



How to Get a Postdoc Position in Brazil?

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2007-2008: Postdoctoral position at the Brazilian National Institute for Space Research (INPE), São José dos Campos, SP, Brazil

- Scholarship from the Foundation for Research Support of the State of São Paulo (FAPESP)

2009: Visiting Researcher position at INPE

- Scholarship from the Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq)

In both cases, the scholarships were requested by a researcher in Brazil

- Same as I did in 2014, when I arranged a scholarship for my former PhD supervisor, within the framework of the “Science without Borders” program



How to proceed?

- Get some contact in Brazil: researchers in Universities or Institutes like INPE, because it is them who will actually submit the proposals!
- Help them with preparation of the proposal: I actually wrote my project (in English) while I was finishing my PhD at Southampton. My future boss at INPE translated everything into Portuguese and cast the whole thing in the format required by FAPESP. He knew how to do that... I did not!
- You will not be required to teach during a postdoc (generally!), especially at an Institute like INPE, so you will be able to get by with English at the beginning, and definitely at work.
 - But... Start learning Portuguese, if you really want to make the best of your experience... Outside work, it will make a difference! People in Brazil love foreigners, everybody will be helpful, and most young people can get around in English, but... If you make the effort to learn the local language you will be rewarded, as everywhere!



Thanks for your attention!

Any questions?



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CAPES PrInt (UFPE)

PostDoc / Young Talent

- 6 months
- Experience Outside Brazil (PostDoc)
- Resident Outside Brazil (Young Talent)
- 4.100 BRL / 8.000 BRL
 - + Health Insurance
- Including Flights

Visiting Professor in Brazil

- 15 days
- Resident Outside Brazil
- Linked to a Foreign University
- 7.000 BRL
 - + Health Insurance
- Including Flights

CAPES PrInt – Calls

- Only Open to a Few Pre-Selected Post-Graduate Programs
 - Autonomy of Implementation:
 - Each Department is Opening Their Calls (“Editais”) Whenever They Want
 - Each University Central Administration is Also Free to Open their own Calls
 - **But There is No Centralization of the Calls at the National Level**
- Getting in Contact with Colleagues in Brazil !

CAPES PrInt – Application

- Curriculum Vitae
- Proposals:
 - a. Introduction, justification and objectives;
 - b. Schedule of activities;
 - c. Contribution to the extension of teaching and research network, including new techniques and partnerships;
 - d. Relevance for the scientific and technological development of the area in Brazil in the medium and long term;
 - e. Relevance for the economic development and social welfare of Brazil.
- Submitted by the Sponsor/Program
 - Not an “Individual Application” like MSCA PF for instance...

CAPEs PrInt – Results and Grant Preparation



- Results Quickly Published on the University Website
- Implementation Pretty Straightforward
 - First Fellowship Installments Paid Directly on your European Bank Account
- CAPES:
 - Grant Term (in English !)
 - Access to “Linha Direta”
- University/Program:
 - Invitation Letters

CAPEs PrInt – Visa and Migration (when still in Europe)



- VITEM I: “Pesquisador Visitante” (Brazilian Consulate)
 - Passport;
 - Grant Term;
 - Invitation Letters;
 - Extract from Criminal Record;
 - Visa Application Form (OnLine);
 - Photo.
- TIPS:
 - *Create your CPF (Brazilian Tax/Identification Number) at your Local Consulate*
 - *Only Need a Birth Certificate (Multilingual European Version)*

CAPEs PrInt – Visa and Migration (once in Brazil)



- Policia Federal: Registration as Foreigner in Brazil
 - Setting Up an Appointment as Quickly as Possible
 - Pretty Straightforward
 - Receive a “Registro Nacional Migratório” (RNM) Number
 - (and, months later, a card – CRNM)
- TIPS: Brazilian Bank Account
 - *Absolutely Needed for Local Wire Transfers*
 - *And to Receive the Remaining Fellowship Installments*
 - *Brick-and-Mortar Banks:*
 - *Can be done with a “Temporary Certificate” + Proof of Residence*
 - *Digital Banks:*
 - *Need the Actual CRNM*

CAPES Print – Pros and Cons

What is Great?

- Pretty Straightforward
 - Friendly to Foreigners
 - Mostly Doable in English !!!
- Good Way to Discover the Brazilian Academia
 - For a First Teaching/Research Experience in Brazil
 - To Start New Collaborations

What Could be Better?

- Too short for an Actual Post-doc
 - Much Better for Visiting Professor
- Amounts Should be Updated
 - Short for Expensive Urban Centres like São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro
- Onboarding Process
 - Introduction to the Host University

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- 3-12 months
- Renewable for up to 4 years (for Foreigners)
- 3 “Levels”:
 - Assistant Professor – PV III
 - +- 8.000 BRL
 - Associate Professor – PV II
 - +- 12.000 BRL
 - Full Professor – PV I
 - +- 15.000 BRL
- No Flights or Health Insurance Included

Professor Visitante – Calls

- Each University Has its Own Calendar:
 - Variations Between Universities;
 - Sometimes, No Call at All.
 - Again No Centralized Repository
- Getting in Touch with a Brazilian colleague !

Professor Visitante – Application

- Curriculum Vitae
 - “Lattes” Type
- Proposal:
 - Work Plan;
 - Research Project;
 - Declarations of Support by Host Program and Institute.
- Evaluation Criteria:
 - Contribution to the Host Program “Internationalization”;
 - And support to “Interiorization”.
 - Feasibility of execution of the work schedule, given the period of permanence.
- Submitted by the Sponsoring Program
 - Internal Administrative Process

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Results and
Contract Preparation



- Results Published on the University Website
 - But Without an Integrate Communication Platform (like CAPES)
- Entering the Brazilian Bureaucratic Maze
 - Only in Portuguese
 - Based on the Brazilian Public Administration Rules

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Visa and Migration
(when still in Europe)



- Residency Authorization as a Worker in Brazil:
 - Authorization from the Ministry of Labour;
 - Authorization from the Ministry of Public Security;
 - Extensive Additional Documentation:
 - That Have to be Officially Translated into Portuguese;
 - Can Take up to 3 Months:
 - Before Being Able to Even Start the Visa Process.
- Visa Application (at your local Brazilian Consulate)

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Visa and Migration
(once in Brazil)



- Policia Federal:
 - Same as CAPES PrInt
 - Extensive Health Exams
 - By the Host Institution Itself
 - Additional Documentation
 - Again, only in Portuguese
 - A Brazilian Bank Account Number
 - Only in a Brick-and-Mortar Bank
 - Contract Signature by the Rector and Publication in the DOU
- Can delay the first wage payment by 1 or 2 months at least

Professor Visitante – Pros and Cons

What Could be Better?

- Application Process:
 - Calls neither Standardized nor Centralized.
- Bureaucratic Process:
 - Long and Complicate;
 - Unfriendly to Foreigners;
 - Only in Portuguese.
- Onboarding:
 - Mentoring.

What is Great?

- Full Immersion in the Brazilian Academic System:
 - For “Experienced” Foreigners;
 - As a Step Towards a Permanent Position.
- Allow Projects of Longer Duration:
 - Including Students Orientation and Scientific Initiation.
- Good Financial Conditions:
 - Acknowledging Previous Academic Experience.



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