

## **English summary of the call for postdoctoral placements in the Graduate Programme in Ecology, UNICAMP.**

This English-language summary is an explanation for non-Portuguese speakers of the call for postdoctoral placements in the Graduate Programme in Ecology (PPG-Ecologia), Instituto de Biologia, UNICAMP (IB-UNICAMP). The placements are part of the *Programa Nacional de Pós-Doutorado* (PNPD), financed by CAPES.

This summary is merely for informative purposes, and the information described here is not legally binding. The official documents are the *Edital 02/2018 do Programa de Pós-Graduação em Ecologia do Instituto de Biologia da UNICAMP* and the *Regulamento do Programa Nacional de Pós-Doutorado (Portaria CAPES nº. 086 de 03 de julho de 2013)*. The sections not relevant to candidates from outside Brazil are indicated by “[Not relevant to non-Brazilian residents.]”.

### **Summary of the call:**

The *Comissão de Pós-Graduação do Instituto de Biologia (CPG-IB)* of the *Universidade Estadual de Campinas (UNICAMP)* informs that there are two (02) positions open for postdoctoral placements within the framework of the *Programa Nacional de Pós-Doutorado/CAPES (PNPD/CAPES)* within the Graduate Programme in Ecology (PPG-Ecologia) of the UNICAMP.

### **Timeline**

| <b>Activity</b>                             | <b>Date</b>       | <b>Place</b>          |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Applications accepted                       | 01 a 30 June 2018 | PPG-Ecologia Website  |
| Confirmation of valid applications received | 10 July 2018      | PPG-Ecologia Website  |
| Phase 1: CV and Project analysis            | 11 – 18 July 2018 | Presence not required |

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| Preliminary result of Phase 1   | 20 July 2018            | PPG-Ecologia Website                                 |
| Confirmation of the results for Phase 1 and candidates called for Phase 2 | 26 July 2018            | PPG-Ecologia Website                                 |
| Phase 2: Interview  | 06-10 August 2018       | Graduate Programme Building, IB-UNICAMP <sup>1</sup> |
| Preliminary final result  | 15 August 2018          | PPG-Ecologia Website                                 |
| Confirmation of final result  | 21 August 2018          | PPG-Ecologia Website                                 |
| Documents required  | Until 12 September 2018 | Graduate Programme Building, IB-UNICAMP <sup>1</sup> |
| Start of work   | 01 October 2018         | Host laboratory                                      |

<sup>1</sup> Candidates residing outside Brazil may request an online interview, see Art. 13.

### **General information**

**Art. 1º** Two positions are open in the PNPd/CAPES Programme.

Financial support consists of: 1) a scholarship, with the value defined by CAPES; 2) Research Grant that will be managed by the PPG-Ecologia.

**Art. 2º** The placement aims to strengthen high-level research in the PPG-Ecologia.

**Art. 3º** The selection of candidates will be the responsibility of the *Comissão de Pós-Graduação do Programa de Pós-Graduação em Ecologia* (CPPG-Ecologia).

### **Duration**

**Art 4º** The placement will last two (02) years, with the possibility of renewal for a further three (03) years.

**Art 5º** For renewal a report must be submitted after 18 months of placement. The report will be analysed for:

- I. Scientific results of the Project during the first 18 months;
- II. Publications during the period;
- III. Conference attendance during the period;
- IV. Teaching activities during the period, as described in Art. 17;

- V. Research seminars presented at IB-UNICAMP, as described in Art. 17;
- VI. Participation in other activities of the PPG-Ecologia, as described in Art. 17.

### **Elegibility**

**Art. 6°** Brazilian and foreign candidates may apply.

**Art. 7°** For application the candidate must conform to the following:

- I. Have a doctoral title at the time of starting activities from a Brazilian University recognised by the Ministry of Education;
- II. **OR** a doctoral title from a foreign university, which will be examined by the CPPG-Ecologia before confirming the application as valid on 10<sup>th</sup> July;
- III. Present an updated CV, preferably (but not required) in the Lattes platform;
- IV. Cannot be retired;
- V. Not be contracted by UNICAMP.

### **Applications**

**Art 8°** Applications will be received from 01 to 30 June 2018, through an application form that will be available on the PPG-Ecologia website from 01 June 2018.

§ 1° Applications will be analysed upon receipt to check all the documents received.

§ 2° The candidate is responsible for all information submitted, and this information cannot be amended.

§ 3° Valid application will be confirmed on 10 July 2018 on the PPG-Ecologia website.

**Art. 9°** Candidates can apply as:

- I. Brazilian or Foreign national residing in Brazil, with a valid temporary or permanent visa, and not employed;
- II. Foreign national residing abroad, not employed;
- III. [Not relevant to non-Brazilian residents.]

§ 1º Any candidate residing abroad must attach proof of residence when applying.

§ 2º [Not relevant to non-Brazilian residents.]

§ 3º Os candidatos aprovados na modalidade prevista no caput deste artigo, inciso III, deverão apresentar comprovação de afastamento da instituição de origem, por período compatível com o prazo de vigência da bolsa.

§ 4º [Not relevant to non-Brazilian residents.]

