

Post-doctoral fellowship program for innovation environment managers

1 – Which is the starting period to submit proposals?

According to Capes, proposals must be sent until March 15, 2015. The period to start the post-doctorate can be September 2015 or March/August 2016. Proposals starting in 2017 are not recommended.

2 – Is there a limited number of vacancies?

No, such number will rely on demand and merit of proposals submitted.

3 – Is it possible to consider other regions or countries besides those currently mentioned in the request for proposals?

Capes will make an addendum to the request for proposals authorizing to submit proposals to the Latin America, Canada and Asia, besides those locations already considered: Europe and the United States.

4 – In many post-doctorate requests for proposals, the host institutions may charge a fee. Is this the case of Capes?

Any agreement will be made between Capes and the host institution. If any fee has to be paid by fellowship holder, Capes will analyze case by case the possibility of bearing these expenses. This is an incumbency of the institution.

5 – May proposals be submitted to universities, which do not have any innovation environment connected therewith?

No. This is a specific request for innovation environments proposals, thus, the host educational institutions must be connected with these environments.

7 – Is there any list of classification for proposals?

Yes, in the event of waiver from any applicant initially approved, other proposals of the list may be considered.

8 – Will the geographic diversity be taken into account both in relation to the origin and in relation to destination?

As to the origin, yes, Capes takes this into account. Nevertheless, it is worth mentioning that the merit of proposals is the main evaluation criterion. The destination diversity is not taken into account, but yes the quality of the host institution.

9 – Which is the profile Anprotec and Capes are expecting from applicants to participate in this request for proposals and meet the purpose to which it was conceived?

The fellowship holders will represent Brazil, as well as the innovative entrepreneurship in other countries. It is essential that he/she is able to open effective relationship channels with other environments towards internationalization and qualification.

10 – Is it necessary a formal link of the science park (or innovation environment) abroad with a university at the place of fellowship?

No, the proposals may be submitted to innovation environment structures independent from universities, as it occurs in few world locations.

11 – Which are the formal procedures expected from the science park/university to conduct the fellowship and host the fellow? Any specific documentation is required?

It is essential that applicant receive an acceptance letter from the host institution. This letter must be formal; it must contain the signature of the head or representative of the innovation environment and refer to the work plan submitted in the proposal.

12 – What type of minimum support the fellowship holder expects to receive (acceptance and space to work, etc.)?

Capes does not analyze this merit.

13 – What type of relationship/production the fellowship holder will have to maintain/generate with the host institution?

The fellowship does not require a specific publication by Capes, but the fellowship holder is required to observe the work plan submitted in his/her proposal. Meetings held between Capes and the fellowship holders to check the status of activities have been very usual in the fellowship programs abroad.

14 – Will the fellowship holder have any internship relationship with the host institution, with a minimum period of weekly/monthly hours?

The post-doctorate fellowship is an internship, not requiring a minimum number of hours. It is essential the fellowship holder observe the work plan submitted in his/her proposal.

15 – Does the host institution need to formalize a cooperation agreement with any Brazilian institution to recognize referred internship?

No, under no circumstances. Anprotec is preparing a list of institutions appointed by its foreign partners, but this is only a suggestion, in order to facilitate the preliminary contact. There is no requirement to submit the proposals to these environments.

RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Capes requests applicants not to send a printed copy of *Lattes* Curriculum along with the proposal. However, it is essential that the proposal contain a link to this Curriculum for evaluation.
- The work plan must present a proposal for activities compatible with the period requested by applicant. For instance, a fellowship holder applying for a 12-month internship must submit a work plan for such period.