

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS No. 01/2026
CONVERGE NETWORK
SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS FOR
VISITING PROFESSOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN BRAZIL

The Management Committee of the **CONVERGE Network: Science for a Sustainable Future**, under the CAPES-Global.edu Institutional Internationalization Program established by CAPES Call for Applications No. 13/2025, hereby announces the opening of the selection process for scholarships under the **Visiting Professor in Brazil (PVB)** category to support academic, scientific, technological, and innovation-related activities in 2027 by researchers residing abroad, within the scope of the Thematic Projects approved by the CONVERGE Network, in accordance with [CAPES Call for Applications No. 13/2025](#), the Network's Institutional Internationalization Project, and applicable legislation.

1 PURPOSE

1.1 This Call for Applications establishes the selection process for scholarships under the Visiting Professor in Brazil (PVB) category. The process consists of the following stages:

I – review and ranking of applications by a Selection Committee established for each Thematic Project within the CONVERGE Network;

II – approval of the results by the Coordinator of the respective Thematic Project; and

III – review by the Management Committee to ensure that the selection process has been conducted in accordance with the applicable documentary and procedural requirements, followed by formal approval of the results, provided that the requirements of this Call for Applications and applicable CAPES regulations have been met.

1.2 Following formal approval of the final results, the Project coordinators will be responsible for nominating scholarship recipients, administering and monitoring the awards, and overseeing the submission of required financial and programmatic reports. These activities will be carried out in coordination with the Office of the Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies at the recipient's home institution and the Network's Management Committee, in accordance with the rules and procedures established by CAPES, including CAPES Call for Applications No. 13/2025, CAPES Ordinance No. 289, dated December 28, 2018, and other regulations applicable to the Visiting Professor in Brazil (PVB) category.

1.3 Applications may be submitted under Thematic Projects approved as part of the Network's institutional proposal, provided that they are related to at least one of the following strategic areas:

I – Information and Communication Technologies (ICT);

II – Climate Change and Sustainability;

III – Health Innovation: Promotion, Prevention, and Integrated Approaches to Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases and Health Conditions;

IV – New Chemical, Biotechnological, and Nanostructured Products and Their Applications;

V – Citizenship, Language, Culture, Education, and New Technologies;

VI – Energy, Green Technologies, and Sustainable Transition;

VII – Geometry and Nonlinear Methods.

1.4 This Call for Applications is intended for candidates selected through the internal selection processes conducted by the Thematic Projects approved under the CONVERGE Network.

1.5. Each Thematic Project shall conduct its own internal selection process, in accordance with a project-specific call for applications and through a Selection Committee, following the provisions, requirements, and criteria set forth in this Call for Applications.

1.6 Following approval of the results of the internal selection process, the selected application(s) shall be submitted to the Management Committee by the coordinator of the respective Thematic Project.

1.7 Applications submitted directly by a candidate or by the coordinator of a Graduate Program, without prior selection by the respective Thematic Project, will not be considered.

1.8 For purposes of this Call for Applications, the following definitions apply:

I – **Network member institution:** Federal University of Ceará (UFC), University for International Integration of the Afro-Brazilian Lusophone Community (UNILAB), Federal University of Juiz de Fora (UFJF), Federal University of Roraima (UFRR), Federal University of Pampa (UNIPAMPA), or Federal University of Piauí (UFPI);

II – **Thematic Project:** a project or subproject approved as part of the CONVERGE Network's institutional proposal;

III – **Thematic Project coordinator:** the faculty member responsible for coordinating a Project or Subproject approved under the CONVERGE Network;

IV – **Project faculty member:** a faculty member formally affiliated with the team of an approved Thematic Project or Subproject;

V – **Thematic Project internal call for applications:** the selection notice issued by the Thematic Project coordinator and prepared in accordance with this Call for Applications; and

VI – **CONVERGE Network Management Committee:** the Network’s governing body responsible for coordinating, supervising, and monitoring the implementation of the CONVERGE Network Institutional Project, as well as exercising the responsibilities established under CAPES regulations and the Network’s institutional instruments.

