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**First Call - EXTENDED**

**Young Talent with Experience Abroad and  
Postdoctoral Researcher with Experience Abroad**

1. The call for applications to Young Talent and Postdoctoral Researcher with Experience Abroad fellowships within the scope of the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS) Institutional Internationalization Project (PII) under the CAPES/PrInt Program at PUCRS is made public, as follows.
2. Purpose
  - 2.1. This Call for Proposals aims to increase the number of young researchers with relevant academic and scientific experience in research and/or teaching activities in the Graduate Programs of the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS), associated with the applicant's area of expertise.
  - 2.2. This Call comprises the submission of proposals for the following funding category: (1) Fellowships from specific International Cooperation Projects (ICP) and (2) Fellowships awarded by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies (PROPESQ) according to broad themes.
  - 2.3. This call for proposals includes 2 (two) different modalities:
    - 2.3.1. **Young Talent with Experience Abroad:** for young talented researchers, from Brazil or abroad, who live overseas and have certified relevant academic international experience (such as having completed a Master's or Ph.D. or who have completed research internships at the Master's or Ph.D. level for at least 12 months) for teaching or research.
    - 2.3.2. **Postdoctoral Researcher with Experience Abroad:** for faculty or researchers, from Brazil or overseas, living either in Brazil or abroad, and who have certified relevant academic international experience (such as having completed a Ph.D. or who have completed Postdoctoral research for at least 12 months) for teaching or research.

2.4. The main goals of this call are:

- 2.4.1. Expand the international collaboration network of PUCRS' Graduate Programs;
- 2.4.2. Consolidate the Graduate Programs' international partners;
- 2.4.3. Encourage international partnerships that will effectively contribute to improved academic production from Graduation Programs at PUCRS;
- 2.4.4. To attract young researchers from abroad with an international background to PUCRS' Graduate Programs.

3. Duration and Available Fellowships

- 3.1. The number of available fellowships, including their duration and respective International Cooperation Projects (ICP) is listed in the document *List of available fellowships opportunities*, available on: <https://www.pucrs.br/print/calls-for-applications/>.
- 3.2. When available resources in the same or other fellowship modalities in the PCIs and the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies award, PUCRS will request CAPES the resource transformation to meet the eligible alternate list. CAPES is responsible for authorizing the requests.
- 3.3. Whereas the obligation to return by October 2024.

4. Eligibility Criteria

4.1. **Fellowships for Young Talent with Experience Abroad:**

- 4.1.1. Applicants must fulfill the following requirements to be eligible for the fellowship and considered a candidate for evaluation:
  - i. Must be residing abroad, mandatorily;

- ii. Have a valid Ph.D. degree **or** a minute issued by the university responsible for the doctoral title proving that the doctoral defense has the approval;
- iii. Have relevant academic experience abroad: Complete Full Master's or Ph.D. or Doctoral internships (Master's or Ph.D.) performed abroad for at least 12 (twelve) months;
- iv. Have outstanding scientific and/or technological production in the academic areas of PUCRS' Graduate Program of interest, as stated in the PII;
- v. The application must be submitted by a host researcher, affiliated with one of the Graduate Programs embraced by CAPES/PrInt Project at PUCRS;
- vi. The application must be in a knowledge area in affinity with the expertise of the host professor.

#### 4.2 **Postdoctoral researcher with experience abroad:**

4.1.2. Applicants must fulfill the following requirements to be eligible for the fellowship and considered a candidate for evaluation:

- i. Be a resident of Brazil or abroad;
- ii. Have a valid Ph.D. degree **or** a document issued by the university responsible for the doctoral title proving that the doctoral defense has the approval;
- iii. Have relevant academic experience proven abroad: Full Ph.D. or postdoctoral research internship completed abroad for at least 12 (twelve) months;
- iv. Have outstanding scientific and/or technological production in the academic areas of PUCRS' Graduate Program of interest, as stated in the PII;
- v. The application must be submitted by a host researcher, affiliated with one of the Graduate Programs embraced by PUCRS' ICP;

vii. The application must be in a knowledge area in affinity with the expertise of the host professor.

vi. The application must be in line with the strategic planning of the University and the PII.

