the Management Group. Two ad-hoc evaluators, external to UFMG, will assess proposals and evaluate them as "highly recommended", "recommended", "recommended with reservations", and "not recommended").

Step III - The CAPES/PrInt Program Management Group will carry out the final evaluation, based on external evaluators assessment, by scoring proposals on a scale from 0 to 100, and consensually considering the following criteria:

- Best ranked proposals in their academic merit.
- Potential for human resource development due to institutional relevance.
- Relevance to UFMG graduate internationalization program.

Upon completion of Step III, the Management Group will rank proposals into five levels:

Level 1 - proposals that will be recommended for funding by CAPES;

Level 2 - proposals that will be recommended for funding by CAPES, if Level 1 proposals are withdrawn or if additional funding by CAPES is available;

Level 3 - proposals which have achieved the required minimum score as established in the Call but have not been assigned priority for funding;

Level 4 - proposals which have not achieved the required minimum score as established in the Call;

Level 5 - Withdrawn proposals

Step IV - Final Approval - final evaluation results will be approved by UFMG Graduate Studies Council.