2 INSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIVES

2.1 The selection of candidates for Visiting Professor in Brazil (PVB) scholarships shall be guided by the institutional objectives established by CAPES, the CONVERGE Network Institutional Project, and the internationalization plans of the participating institutions, with the aim of:

I – attracting internationally recognized researchers and leaders with distinguished scientific or technological records to carry out activities at the institutions that comprise the CONVERGE Network;

II – strengthening the Network’s Graduate Programs, research groups, and Thematic Projects through research, teaching, mentoring, innovation, human resource development, and international collaboration;

III – expanding and consolidating international research networks, collaborative projects, joint publications, institutional agreements, and other internationalization initiatives;

IV – promoting the transfer of knowledge, techniques, technologies, methodologies, and expertise to the institutions that comprise the CONVERGE Network;

V – increasing the international visibility and impact of the scientific, technological, artistic, and cultural output of the participating institutions; and

VI – contributing to the advancement and enhancement of teaching, research, innovation, and graduate education within the CONVERGE Network through the engagement of researchers with established expertise gained at institutions in different countries, fostering the exchange of knowledge, methodologies, and best practices and supporting the development of new research areas, methods, technologies, and training strategies within the Network’s Graduate Programs and participating institutions.

3 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Candidates for Visiting Professor in Brazil (PVB) scholarships may be selected provided that they meet the requirements set forth in this Call for Applications and applicable CAPES regulations.

3.1.1 Applicants must, at a minimum:

I – hold a doctoral degree or equivalent qualification;

II – reside outside Brazil at the time of application;

III – have an established record of research excellence in their field;

IV – demonstrate relevant academic, scientific, technological, artistic, or cultural achievements, particularly over the past five (5) years;

V – submit a work plan linked to a Thematic Project approved under the CONVERGE Network;

VI – be available to remain in Brazil for the period or periods specified in the work plan;

VII – obtain, when applicable, the appropriate visa to enter and remain in Brazil for the activities to be carried out; and

VIII – meet all other requirements established by CAPES and this Call for Applications.

3.2 Visiting Professors may be Brazilian or foreign nationals, provided that they reside outside Brazil and meet the other requirements applicable to the scholarship category.

3.3 The work plan must demonstrate alignment with the relevant Thematic Project and the corresponding strategic area of the CONVERGE Network.

4 AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

4.1 The number of scholarships available under the Visiting Professor in Brazil (PVB) category, as well as their respective periods of validity, shall be determined by the coordination of each CONVERGE Network Thematic Project, subject to the quotas approved under the Institutional Project, the provisions of CAPES Call for Applications No. 13/2025, and the criteria established in this Call for Applications.

4.1.1 The Visiting Professor's stay may be continuous or divided into up to three periods in Brazil over the course of one year.

4.1.2 Each stay shall be at least fifteen (15) days in duration and must be specified in advance in the work plan.

4.1.3 The periods of stay shall be registered by the Brazilian higher education institution (HEI) in the CAPES system when the scholarship is nominated.

4.1.4 If the stay is divided into multiple periods, the scholarship recipient shall be entitled to only one travel allowance and one settling-in allowance.

4.1.5 Monthly scholarship payments shall be made exclusively for the periods during which the scholarship recipient is physically present in Brazil.

4.1.6 For a stay of up to fifteen (15) days, half of the monthly scholarship amount shall be paid. For a stay exceeding fifteen (15) days, the full monthly amount shall be paid, in accordance with CAPES rules.

4.2 Quotas allocated for the 2027 fiscal year that are not used during the corresponding periods may not be carried over to a subsequent fiscal year, unless expressly authorized by CAPES.

5 SELECTION AND CRITERIA

5.1 Internal Selection by the Thematic Projects

5.1.1 The Coordinator of each Thematic Project shall establish a Selection Committee responsible for the documentary review, merit evaluation, and ranking of applications.

5.1.2 The internal call for applications shall comply with the provisions, requirements, and minimum evaluation criteria established in this Call for Applications and shall include a schedule covering, at a minimum, the following stages:

I – eligibility requirements;

II – evaluation and ranking criteria;

III – application period;

IV – publication of the preliminary results;

V – deadline and procedures for filing and adjudicating appeals; and

VI – publication of the final results.