**Art. 10º** Documents required for application:

- I. Application form, which will be available on the PPG-Ecologia website;
- II. Scan of the passport;
- III. CV, preferably on the Lattes platform (in which case only the link is necessary);
- IV. Graduate course transcript, containing courses read;
- V. List of five (05) products the candidate considers most important in his/her CV, along with an explanation of the importance of each item in the candidate's professional development and future career;
- VI. Research Project, with a maximum of 12 pages (double spaced, Times New Roman 12 font), spanning a two-year period of research. It should contain the following sections: 1) Title, 2) Theoretical background; 3) Hypotheses/predictions; 4) Methods; 5) Tema, describing each member's contribution to the Project; 6) Expected results; 7) Target journals for publication; 8) Timeline of the work to be carried out; 9) Perspectives in case of renewal after two years; 10) References (these do not count towards the 12 page limit). The project may be written in Portuguese or in English;
- VII. Signed letter declaring that the candidate will exclusively carry out the Project while receiving the scholarship, and will not carry out any other paid activity;

- VIII. Letter from a faculty member of the PPG-Ecologia confirming that they will provide any necessary institutional support for the candidate, if he/she is selected.

### **Phases**

**Art. 11°** The selection process will involve two phases:

- I. Phase 1 – Analysis of CV and Research Project;
- II. Phase 2 - Interview;

§ 1° The classification of phase 1 will follow the scores as described in Art. 12.

§ 2° If more than 15 valid applications are received, the 10 candidates with top scores will proceed to Phase 2. If 15 or fewer valid applications are received all candidates will proceed to Phase 2.

§ 3° The Final Score will be determined by the sum of the scores of the two phases.

**Art. 12°** The Phase 1 score will consist of the CV (50%) and Research Project (50%).

§ 1° The Phase 1 score will be on a scale from 0-10, considering the weights described above for the CV and Research Project.

§ 2° The CV will be analysed in order to assess the candidates' profiles and potential contribution. Each item below will be scored on a scale from 0-10, and the CV score will be the mean, weighted as described below:

- I. Diversity in experiences, courses and methods (20%);
- II. Teaching assistant in postgraduate courses (10%);
- III. Teaching activities in undergraduate courses (20%);
- IV. Analysis of the five most relevant products highlighted in the application (as described in Art. 10, V) (20%);
- V. Consistency of the CV as a whole with the proposed Project. All publications, meetings attended and other activities will be considered (20%);
- VI. Experience in research collaborations and networks (10%)

§ 3° The Research Project will be analysed to assess the relevance and potential contribution of the proposal:

- I. Relevance of the proposal (20%);
- II. Theoretical base and hypotheses proposed (20%);
- III. Adequacy of methods and approach (20%);
- IV. Potential contribution to the PPG-Ecologia (20%);
- V. Explicit detailing of collaborations with researchers in Brazil and abroad (20%);

**Art. 13°** The interviews will occur between 06 and 10 August 2018, from 08h30 onwards, at the Instituto de Biologia da UNICAMP (Bloco O). The candidate must present the Project in a 15 minute oral presentation. The candidate will then be interviewed. The presentation and interview can be in Portuguese, English or Spanish.

The interview can be carried out through video for candidates residing outside Brazil.

**Art. 14°** The interview will be conducted by a panel of three members

§ 1° The panel will consist of Faculty members of the PPG-Ecologia, or other postgraduate programmes.

§ 2° During the interview the candidate can be asked about any aspect pertaining to the presentation, as well as aspects pertaining to any of the documents described in Art. 10, III, IV, V and VI.

§ 3° After the interview each panel member will score the candidate from 0-10. The overall interview score will be the mean of the score given by the three panel members.

### **On the final classification**

**Art. 15°** the final classification will be given by the Final Score, as described in Art. 11, § 3°.

## **Appeals**

**Art. 16°** Written appeals will be accepted in person at the secretaria de Pós-Graduação do Instituto de Biologia, UNICAMP.

§ 1° For Phase 1 appeals must be presented within three days of the publication of the Preliminary Result for Phase 1;

§ 2° For the Preliminary Final Result, appeals must be presented within three days of the publication of the Result;

§ 3° Appeals sent via e-mail, to the address [ecologia@unicamp.br](mailto:ecologia@unicamp.br), will be accepted only for candidates who reside abroad and who were interviewed via video, as described in Art. 13.

## **Obligations of the selected candidates**

**Art. 17°** The beneficiaries of the grant must:

- I. Be Brazilian or a foreign national with a valid temporary or permanent visa and not be employed; the visa is not required for application, but is required for starting the placement;
- II. Have exclusive dedication to the project;
- III. Submit a final report 30 days after the end of the grant;
- IV. Commit fully to the Project, which includes: 1) research project; 2) participate in teaching activities of theoretical courses at the postgraduate level; 3) participate in field courses; 4) teach methods courses for students in the PPG-Ecologia; 5) other relevant activities in the PPG-Ecologia;
- V. At the beginning of each year report all the products from the previous year, to be included in the evaluation of the PPG-Ecologia;
- VI. Present at least one research seminar per year;
- VII. In the case of violation of any of the rules established by CAPES, to return any funds resulting from said violation.

### **Duration of the call results**

**Art. 18°** The results are valid for six months, from the date of the confirmation of the final result.

### **Additional information**

**Art. 19°** The selected candidates must deliver any necessary documents before 12 September 2018, in person, to the Secretaria do CPG-IB da UNICAMP. Delays in delivering the documents could result in a one month delay in the first payment. By applying the candidate agrees to all the terms and conditions detailed in the official call in Portuguese.

**Art. 20°** The CPG-IB will address any cases not specified in the call.