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The notice announces the public selection of scholarship recipients for the **Graduate Student Program–Exchange (PEC-PG)**, in accordance with SEI Process No. 23038.002870/2024-77, Decree No. 11,923 of February 15, 2024, and Joint Ordinance MRE/MEC/MCTI No. 936 of November 24, 2024, as well as the amendment to Notice No. 12/2025 – Graduate Student Program–Agreement (PEC-PG), published in the Official Gazette on July 4, 2025 | Edition 124 | Section 3 | Page 84

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1. PURPOSE

1.1. This notice announces the selection of up to 650 (six hundred and fifty) scholarship recipients, comprising 100 (one hundred) in the Full Doctoral modality, 350 (three hundred and fifty) in the Sandwich Doctoral modality, and 200 (two hundred) in the Full Master’s modality, originating from countries participating in the Program, non-Brazilian nationals, to undertake studies in on-site Graduate Programs (PPG) of Brazilian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Federal Institutes (FIs), or Research Institutes (RIs) — all of which are public or private, non-profit entities recognized by CAPES (hereinafter collectively referred to as “HEIs” throughout this notice).

1.2. The PEC-PG is jointly managed by the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MRE)**, the **Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES)**, and the **National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq)** (hereinafter referred to as the coordinating bodies). It operates as an international cooperation initiative, attracting foreign nationals to Brazil and fostering the exchange of knowledge among partner countries, while also benefiting Brazilian institutions through the interaction of their students and faculty with qualified researchers working abroad.

2. TERM OF THE NOTICE

1.2. The duration of the scholarships under this Notice shall be:

- III- Sandwich Doctorate: between 6 (six) and 10 (ten) months;
- III- Full Doctorate: up to 48 (forty-eight months); and
- III- Full Master's Degree: up to 24 (twenty-four) months.

2.2 During the 1st (first) year of the Full Master’s scholarship and the 2nd (second) year of the Full Doctorate scholarship, an interim evaluation shall be conducted to assess the results achieved to date and determine the continuation of the scholarship.

5. ELIGIBLE EXPENSES COVERED BY CAPES AND THE MRE

5.1. CAPES will finance the scholarships transferred directly to the scholarship recipient, under the terms of CAPES Ordinance No. 1, of January 3, 2020 and CAPES Ordinance No. 33, of February 16, 2023. Subsequent changes in the scholarship regulations in the country will only apply to scholarships implemented after the publication of the new rule, except in case of an over-adjustment.

Table of Eligible Expenses - Scholarships in Brazil for foreigners - Full Doctorate

	Quantity	Values
Monthly Stipend – Full Doctorate	up to 48	R\$ 3,100.00. CAPES Ordinance No. 33/2023
Health Insurance Allowance	up to 48	R\$ 400.00. CAPES Ordinance No. 01/2020

Table of Eligible Expenses – Scholarships in Brazil for Foreign Nationals - Sandwich Doctorate

Type of Aid	Quantity	Values
Monthly Stipend – Sandwich Doctorate	up to 48	R\$ 3,100.00. CAPES Ordinance No. 33/2023
Health Insurance Allowance	up to 48	R\$ 400.00. CAPES Ordinance No. 01/2020

Table of Eligible Expenses - Scholarships in Brazil for foreigners - Full Master's Degree

Type of Aid	Quantity	Values
Monthly Stipend - Full Master's Degree	up to 24	R\$ 2,100.00. CAPES Ordinance No. 33/2023
Health Insurance Allowance	up to 24	R\$ 400.00. CAPES Ordinance No. 01/2020

5.2. The MRE shall cover the return-to-country-of-origin allowance for PEC-PG graduates, regardless of the reason for the interruption of the scholarship payments, except in cases where the return benefit is provided for under an agreement with the country of origin, in accordance with MRE/MEC/MCTI Joint Ordinance No. 936 of November 24, 2024.

5.3. The following shall not be covered under the PEC-PG:

- I. inbound travel to Brazil;
- II. costs related to connecting flights, baggage, service fees, fines, reimbursements, or transfers, as well as accommodation of any kind, whether abroad or in Brazil, including a settling-in allowance;
- III. allowances for the spouse, dependents, or family members of the scholarship recipient; and
- IV. any type of academic or administrative fee charged by the Brazilian HEI.