5.1.3 Upon completion of the selection process, the Committee shall prepare a detailed report, to be endorsed by the Coordinator of the Thematic Project, containing:

I – a list of applicants;

II – accepted and rejected applications;

III – the score assigned to each application;

IV – ranking order;

V – appeals submitted and the respective decisions; and

VI – the application or applications submitted to the Management Committee for formal approval.

5.1.4 Discriminatory criteria may not be applied against candidates on the grounds of pregnancy, childbirth, birth of a child, adoption, or obtaining judicial custody for purposes of adoption in scholarship and research selection processes conducted under the CAPES-Global.edu Program, in accordance with Law No. 15,124, dated April 24, 2025.

5.1.5 The Selection Committee of the Thematic Project shall evaluate applications based, at a minimum, on the following criteria:

Criterion	Maximum Score
I – Quality of the work plan , considering its merit, relevance, objectives, proposed activities, feasibility, timeline, and expected outcomes.	30 points
II – Academic, scientific, or technological qualifications of the candidate , considering their research output over the past five years, h-index, academic leadership, research funding secured, and participation in international projects.	25 points
III – Contribution of the visit to the Thematic Project, the Graduate Programs, and the institutions comprising the CONVERGE Network.	20 points
IV – Potential to strengthen international collaboration networks , including institutional agreements, collaborative projects, academic mobility, and other related initiatives.	20 points
V – Alignment of the Project with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and/or strategic public policies.	5 points
Total	100 points
Note: The following are mandatory requirements for the merit evaluation of the proposal: demonstration that the work plan is aligned with the approved Thematic Project registered in the CONVERGE Network/CAPES-Global.edu institutional proposal and with the corresponding strategic area, as well as proof that the advisor in Brazil is a member of the team of the respective Thematic Project, as evidenced by a statement issued by the Project Coordinator. Failure to meet any of these requirements shall result in a score of 0 (zero) for the overall evaluation of the proposal, regardless of the score obtained under the evaluation criteria.	

5.2 Tie-Breaking Criteria

5.2.1 In the event of a tie in the total score, the following tie-breaking criteria shall be applied successively:

I – the higher score under criterion II – Academic, Scientific, or Technological Qualifications of the Candidate;

II – the higher score under criterion III – Contribution of the Visit to the Thematic Project, the Graduate Programs, and the institutions comprising the CONVERGE Network;

III – the higher score under criterion I – Quality of the Work Plan;

IV – the higher score under criterion IV – Potential to Strengthen International Collaboration Networks;

V – the candidate's higher h-index, as of the application deadline;

VI – the longer period since the candidate obtained their doctoral degree;

VII – if the tie persists, preference shall be given to the application whose proposal demonstrates greater alignment with the strategic objectives of the Thematic Project, as determined by a reasoned decision of the Selection Committee.

5.3 Formal Approval of Applications

5.3.1 If, at any time, any documentary inconsistency, failure to meet the requirements set forth in this Call for Applications, or noncompliance with CAPES regulations is identified, the application shall be rejected or, if already formally approved, its approval shall be revoked.

5.3.2 In the event described in Section 5.3.1, the position shall be offered to the next-ranked candidate, following the ranking formally approved by the CONVERGE Network Management Committee, provided that all requirements established in this Call for Applications and CAPES regulations are met.

5.3.3 Formal approval of the final results does not confer a vested right to the award of the scholarship, which remains subject to the availability of quotas, CAPES approval, and compliance with the requirements set forth in applicable legislation and regulatory instruments.

6 REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

6.1 The Coordinator of the Thematic Project shall submit the selected application(s) to the Management Committee using the **FORM** indicated in this Call for Applications, accompanied by the following documents:

I – a detailed report of the Selection Committee, endorsed by the Project Coordinator;

II – a copy of the doctoral diploma or equivalent document;

III – the candidate's curriculum vitae, with particular emphasis on academic, scientific, technological, artistic, or cultural output over the past five years;

IV – proof of residence abroad;

V – a copy of the passport or equivalent official document;