5. Documentation for both scholarships

5.1. Only documents written in **Portuguese, English, Spanish, or French** will be accepted for application.

5.2. The following documents must be submitted:

5.2.1. **Application Form** duly signed and completed, of the corresponding modality, available in Appendix I – Young Talent with Experience Abroad or Appendix II – Postdoctoral researcher, of this Call;

5.2.2. **Applicant's Résumé:** Lattes CV for Brazilian applicants; Curriculum Vitae for non-Brazilians;

5.2.3. **Lattes CV of PUCRS host;**

5.2.4. **Copy of IDs:** RG and CPF for Brazilian applicants; copy of passport for international applicants;

5.2.5. **Plan of Activities**, designed jointly by the candidate and PUCRS' host researchers, as shown in Annex III of this Call:

5.2.6. **Letter of PUCRS host Graduate Program Coordinator**, indicating the department where the applicant will be placed. This document must be signed and contain the following:

I. Name of the applicant;

II. Approval of the plan of activities;

III. **Month and year of start and end of stay at PUCRS**, according to the period requested in the Application Form.

5.2.7. Certification(s) of experience(s) abroad;

5.2.8. Photocopy of the valid Ph.D. degree or a minute issued by the university responsible for the doctoral title proving that the doctoral defense has the approval.

5.2.8.1. The Ph.D. degree or a minute of the doctoral defense can be submitted until the nomination stage mentioned in item 6 - Schedule.

5.3. The candidate must submit the application documentation in **a single** .pdf file, in the order indicated in item 5 of this Call, to [diretoriapg.print@pucrs.br](mailto:diretoriapg.print@pucrs.br). Applicants can use free online tools to produce documents in this format.

5.4. The email subject should include "Application" and the pursued grant type (Young Talent or Postdoctoral Researcher).

5.5. The receipt of the documentation does not constitute the confirmation of the application, which will be published as stated in Section 6.

5.6. Applications submitted after the deadline stated in Section 6 will not be accepted.

## 6. Schedule

6.1 The schedule for fellowships starting in **January, February, and March 2024** is as follows:

Activity	Dates
Submission	August 10 to September 4, 2023.
Confirmation	By September 5, 2023
Analysis of proposals	September 6 - 13, 2023
Preliminary results	September 14, 2023
Appeals	September 15 - 18, 2023
Final results	By September 19, 2023
Nomination	September 21 - 27, 2023

## 7. Selection

7.1. Proposals will be analyzed as follows:

- 7.1.1. The Office for the Internationalization of Graduate Programs will check the applicants' documentation upon receipt, confirming or not the application;
- 7.1.2. A Selection Committee defined by the PII Management Committee will be responsible for analyzing the proposal and issuing a final decision.
- 7.2. Selection will take into consideration the documents submitted and the relevance of the research project. To embrace the different academic areas, evaluations regarding the documents and analysis of the relevance of the research project must be equal.
- 7.3. The following aspects will be taken into consideration in the evaluation of the relevance, quality, and classification of proposals:
  - 7.3.1. Applicant's previous experience: quality and regularity of the scientific production of the researcher in the area of the research project;
  - 7.3.2. Relevance of the project: relevance of the proposed research project in view of its impact on the academic area;
  - 7.3.3. Involvement between applicant and host researcher: academic qualifications of the host researcher and the applicant must be compatible;
  - 7.3.4. Cooperative actions: university/industry cooperation and insertion in local innovation systems.
- 7.4. When necessary, the following tiebreaker criteria will be used:

Criteria priority	Description
1º	The regularity and quality of scientific and technological production, as well as the experience of the applicant.
2º	Originality and relevance of the Research Project for scientific, technological development and results within the scope of the Graduate Program.
3º	Coherence between the knowledge area of the host teacher and the applicant.
4º	Full Ph.D. completed abroad.
5º	The longest experience abroad.

## 8. Result:

8.1. Results will be available on <https://www.pucrs.br/print/calls-for-applications/>.

## 9. Appeals

Applicants may appeal the final decision by sending an email to [diretoriapg.print@pucrs.br](mailto:diretoriapg.print@pucrs.br) the schedule in item 6 that Call for Application.