5.4. The granting of the return allowance shall be subject to the budgetary and financial availability of the MRE, pursuant to Article 15 of MRE Ordinance No. 572 of December 19, 2024.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. For the Full Doctorate and Full Master's **modalities**:

Activity	Date	Accountable
Objection to the Notice	Up to 5 (five) business days after the publication of the extract of the Notice in the Official Gazette of the Union	Applicant
Indication of vacancies by HEIs	From July 4 to 31, 2025 until 5 pm (Brasília time)	Brazilian HEI
Publication of the list of vacancies by CAPES	Up to August 13, 2025	CAPES
Registration of applicants according to available vacancies	From August 14 to September 29, 2025 until 5 pm (5 p.m. Brasília)	Applicant
Selection of applicants by Brazilian HEIs (1st option)	From September 30 to October 7, 2025	Brazilian HEI
Selection of applicants by Brazilian HEIs (2nd option)	From October 08 to 15, 2025	Brazilian HEI
Selection of applicants by Brazilian HEIs (applicants not selected in previous rounds)	From October 16 to 23, 2025	Brazilian HEI
Homologation by the Dean of the Brazilian HEI	From October 23 to 30, 2025	Dean's Office of the Brazilian HEI

Document Analysis by CAPES	Up to November 13, 2025	CAPES
Resource	3 (three) business days after the document analysis	Applicant
Publication of the Final Result	Up to November 14, 2025	CAPES
Beginning of studies in Brazil	First half of 2026	Applicant

7.2. For the Sandwich Doctorate modality:

Activity	Date	Accountable
Objection to the Notice	Up to 5 (five) business days after the publication of the extract of the Notice in the Official Gazette of the Union	Applicant
Indication of vacancies by HEIs	From July 4 to 31, 2025 until 5 pm (Brasília time)	Brazilian HEI
Publication of the list of vacancies by CAPES	Up to September 30, 2025	CAPES
Registration of applicants according to available vacancies	From October 1 to December 30, 2025, until 5:00 p.m. (Brasília time)	Applicant
Selection of applicants by Brazilian HEIs (1st option)	From January 05 to February 27, 2026	Brazilian HEI
Selection of applicants by Brazilian HEIs (2nd option)	From March 04 to 16, 2026	Brazilian HEI
Selection of applicants by Brazilian HEIs (applicants not selected in previous rounds)	From March 20 to 27, 2026	Brazilian HEI
Homologation by the Dean of the Brazilian HEI	From March 30 to April 03, 2026	Dean's Office of the Brazilian HEI
Document Analysis by CAPES	Up to April 24, 2026	CAPES
Resource	3 (three) business days after the document review	Applicant
Publication of the Final Result	Until April 30, 2026	CAPES
Beginning of studies in Brazil	August 2026	Applicant

9. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

9.1. The eligibility requirements for this selection process are mandatory, and failure to comply with them shall result in the application being rejected.

9.2. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

I – Be a foreign national from a country participating in the Program, as listed at the following link on the MRE website: <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/cultura-e-educacao/temas-educacionais/programas-de-estudo-para-estrangeiros/pec-g/sobre#pais>.

a) Africa (29 countries): South Africa, Angola, Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Kenya, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, and Zambia.

b) Latin America and the Caribbean (28 countries): Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

c) **Asia (10 countries):** Bangladesh, China, South Korea, India, Iran, Lebanon, Pakistan, Syria, Thailand, and Timor-Leste.

d) **Europe (7 countries):** Armenia, Bulgaria, France, Hungary, North Macedonia, Poland, and Turkey.

II – Not hold Brazilian nationality, dual Brazilian nationality, or eligibility for Brazilian nationality at the time of application.

III – Not hold permanent resident status in Brazil.

IV – Provide proof of completion of a degree program considered equivalent to an undergraduate degree under the Brazilian system.

V – Reside abroad in a country participating in the Program.

VI – Not be enrolled in Brazil in a program at the same level of study as the one intended.

VII – Not be in default with CAPES or listed in any debtor registries maintained by federal public administration agencies.

VIII – Be able to commence academic activities immediately, within the deadlines set by the Graduate Program (PPG) and those established in this Notice.