VI – a work proposal, no more than six (6) pages in length, prepared in Times New Roman, 12-point font, with 1.5 line spacing and 2.5 cm margins, containing, necessarily:

a) identification of the proposal, including the title, candidate's name, home institution, host institution, Thematic Project, CONVERGE Network strategic area, Graduate Program(s) involved, and the period or periods scheduled for the mobility;

b) background and context of the proposal and its connection to the activities of the Thematic Project;

c) objectives;

d) academic, scientific, technological, innovation, teaching, research, outreach, training, or professional development activities to be carried out during the mobility, according to the scholarship category;

e) implementation strategy for the activities, indicating how the proposed actions will be carried out and, when the nature of the proposal involves research, technological development, innovation, implementation of teaching methodologies, or other activities requiring specific procedures, describing the methods, techniques, approaches, or strategies to be used to achieve the proposed objectives;

f) implementation schedule consistent with the duration of the scholarship;

g) expected results, outputs, and deliverables;

h) dissemination and knowledge transfer plan covering the knowledge, technologies, methodologies, or other outputs generated as a result of the mobility; and

i) references, where applicable.

VII – Justification for Academic Mobility and Alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and/or National Public Policies, in accordance with the template provided in **ANNEX I**;

VIII – a statement confirming that the candidate is aware of their responsibility for obtaining the appropriate visa, when applicable;

IX – a statement of commitment to obtaining health insurance valid throughout all periods of stay in Brazil;

X – any other documents that may be required by CAPES or the Management Committee for purposes of implementing the scholarship, subject to the provisions of Section 10 of this Call for Applications.

6.2 The Management Committee shall conduct solely a review of documentary and procedural compliance and may request clarification or correction of a clerical error, where permitted.

6.3 The Management Committee shall not reevaluate the merits of an application or modify the scores or ranking established by the Selection Committee of the Thematic Project.

7 BENEFITS

7.1 The benefits available under the Visiting Professor in Brazil category, in accordance with CAPES regulations, are:

I – a monthly payment equal to half the standard monthly amount for stays of up to fifteen (15) days;

II – a full monthly payment for stays exceeding fifteen (15) days;

III – a settling-in allowance, paid as a single lump-sum payment;

IV – a travel allowance, paid as a single lump-sum payment during the scholarship period, to cover the scholarship recipient's international travel expenses, in accordance with CAPES regulations; and

V – a health insurance allowance.

7.2 The travel allowance shall be provided directly by CAPES to the scholarship recipient to cover the cost of purchasing tickets. The beneficiary shall be solely responsible for issuing and purchasing the tickets, in accordance with the rules and procedures established by CAPES.

7.3 Monthly payments shall be made exclusively for the periods during which the scholarship recipient is physically present in Brazil. The number of monthly payments, whether full or equal to 50% of the monthly amount, shall be determined based on the duration of each stay, in accordance with CAPES regulations.

7.4 Receipt of the health insurance allowance requires the scholarship recipient to obtain health insurance valid for the entire period of their stay in Brazil, including when the visit is divided into two or three periods.

7.5 The scholarship recipient acknowledges that, in accordance with CAPES guidance, failure to maintain valid health insurance during any period of stay in Brazil may result in the full reimbursement of the health insurance allowance received, without prejudice to any other consequences provided for under applicable regulations.

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 This Call for Applications follows the schedule established by CAPES for the nomination and implementation of scholarships and may be amended by means of a corrigendum or addendum if CAPES modifies the applicable deadlines.

Calendar I – Scholarships with stays in Brazil beginning between March and June 2027

Stage	Deadline	Person responsible
Publication of the CONVERGE Network Call for Applications	03/08/2026	Management/Administration Committee
Period for filing requests to challenge the CONVERGE Network Call for Applications	04 and 05/08/2026. Requests must be sent to redconverge@ufc.br	Interested Party
Publication of responses to requests to challenge the Call for Applications	06/08/2026	Management/Administration Committee
Publication of the Calls for Applications by the Thematic Projects	From 07/08/2026 onward	Thematic Project Coordinator
Internal selection process for scholarship candidates within the Thematic Projects approved under the CONVERGE Network	By 25/09/2026	Thematic Project Coordinator
Submission of the selected applications and required documentation to the Management Committee	By 25/09/2026	Thematic Project Coordinator
Review of documentary compliance and preliminary publication of approved applications	By 09/10/2026	Management Committee

