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# CONFAP – THE UK ACADEMIES Fellowships, Research Mobility, and Young Investigator Awards for UK researchers in Brazil

The second round opens on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for applications and will close on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 12.00 midday Brasília Time.

Brazilian State Funding Agencies, articulated by its National Council (CONFAP), are launching a call for proposal offering support to researchers based in UK Universities and Research Institutions who are willing to spend from two weeks to four years working in research in Brazil, in collaboration with local colleagues.

The call offers support for researchers in the UK through:

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- a) Fellowships;
- b) Research Mobility Grants, and,
- c) In the case of researchers aiming at working in universities and research institutes in the State of São Paulo, Brazil, Young Investigator Grants comprising a scholarship plus a research funding grant.

These activities are under the auspice of the Newton Fund, an initiative that aims to develop the longterm sustainable growth and welfare of partner countries through building research, innovation capacities, and is part of the UK's Official Development Assistance commitment.

These awards offer an opportunity for the UK researcher to develop the strengths and capabilities of their research groups through training, collaboration and reciprocal visits with a partner in some of the best research groups in the Brazil.

Information about this call can be obtained:

- a) From <u>fundonewton@confap.org.br;</u> or
- b) For researchers aiming at developing activities in the State of São Paulo, Brazil, from <u>chamada\_ukacademies@fapesp.br</u>.

#### **1** How to apply

- a) For researchers outside the State of São Paulo applications are available at: http://sigconfap.ledes.net
- b) Researchers from the State of São Paulo, or Young Investigators from the UK aiming at receiving funds from FAPESP to work in a university or research institute in the state of São Paulo, Brazil, must send proposals directly to FAPESP. Please follow the specific guidelines for FAPESP at <u>http://www.fapesp.br/en/8951</u>.

#### 2 Eligibility rules

- a) The applicants must hold a PhD degree:
  - a.1) Young researchers are considered to hold a PhD degree from 2 years to 7 years.
  - a.2) Senior researchers must hold a PhD degree for over 7 years.
- b) The applicants must have a Brazilian-based collaborator as their co-applicant.
- c) The applicants must hold a permanent academic post or postdoctoral fellowship/position in the UK which extends beyond the period of the requested grant;
- d) UK researchers from the natural sciences, engineering, medical sciences (including clinical or patient-oriented research), social sciences and humanities fields, are eligible to apply for support.
- e) For submissions to FAPESP the additional criteria hold, according to the type of support aimed at:
  - e.1) In the case of Post-doctoral Scholarships: the UK researcher must be associated to a FAPESP
    PI (co-applicant) in charge of an ongoing grant of the following types: Thematic, Young
    Investigator, or Research, Innovation, and Diffusion of Knowledge Centres.
  - e.2) In the case of researcher mobility support through Visting Researcher Grants: there must be a host researcher (co-applicant) in the State of São Paulo.

e.3) In the case of Young Investigator Awards: the applicant must have a PhD or equivalent title, an outstanding research track record, and typically 2-5 years post-doctoral experience in a research group in the UK.

### 3 Types of Support offered

- 3.1 Fellowships
- 3.1.1 For UK researchers aiming at receiving support from FAPs outside the state of São Paulo

Fellowship support is offered through two categories:

- a) For Young Researchers:
- A monthly scholarship of R\$ 7,000.00
- Airline ticket (round trip and economic class) and health insurance
- Scholarship for one undergraduate student to assist the researcher
- Grant in the amount of R\$ 25,000.00 each six months
- b) For Senior Researchers:
- A monthly scholarship of R\$ 10,000.00
- Airline ticket (round trip and economic class) and health insurance
- Scholarship for one undergraduate student to assist the researcher
- Grant in the amount of R\$ 25,000.00 each six months
- 3.1.2 For UK researchers aiming to receive support from FAPESP, to work in a University or Research Institute in the State of São Paulo
  - A monthly scholarship with value ranging from R\$ 9,148.80 (Young Researcher) to R\$ 13,653.60 (Full Professor). The level of payment is to be suggested by the host investigator and confirmed by FAPESP upon merit review.
  - Airline ticket and health insurance.
  - Scholarship for one undergraduate student to assist the researcher.
  - Grant to the host PI with whom the visitor will be associated: the host PI may request FAPESP supplementary funds up to R\$ 25.000.00 for every six months of stay of the visitor. These funds are to be used for research related expenses with to consumables, services, and travel.

#### 3.2 Research Mobility support

## 3.2.1 For UK researchers aiming at receiving support from FAPs outside the state of São Paulo

Two types of mission can be considered:

- a) Mission up to fifteen days:
- Airline ticket (round trip and economic class) and health insurance.
- Daily support in a value defined by the State Funding Agencies (FAPs)
- b) Mission from sixteen days to three months:
- Airline ticket (round trip and economic class) and health insurance.
- A monthly scholarship in the amount of R\$ 7,000.00 monthly.
- 3.2.2 For UK researchers aiming to receive support from FAPESP, to work in a University or Research Institute in the State of São Paulo
  - a) Mission up one month:
  - Airline ticket and health insurance.
  - Daily support be paid according to FAPESP's per diem table of values.
  - b) Mission from one month to twelve months:
  - Airline ticket and health insurance.
  - A monthly scholarship with value ranging from R\$ 9,148.80 (Young Researcher) to R\$ 13,653.60 (Full Professor). The level is to be suggested by the host investigator and confirmed by FAPESP upon merit review.

#### 3.3 Young Investigator Award

In addition to the above, for young investigators from the UK to start a research career in a university or research institution in the State of São Paulo, FAPESP offers, as part of the State of São Paulo side matching funds, an opportunity through its Young Investigator Awards. A FAPESP Young Investigator Award comprises funds for (more details at http://www.fapesp.br/en/4479):

- Equipment, consumables, services, and travel necessary to the 4-year research project.
- A monthly scholarship for the Young Investigator of R\$ 6,980.40 (tax-free) to be paid for up to four years or until he/she obtains a permanent position in a university or research institution in the State of São Paulo.

- A quota of scholarships for undergraduate students who will work in parts of the research project (Scientific Initiation) and a quota of MSc and Direct Doctorate scholarships for graduate students, to be selected and supervised by the Young Investigator.
- In addition to the approved budget for the discriminated items mentioned above FAPESP includes a value equal to 15% as an overhead to be used in direct research infrastructure or non-anticipated expenses (e.g. travel, visitors,..) necessary for the project, and another 10% that is awarded as an institutional overhead.

#### 4 Selection criteria

All applications will be assessed through a peer review process based on the following criteria:

- a) The quality of the proposed research project.
- b) The record of accomplishment of the applicants, and the host organization in the area of proposed research.
- c) The expected benefits for the career development of the Applicant.
- d) The record of accomplishment and suitability of the Brazilian-based co-applicant and Brazilian host organization in the area of proposed research.
- e) The additional benefits for the Brazilian based Co-applicant and host organization.
- f) Evidence that the support will lead to a long-term collaboration beyond the tenure of the award.

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