IX – Have an updated Lattes CV. Applicants not yet registered on the platform must create their profile through the link: <https://www.gov.br/pt-br/servicos/cadastrar-se-no-curriculo-lattes>.

X – Have an ORCID registration and include the identifier in the CAPES online application form. Applicants not yet registered must do so at <https://orcid.org>.

XI – Have completed a minimum two-year residency in their country of origin or residence after:

a) obtaining a Brazilian diploma, in the case of PEC-G alumni and applicants who received a scholarship from a Brazilian funding agency to pursue undergraduate studies in Brazil; or

b) obtaining a master's degree (academic or professional), in the case of applicants who received funding from a Brazilian agency, including former CAPES or CNPq PEC-PG scholarship recipients.

XII – Not have been awarded a scholarship under the CAPES program *Move la América*.

XIII – Not have previously been awarded a federal public scholarship for a Sandwich or Full Doctorate in this or any other doctoral program, in the case of applications for a Sandwich or Full Doctorate.

XIV – Not have previously been awarded a federal public scholarship for a Sandwich or Full Master's degree in this or any other master's program, in the case of applications for a Full Master's.

XV – Not hold a doctoral degree, for applicants in all modalities.

XVI – Meet all other requirements established in this Notice.

9.3. In addition to the requirements listed in item 9.2, applicants for a Sandwich Doctorate scholarship must:

I – Be regularly enrolled in a doctoral program at a higher education institution (HEI) located exclusively abroad.

II – Have completed at least one academic year of the doctoral program by the application deadline.

9.4. In addition to the requirements listed in item 9.2, applicants for a Full Master's scholarship must:

I – Not hold a master's or doctoral degree.

II – Not have previously been awarded a federal public scholarship for a Sandwich or Full Master's degree in this or any other master's program.

9.5. The list of participating countries described in item 9.2(I) may be amended based on new accessions submitted by the MRE until the end of the application period. The updated list will be made available on the MRE website.

9.6. Participation in the selection process and the PEC-PG shall include the applicant's consent for their personal data to be processed by any of the three coordinating institutions, for the purposes of achieving the objectives of the Program, including maintaining contact with the alumni network after completion of the course.

9.7. Revalidation or recognition of foreign diplomas will not be required for applicants selected under the PEC-PG.

9.8. In doctoral selections, PEC-PG shall prioritize, whenever possible, applicants who completed both undergraduate and master's degrees outside Brazil.

9.9. In master's selections, PEC-PG shall prioritize, whenever possible, applicants who completed their undergraduate degree outside Brazil.

9.9.1. Applicants must indicate their language proficiency in the application form. This information will be assessed by the PPG hosting the scholarship recipients, taking into account the language requirements previously announced by the PPG and the available slots.

9.10. All requirements established by CAPES, as described in this Notice, and by the chosen Master's or Doctoral program are cumulative and must be fulfilled for the application to be approved, without prejudice to the provisions of Decree No. 11,923 of 2024 and Joint Ordinance MRE/MEC/MCTI No. 936 of November 24, 2024.

9.11. Scholarship recipients must comply with the rules on scholarship accumulation as set out in CAPES Ordinance No. 133 of July 10, 2023, Ordinance No. 187 of September 28, 2023, or any legal instruments replacing them.

9.12. Selected applicants shall be responsible for their travel expenses to Brazil and for supporting themselves until the first scholarship payment is received.

10. SELECTION PROCESS

10.1. The selection shall be carried out jointly by CAPES and the Brazilian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), which will evaluate the applications in accordance with their criteria and internal regulations.

10.2. The selection process shall take place in four (4) stages:

- I. Application submission by the applicant in the CAPES system, considering the vacancies made available by the Graduate Programs (PPGs);
- II. Selection of the applicant by each Brazilian HEI within the CAPES system;
- III. Documentary review conducted by CAPES; and
- IV. Publication of the Final result.

11. REGISTRATION BY THE APPLICANT IN THE CAPES SYSTEM
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11.1. Applications shall be submitted by the applicant to CAPES, in accordance with the requirements of this Notice and within the deadlines established in item 7, through the link <https://inscricao.capes.gov.br>. The applicant must access the system using their *Cadastro de Pessoas Físicas* (CPF) number, managed by the Brazilian Federal Revenue Service (RFB), or, if unavailable, their ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID).