Appeals concerning documentary compliance and approval	13 and 14/10/2026	Candidate or Project Coordinator
Review of appeals and publication of the final results	By 20/10/2026	Management/Administration Committee
Registration of selected candidates in the CAPES system for implementation of scholarships beginning between March and June 2027	1–30/10/2026	Management/Administration Committee
Beginning of the stay in Brazil	March to June 2027	Scholarship Recipient and Host Institution

Calendar II – Scholarships with stays in Brazil beginning between July and November 2027

Stage	Deadline	Person Responsible
Publication of the Calls for Applications by the Thematic Projects	From 12/01/2027 onward	Thematic Project Coordinator
Internal selection process for scholarship candidates within the Thematic Projects approved under the CONVERGE Network	By 12/03/2027	Thematic Project Coordinator
Submission of the selected applications and required documentation to the Management Committee	By 12/03/2027	Thematic Project Coordinator

Review of documentary compliance and preliminary publication of approved applications	By 26/03/2027	Management Committee
Appeals concerning documentary compliance and approval	29 and 30/03/2027	Candidato(a) ou Coordenação do Projeto Candidate or Project Coordinator
Review of appeals and publication of the final results	By 05/04/2027	Management/ Administration Committee
Registration of selected candidates in the CAPES system for implementation of scholarships beginning in September and October 2027	1–30/04/2027	Management/ Administration Committee
Beginning of the stay in Brazil	July to November 2027	Scholarship Recipient and Host Institution

9 ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

9.1 Appeals against decisions issued during the internal selection stage shall be submitted and adjudicated by the Selection Committee of the respective participating Thematic Project of the CONVERGE Network, in accordance with the provisions of the internal call for applications or other instrument governing the selection process.

9.2 An administrative appeal may be filed against decisions of the CONVERGE Network Management Committee solely with respect to the review of the documentation submitted, compliance with the requirements set forth in this Call for Applications, and the formal approval of applications. Reconsideration of the merits of the internal selection conducted by the Project Selection Committees shall not be permitted. Appeals shall be filed by email at redconverge@ufc.br, within the deadlines established in the schedule set forth in this Call for Applications.

9.3 The appeals referred to in Section 9.2 shall be reviewed by the Management Committee, which shall issue a reasoned decision to be published on the Network's website, in accordance with the schedule established in this Call for Applications.

10 SCHOLARSHIP IMPLEMENTATION

10.1 The Coordinator of the Thematic Project of the selected candidate shall submit the documentation required for scholarship implementation to the institutional representative who is a member of the CONVERGE Network Management Committee and is affiliated with the Brazilian host institution.

10.2 The institutional representative shall be responsible for making or overseeing the registrations in the CAPES system, in accordance with the periods of stay specified in the work plan.

10.3 The scholarship shall be awarded and implemented by CAPES upon fulfillment of all applicable requirements and execution of the respective Scholarship Grant Agreement for a Fellow in Brazil.

10.3.1 For purposes of scholarship implementation, the approved candidate who is called upon to receive the scholarship shall submit the CONVERGE Network – CAPES Global.edu Scholarship Implementation Form ([ANNEX II](#)), duly completed and signed, together with any supplementary documentation that may be required by CAPES or the Management Committee. The Form is intended solely for registration purposes and does not form part of the documentation required for the application.

10.4 The Visiting Professor in Brazil shall be responsible for obtaining the visa appropriate to the activities to be carried out in Brazil, with a period of validity covering all scheduled periods of stay.

10.5 The Brazilian host institution shall provide the guidance and institutional support necessary for immigration compliance, the reception of the scholarship recipient, and the implementation of the scholarship recipient's activities, without relieving the individual of the responsibility set forth in Section 10.4.

11 PUBLICITY AND INSTITUTIONAL VISIBILITY

11.1 During the scholarship term, the scholarship recipient awarded funding under the CAPES-Global.edu Program shall provide the CONVERGE Network with materials for publicizing the activities carried out during their work as a Visiting Professor in Brazil and disseminating the scientific, technological, academic, and institutional results arising from the visit.

