

CAPES-University of Texas Research Program Guidelines

Note: The 2010-2011 Call for Proposals remains to be announced.

Objectives

The CAPES-UT Research Program supports collaborative research projects between Brazilian universities and The University of Texas System with the following objectives:

1. Develop human resources by supporting international training of graduate students, researchers, and faculty members;
2. Promote the exchange of scientific information and cooperation in scientific research; and
3. Enhance scientific production and the quality of the exchange through collaborative bi-national research.

Administration

The Office of the Vice Provost for International Programs at The University of Texas at Austin administers the program in the U.S. with the support of the Brazil Center of the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies.

The Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel Foundation < Offsite Link <http://www.capes.gov.br> > (CAPES) of the Ministry of Education will administer the program in Brazil

Application Guidelines

Proposals for the CAPES-UT Research Program should:

- Be innovative in their respective field at the institutional, regional, and national level, and make explicit the advantages of an international cooperation;
- Explain the relevance of the partnership with the Brazilian team;
- Propose joint publications;
- Propose jointly organized seminars or workshops;
- Include a minimum of two researchers in addition to a Principal Investigator holding a doctoral degree;
- Indicate the probable number of candidates for program and timeline for annual travel planned in the project;
- Demonstrate support from their departmental chair or program director;
- Plan activities with a maximum horizon of four years.

Research team should develop proposals jointly. Translations of the final proposal should be submitted electronically for review in English to the UT Austin Brazil Center at brazil@uts.cc.utexas.edu and in Portuguese to CAPES.

Financial Support

CAPES will provide financial support to Brazilian teams for work missions and student fellowships. The initial award will be for one year with funding renewable for up to four years contingent on successful implementation. The University of Texas will not provide financial support for UT teams. Teams project leaders should seek reciprocal funding from traditional sources such as public and private foundations.

Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated according to the objectives of the program. CAPES and The University of Texas will make independent evaluations of the proposals, and the final selection will be made jointly. Proposals with incomplete documentation or submitted after the deadline will not be considered. Proposals should include the following:

- Justification for partnership with the Brazilian team;
- Justification and description of the research topic;
- Theoretical foundation, objective, and methodology;
- Description of training objectives and methods to attain them;
- Description of available infrastructure and supplemental support offered by proposing team;
- Identification of future lines of inquiry in proposed field beyond the funding period;
- Timeline for awarding fellowships for study and research, specifying the candidates' associated areas of research;
- Budget;
- Curricula Vitae for all members of Brazilian and U.S. teams; and
- Proof of institutional support from departmental chair or program director.

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