11.2. The applicant shall:

- I – submit the application exclusively through the online application form, which will be available on the Program's webpage on the CAPES Portal;
- II – complete the online application form in Portuguese, Spanish, or English; and
- III – provide the documentation and information specified in this Notice.

11.3. Submission of the application implies the applicant's knowledge and definitive acceptance of the rules and conditions established in this Notice and in the applicable legislation, which cannot be contested on the grounds of ignorance or disagreement.

11.4. CAPES shall not be held responsible for applications not completed due to information technology failures, communication errors, system congestion, or any other factors preventing data transmission.

11.5. CAPES shall exclude from the selection process all applications not finalized by the deadline.

11.6. Conditional, late, postal, fax, or e-mail applications shall not be accepted.

11.7. At the time of application, the applicant must indicate up to two (2) Graduate Programs (PPGs) offered by Brazilian HEIs, in areas related to their field of study. The choice of PPGs must consider the applicant's interest in carrying out research activities, extension activities, and, when applicable, coursework. The PPG options must be ranked by preference. If the applicant is not selected for the first choice, the second choice will be automatically considered in the selection process.

11.8. At the time of application, the applicant must submit the following documents and information, required for all modalities:

- I – official identification document with photo;
- II – proof of residence abroad, such as utility bills or other documents confirming the applicant's place of residence;
- III – valid ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID), to be provided directly in the application form;
- IV – Research Project in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, including the following mandatory items:
 - a) introduction;
 - b) general and specific objectives;
 - c) justification for undertaking studies in Brazil, in view of the installed capacity in the country of origin or residence, explaining the reasons for choosing the Brazilian host PPG;
 - d) expected results and potential for expansion;
 - e) projected academic and scientific output;
 - f) description of how the knowledge acquired in Brazil will be disseminated in the country of origin or residence;
 - g) description of the relevance of the research to the development of the specific field in the country of origin or residence;
 - h) work plan, describing the activities to be carried out during the study period, including field research, when applicable, indicating the location and expected timeframe; and
 - i) references.

V – employment confirmation letter, when applicable, issued by the employer institution, dated after the publication of this Notice in the Federal Official Gazette (Diário Oficial da União), in Portuguese, Spanish, or English;

VI – complete and updated *Lattes CV* in Portuguese, containing:

- a) personal data;
- b) professional experience, including current employment in the country of origin or residence, if applicable; and
- c) academic output.

VII – Personal Statement (Memorial – Annex III) written by the applicant in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, with a maximum of 600 (six hundred) words, addressing:

- a) the applicant's skills and motivations for undertaking a Full Doctorate, Sandwich Doctorate, or Full Master's in Brazil, including a description of their professional training process and experiences in teaching, research, and extension, including during undergraduate and master's studies, when applicable;
- b) academic and professional experience in the field of interest; and
- c) any special circumstances relevant to the applicant's background.

11.8.1. For the Full Doctorate in Brazil modality, in addition to the documents listed in item 11.8, the applicant must submit:

I – Diplomas:

- a) undergraduate degree certificate, proof of completion, or proof of medical residency (for medical applicants), front and back copies, in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, or accompanied by a simple translation into one of these languages; and
- b) master's degree certificate, if available, or a statement from the master's program coordination indicating the expected dissertation defense date, front and back copies, in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, or accompanied by a simple translation into one of these languages;

II – academic transcripts or equivalent documents listing grades and evaluations from undergraduate and master's studies, in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, or accompanied by a simple translation into one of these languages.

11.8.2. For the Sandwich Doctorate in Brazil modality, in addition to the documents listed in item 11.8, the

applicant must submit:

I – Diplomas:

a) undergraduate degree certificate, proof of completion, or proof of medical residency (for medical applicants), front and back copies, in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, or accompanied by a simple translation into one of these languages; and

b) master's degree certificate, if available, front and back copies, in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, or accompanied by a simple translation into one of these languages;

II – academic transcripts or equivalent documents listing grades and evaluations from undergraduate, master's, and ongoing doctoral studies, in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, or accompanied by a simple translation into one of these languages;

III – Statement from the Graduate Program confirming:

a) regular enrollment in a doctoral program;

b) that the research stay in Brazil shall not exceed the total time allocated for the doctorate degree, in accordance with the program's regulatory deadline for thesis defense;

c) that the applicant has completed coursework credits compatible with timely completion of the doctorate after the research period in Brazil;

d) approval in the qualification exam or at least one year of doctoral studies completed.