11.2 The scholarship recipient shall authorize, by signing a Statement of Agreement, the use of the publicity materials by CAPES and the CONVERGE Network through their institutional communication channels, including websites, social media, and other official media.

11.3 The publicity materials shall include, at a minimum:

I – a video, no more than 60 (sixty) seconds in duration and no larger than 25 MB, reporting on the activities carried out during the visit to Brazil, the results achieved, and the scientific, technological, academic, social, or institutional impacts arising from the scholarship recipient's work as a Visiting Professor in Brazil;

II – an editable text of no more than 600 (six hundred) characters, including spaces, reporting on the activities carried out during the visit to Brazil, the results obtained, and the impacts arising from the scholarship recipient's work as a Visiting Professor in Brazil, accompanied by the scholarship recipient's full name, Graduate Program, affiliated institution, and a photograph in JPEG or GIF format; and

III – any other publicity materials that may be requested by CAPES or the Network's Management Committee.

11.4 Every scientific publication, presentation of work, publicity material, or other form of dissemination of results arising from activities carried out during the scholarship recipient's work as a Visiting Professor in Brazil shall acknowledge the financial support provided by the Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES), with reference to Administrative Process No. 88887.236579/2025-00, in accordance with CAPES's visual identity and institutional communication guidelines.

12 REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

12.1 The coordinator of each Thematic Project shall be responsible, within the scope of their activities in the Network, for registering the information of the selected candidates in the Scholarship and Grant Control System (SCBA/CAPES), in accordance with the schedule established by CAPES.

12.1.1 Following registration in SCBA/CAPES, the processing of the documentation required for the implementation, monitoring, and completion of the scholarship shall be conducted directly between the scholarship recipient and CAPES technical staff, in accordance with the rules and procedures established by the Agency.

12.2 Within thirty (30) days of the date of return to their country of origin, scholarship recipients shall submit to the coordinator of the respective Thematic Project a scientific, artistic, and/or technological report on the activities carried out abroad, using the template provided by the CONVERGE Network and accompanied by the relevant supporting documentation.

12.3 The coordinator of the Thematic Project shall forward the report and supporting documentation received to the Network's Administration Committee by email at redconverge@ufc.br, within thirty (30) days of receiving the documentation submitted by the scholarship recipient.

13 PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING (LGPD)

13.1 The personal data provided by candidates under this Call for Applications shall be processed by the institutions comprising the CONVERGE Network exclusively for the purposes of planning, implementing, selecting, monitoring, evaluating, reporting, and publicizing the results related to the Project, in accordance with Law No. 13,709, dated August 14, 2018 (General Data Protection Law – LGPD, in the Portuguese acronym).

13.2 The processing of personal data is based on the fulfillment of legal or regulatory obligations by the Public Administration and on the implementation of public policies established by applicable laws and regulations.

13.3 Personal data shall be stored for the period necessary to fulfill institutional purposes and comply with legally mandated document-retention periods, in accordance with applicable archival, transparency, and data protection regulations.

13.4 To facilitate the implementation of the Project, personal data may be shared with the Coordinating Office for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES) and with other national and international partner institutions involved in the selection, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the activities provided for in this Call for Applications, in accordance with the principles, legal bases, and requirements established by the LGPD.

13.5 Data subjects may exercise the rights provided for under the LGPD, including the rights of access, correction, updating, erasure, anonymization, portability, and other rights established by law, through the official channels made available by the institutions comprising the CONVERGE Network for data-subject requests.

14 GENERAL PROVISIONS

14.1 This Call for Applications may be revoked or annulled, in whole or in part, at any time for reasons of public interest or as a result of a duly justified subsequent event, without giving rise to any right to compensation or to any claim by interested parties.

14.2 Submission of illegible or incomplete documentation, or documentation submitted after the deadline established in this Call for Applications, shall result in denial of the application.

14.3 Any matters not expressly addressed in this Call for Applications shall be decided by the CONVERGE Network Management Committee.

14.4 Additional information regarding the contents of this Call for Applications may be requested by email at redconverge@ufc.br.

14.5 Information about the CAPES-Global.edu Program is available on the official CAPES website.

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