The CAPES/PrInt Program Manager Group at PUCRS will analyze appeals.

## 10. Awardee Benefits:

10.1. Financial support and benefits will be awarded according to Call 41/2017 CAPES/PrInt- Financed Items of Scholarship in Brazil (available at <http://www.pucrs.br/print/calls-for-applications/>).

10.2. Applicants are not entitled to any other benefits than those described in the document mentioned above.

10.3. Benefits are not extended to dependents.

## 11. Nominations

11.1. The applicants will be nominated by the Office of Graduate Programs through CAPES' [Sistema de Controle de Bolsas e Auxílios – SCBA](#).

## 12. Implementation of the Award

12.1. The award will be given by CAPES through the [Sistema de Controle de Bolsas e Auxílios – SCBA](#) and platform [Linha Direta](#). CAPES will email the applicant a password to be used by applicants in the system. The email address will be the same as the one that has been informed in the submission of the application.

12.2. Applicants must accept the award on the [Sistema de Controle de Bolsas e Auxílios - SCBA](#) and keep track of their status on the [Linha Direta](#) platform to have the award given.

## 13. Final Considerations

13.1. Host professor obligations:

- 13.1.1 Work closely with the scholar, make sure to comply with the program's guidelines and standards, and report on any problems or irregularities, as they will act as an interlocutor between the Office of Graduate Studies/PROPESQ and the grantee;
  - 13.1.2 In case the award is interrupted, inform the Office of Graduate Studies/PROPESQ as soon as possible and send a justification for the cancellation;
  - 13.1.3 To assist the international scholar in issues he/she may encounter related to their visit to Brazil including visa application, if necessary.
- 13.2. International applicants will be responsible for obtaining the appropriate visa to come to Brazil. The type of visa will depend on the activities to be developed. The visa must be valid for the period of the applicant's stay in Brazil.
  - 13.3. The awardees should mention the financial support received through the PUCRS Institutional Internalization Program granted by CAPES/PrInt Call N° 41/2017, in any publication of the results achieved under the program.
  - 13.4. Recipients may be required to hold seminars, write articles, and take part in events to exchange experiences.
  - 13.5. Upon conclusion of the fellowship, the awardee should submit a final report to [diretoriapg.print@pucrs.br](mailto:diretoriapg.print@pucrs.br) within 1 month, as per Appendix IV.
  - 13.6. As required by the CAPES/PrInt Call N° 41/2017, at least 70% of the financial resources should be allocated to proposals involving countries with whom CAPES has cooperation agreements.
  - 13.7. The awardee of this Notice must refer to the aid received by CAPES in all publications resulting from studies performed during the period of the fellowship received, using the following expressions, in the language of the work: "*O presente trabalho foi realizado com auxílio da Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior - Brasil (CAPES) - Código de Financiamento 001.*" "*This study was financed in part by the Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior - Brasil (CAPES) - Finance Code 001*".



- 13.8. This Call for Proposals follows Article 4, item 4.1.4 BOLSAS DO PAÍS and its sub-items 4.1.4.2 and 4.1.4.3 of CAPES Call 041/2017 – Program for Institutional Internationalization (CAPES/PrInt).
- 13.9. It is the sole responsibility of PUCRS to conduct the selection process and nominate applicants to CAPES. CAPES may, at its sole discretion, award the grant according to the requirements presented in the current version of Call 041/2017.
- 13.10. The implementation of the benefit is conditioned to the government and sanitary rules and regulations in force in Brazil and/or imposed by the PUCRS. PUCRS does not guarantee or grant any guarantee to grant benefit if it is canceled or revoked by CAPES.
- 13.11. PUCRS is not responsible for the implementation of the scholarship in the event of budgetary or financial restrictions, as well as for eventual budgetary cuts by CAPES.
- 13.12. If you have any questions or concerns on this Call, please contact the Office by [diretoriapg.print@pucrs.br](mailto:diretoriapg.print@pucrs.br).
- 13.13. The CAPES/PrInt Project Manager Group at PUCRS will resolve the cases not covered herein.

Porto Alegre, **August 28**, 2023.



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