11.8.3. For the Full Master's in Brazil modality, in addition to the documents listed in item 11.8, the applicant must submit:

I – undergraduate degree certificate, proof of completion, or proof of medical residency (for medical applicants), front and back copies, in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, or accompanied by a simple translation into one of these languages;

II – academic transcripts or equivalent documents listing grades and evaluations from undergraduate studies, in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, or accompanied by a simple translation into one of these languages.

11.9. All documents must be submitted in password-free PDF format and uploaded at the time of application via the link provided in item 11.1. Documents shared via links or cloud storage will not be accepted. Applicants are advised to avoid images, photographs, graphs, or other elements that may increase file size, as the CAPES system will not accept files larger than 5 (five) megabytes.

11.10. For the PEC-PG application process, documents originally issued in Portuguese, English, or Spanish shall be accepted, as well as simple translations into Portuguese, English, or Spanish of documents originally issued in other languages.

14. ON THE RESULT OF THE APPROVAL
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14.1. CAPES shall publish, on the PEC-PG webpage of its Portal, the list of applicants approved by the Brazilian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

14.2. An applicant selected for an HEI not indicated in their application form may withdraw from the offer by submitting a withdrawal request to CAPES. Applications withdrawn shall not be reconsidered.

14.3. After the approval stage, the selected applications shall proceed to the documentary review phase.

14.4. Should the number of approved applications exceed the total number of available scholarships per modality, as set forth in item 1.1, applications shall be prioritized as follows:

I. In cases where a Graduate Program (PPG) has selected more than one applicant, initially one scholarship per PPG shall be considered, according to the criteria below:

a) female applicant; and

b) older applicant.

II. PPGs located in border regions;

III. PPGs from the North, Northeast, and Center-West regions; and

IV. Highest score of the program in the last CAPES four-year evaluation, based on its level of international maturity.

15. DOCUMENTARY ANALYSIS OF THE APPLICATIONS SELECTED BY CAPES

15.1. The documentary analysis will consist of verification, by the CAPES technical team, of the following elements:

- I – full and correct completion of the electronic application form;
- II – submission of the mandatory documentation and information required for the application; and
- III – compliance with the eligibility requirements set forth in this Call.

15.2. Once the documentary analysis has been completed, CAPES will publish the preliminary results on its website, in accordance with the schedule provided in item 7.

15.3. In the event of rejection following the documentary analysis, the applicant will be notified by e-mail and may file an administrative appeal within **three (3) business days**, through **SICAPES – CAPES Integrated System** (<https://inscricao.capes.gov.br/>), in accordance with the instructions provided in the notification e-mail.

16. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FOR APPLICANTS

16.1. Based on the opinion issued in the documentary analysis stage conducted by CAPES, applicants may file an administrative appeal regarding the fulfillment of the technical requirements of their application.

16.2. The appeal shall be addressed to the Coordination of International Agreements, Selection and Notices (CASE), which, if not reconsidering its decision, shall forward it to the General Coordination of International Cooperation Programs (CGPCI) for a final ruling.

16.3. Once the documentary analysis stage has been completed, the applicant shall be notified at the e-mail address provided in the registration form. The applicant will then be able to access the respective opinion in order to submit arguments in the event of an unfavorable assessment of eligibility.

16.4. Following the disclosure of the opinions via the link to be sent by e-mail, the applicant shall have a period of up to three (3) business days from the date of notification to file an administrative appeal through SICAPES, available at <https://inscricao.capes.gov.br/>.

16.4.1. During the selection process, applicants must regularly check their SPAM folder and adjust their FIREWALL settings to ensure receipt of e-mails from CAPES.

16.5. Appeals shall be assessed with the support of the PEC-PG team at CAPES.

16.6. CAPES shall not provide applicants, or third parties, with access to any content of competing applications.

16.7. The inclusion of documents or information that should have originally been submitted with the application shall not be permitted, except in the following cases:

- I – to substantiate facts that occurred after the submission of the application; and
- II – when created, disclosed, or made available only after the application was submitted, provided that the reason preventing its prior submission is duly justified.

16.8. At the discretion of the competent authority responsible for analyzing the appeal, additional documentation may be requested. However, any new documentation submitted shall not introduce new requests or facts beyond those already assessed.

16.9. No appeal shall be admitted against the final decision of the General Coordination of International Cooperation Programs (CGPCI).

17. FINAL RESULT

17.1. After the analysis of any appeals regarding the documentary analysis stage, the final result shall be published by the President of CAPES in the Federal Official Gazette (Diário Oficial da União – DOU) and on the Program's page on the CAPES Portal.

18. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE IES, CAPES, CNPQ AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

18.1. The responsibilities of the coordinating bodies referred to in item 1.2 of this Notice are established in Joint Ordinance MRE/MEC/MCTI No. 936, of November 24, 2024.

18.2. The responsibilities of the Graduate Dean's Office or equivalent body of the Higher Education Institution (HEI) to which the scholarship recipient is affiliated are:

I – Regarding the PEC-PG scholarship recipient:

- a) act as the liaison between the scholarship recipient and CAPES on matters related to the master's, doctoral, or sandwich doctoral scholarship activities;
- b) request the Graduate Program to which the scholarship recipient is affiliated to provide special academic guidance for the scholarship recipient enrolled in its course;
- c) submit annually to CAPES information on the scholarship recipient's performance, with special attention to cases of outstanding positive or negative results;
- d) notify CAPES of any insufficient academic performance that results in deviation from the objectives of the Program;
- e) inform CAPES of any situation involving changes to the scholarship period, including cases of maternity leave;
- f) immediately notify the Federal Police Department, CAPES, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MRE) of the scholarship recipient's withdrawal, dismissal, or completion of the course;
- g) formally request CAPES, if necessary for the completion of academic work, authorization for the former scholarship recipient to remain in Brazil after the end of the scholarship, for a maximum period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days, without financial burden to CAPES;
- h) request from the Division of Educational Cooperation (DCE) of the MRE, through CAPES, the return-to-country-of-origin allowance for the scholarship recipient enrolled in the PEC-PG; and
- i) support the scholarship recipient's participation in Portuguese language courses offered by the institution.

18.2.1. Scholarship recipients shall not be required, after their arrival in Brazil, to take leveling courses or internships of a selective or eliminatory nature.

18.3. The Brazilian HEI shall provide the scholarship recipient with the necessary working conditions for the development of academic activities related to the scholarship modality, support in finding adequate accommodation, and assistance with other administrative formalities and matters related to daily life in Brazil.

19. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE PEC-PG SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

19.1. Duties of the PEC-PG Scholarship Recipient:

I – comply with the rules of the Program;

II – obtain the appropriate and necessary visa for entry and stay in Brazil before purchasing the airline ticket;

III – maintain regular immigration status in Brazil throughout the entire course;

IV – keep registration data updated with the HEI;

V – inform the HEI and the funding agency of the PEC-PG scholarship of any change in immigration status;

VI – remain informed about obligations and commitments arising from participation in the Program by regularly consulting the electronic portals of CAPES, CNPq, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

VII – obtain health insurance in accordance with item 19.2;

VIII – sign the Grant and Scholarship Acceptance Agreement (Annex VI), undertaking to comply with the work plan approved by the HEI and to reimburse CAPES for any benefits received unduly;

IX – submit the documentation requested by CAPES;

X – comply with all requirements of the Program, including those set forth in the PEC-PG Manual, the internal regulations of the HEI in which the scholarship recipient is enrolled, and the regulations of CAPES. In case of divergence or contradiction between the Manual, the applicable regulations, and this Notice, the provisions of

this Notice shall prevail;

XI – acknowledge CAPES support in any work published as a result of activities developed under the PEC-PG;

XII – request inclusion in CAPES's *Plataforma Sucupira* through the graduate program office; and

XIII – return to the country of origin at the end of the PEC-PG scholarship.

19.1.1. Without prejudice to the provisions of item VII above, the scholarship recipient is guaranteed, in national territory and on an equal basis with Brazilian citizens, access to public health services, as provided by law, without discrimination on the grounds of nationality or migration status.

19.1.2. The selected scholarship recipient must arrive in Brazil with sufficient personal resources to cover initial expenses for at least sixty (60) days. During this period, the scholarship recipient must regularize their banking situation to ensure access to the funds transferred by CAPES.

19.1.3. In the event of a serious or incurable illness that prevents continuation of studies, the PEC-PG scholarship recipient may request authorization of residence for health treatment at a Federal Police office, in accordance with special legislation, notably Interministerial Ordinance MJSP/MRE No. 8, of March 13, 2018.

19.2. Health insurance to be contracted by the scholarship recipient is mandatory, releases CAPES from any responsibility for additional funding or reimbursement, and must provide the broadest possible coverage in Brazil, including, at a minimum: medical and hospital expenses, funeral repatriation, and accompaniment of at least one family member in Brazil in the event of serious occurrences.

19.3. CAPES shall not be responsible for medical, funeral, or repatriation expenses not covered by the contracted health insurance, including those arising from self-inflicted injury, regardless of the cause. In such cases, it shall be the responsibility of the scholarship recipient's family to bear the costs of medical or funeral repatriation, when applicable, as well as any other necessary procedures, abroad or in Brazil.

19.4. The scholarship recipient may accumulate the scholarship received under the Program with other benefits, in compliance with CAPES Ordinance No. 133, of July 10, 2023, and Ordinance No. 187, of September 28, 2023, or any subsequent legal instruments that may replace them.

19.5. Foreign nationals receiving a scholarship fully or partially funded by a foreign State to pursue graduate studies in Brazil under a bilateral instrument shall have the same rights and duties as the PEC-PG scholarship recipient, provided that the selection requirements defined in the relevant terms are respected.

19.6. The formal link between the PEC-PG scholarship recipient and the Program shall begin on the date of signature of the Grant and Scholarship Acceptance Agreement and shall cease:

I – upon completion of the course;

II – in the event of dismissal, withdrawal, or termination of enrollment;

III – in the event of a serious or incurable illness preventing continuation of studies, once the change in residence authorization status has been processed; and

IV – in the event of naturalization as a Brazilian citizen, except in cases of asylum or refugee status.

19.6.1. A scholarship recipient who, for any reason, is dismissed from the HEI shall lose the status of PEC-PG scholarship recipient and the benefits associated with that status-

19.6.2. Payment of the scholarship shall cease if the PEC-PG scholarship recipient is dismissed from the Program, abandons studies, or violates applicable regulations, including those of the HEI in which they are enrolled.

20. AWARD AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

20.1. After publication of the final result by CAPES, the selected applicant must expressly confirm acceptance of the scholarship within thirty (30) days from receipt of the approval e-mail in the selection process.

20.2. After confirming acceptance of the scholarship, the selected applicant must:

- I – request enrollment in the Brazilian Individual Taxpayer Registry (CPF), managed by the Federal Revenue Service of Brazil (RFB), in order to access CAPES’s Scholarship and Aid Control System (SCBA);
- II – sign the Grant Agreement;
- III – register acceptance of the scholarship implementation in the Scholarship and Aid Control System (SCBA) (<https://scba.capes.gov.br/>); and
- IV – ensure the correct entry of Brazilian bank account details and attach proof of account opening in the SCBA system, for the deposit of scholarship benefits.

20.3. Signing and submitting the Grant and Scholarship Acceptance Agreement is a condition for scholarship implementation and establishes the date on which the selected applicant formally assumes the status of scholarship recipient before CAPES.

20.4. Under the PEC-PG, the scholarship recipient shall hold the status of “scholarship recipient” with CAPES and “student” (or equivalent designation) with the HEI, in accordance with the applicable legislation of each institution.

20.5. The implementation of scholarships will depend on CAPES’s budgetary and financial availability.

20.6. The beginning of the scholarship recipient’s academic activities must coincide with the academic calendar of the HEI.

20.7. During the period of stay in Brazil, the scholarship recipient must be engaged in academic activities, under penalty of suspension or cancellation of the scholarship.

20.8. Communications with CAPES shall be carried out via the Linha Direta platform, at: <https://linhadireta.capes.gov.br/linhadireta>.

20.9. The scholarship recipient’s activity schedule must comply, when applicable, with the guidelines set forth in the Grant Letter or equivalent document issued by CAPES.

20.10. The selected applicant will only assume the condition of scholarship recipient after completing CAPES’s documentary and formal procedures, which include signing the Grant and Scholarship Acceptance Agreement.

20.11. The selected applicant may request deferral of the course start date, by submitting a formal request to the host HEI for subsequent analysis and approval by CAPES.

20.12. The selected applicant’s enrollment must follow the academic calendar of the host HEI, and it is the applicant’s responsibility to contact the Graduate Dean’s Office of the HEI to confirm the start date of the academic year.

20.13. During the enrollment process, HEIs and funding agencies shall, whenever possible, waive the requirement for apostilles, legalization, and sworn translation of applicants’ document.

20.14. The scholarship will only be considered implemented after submission of the Grant and Scholarship Acceptance Agreement, duly signed by the selected applicant, along with completion of their information in the Scholarship and Aid Control System (SCBA) (<https://scba.capes.gov.br/scba/login.seam>) and submission, via the Linha Direta platform (<https://linhadireta.capes.gov.br/linhadireta/login.seam>), of the following documents:

- I – proof of enrollment, indicating the course start date and maximum completion deadline;
- II – copy of the visa authorizing residence and study in Brazil;
- III – signed Grant and Scholarship Acceptance Agreement;
- IV – proof of opening a checking account in any Brazilian bank; and
- V – proof of registration status with the Federal Revenue Service (CPF).

20.15. Selected applicants shall have up to one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date of publication of the final result of the selection process in the Federal Official Gazette (Diário Oficial da União – DOU) to submit the documentation required for scholarship implementation. After this period, the scholarship award will be automatically revoked by CAPES.

20.16. A selected applicant will be considered to have withdrawn if they fail to confirm acceptance of the scholarship and submit the duly signed Grant and Scholarship Acceptance Agreement within the deadline set in item 20.1, or if they fail to enroll, without justification, in the program for which they were selected.

20.17. No more than one scholarship shall be granted to the same applicant under this Notice, even in a different modality.

20.18. The scholarship amounts and related benefits shall comply with CAPES regulations.

20.19. It shall be the responsibility of the selected applicant to ensure, in advance, the appropriate visa for entry and stay in Brazil, before purchasing the airline ticket.

21. PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

21.1. The amounts of the scholarship modalities and related benefits shall comply with CAPES Ordinance No. 1, of January 3, 2020, and CAPES Ordinance No. 33, of February 16, 2023.

21.2. The health insurance allowance shall be paid directly to the scholarship recipient, in a single installment and in Brazilian reais.

21.3. CAPES shall not grant any supplementation beyond the limits established in this Notice.

21.4. No payment shall be made to a bank account in the name of a third party or to a joint account of which the scholarship recipient is not the account recipient.

21.5. Except in cases of over-adjustment of amounts, if changes are made to scholarship regulations in the country, by any of the funding agencies, such changes shall not affect scholarships already in force or approved, and shall apply only to those linked to PEC-PG selection instruments after implementation of the new rule.

22. MONITORING OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AND LEAVES FOR FIELD RESEARCH AND PARTICIPATION IN TECHNICAL-SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

22.1. The monitoring of scholarship recipients shall be carried out continuously by the CAPES technical team.

22.2. During the term of the scholarship, any changes related to the execution of activities must be requested by the scholarship recipient through the Linha Direta system, with due justification. For the change to take effect, the scholarship recipient must receive prior authorization from the CAPES technical team.

22.3. To support monitoring, CAPES may request, in addition to reports, additional information on the progress of activities whenever deemed necessary.

22.4. Scholarship recipients in the Full Doctorate and Full Master's modalities may request leaves for field research and participation in technical-scientific events, as follows:

22.4.1. The scholarship recipient may only leave Brazil during the term of the scholarship for field research in the country of origin or residence, for a maximum period of twelve (12) months, whether consecutive or not, provided that it is included in the approved work plan, with submission of a detailed activity schedule and advisor's justification.

22.4.2. Field research leave must be authorized by the Graduate Dean's Office of the host HEI and communicated to CAPES at least thirty (30) days in advance.

22.4.3. It shall be the responsibility of the Graduate Dean's Office of the host HEI to inform the scholarship recipient of the maximum authorized leave period to ensure that it is not exceeded.

22.4.4. The scholarship recipient may participate in technical-scientific events, such as congresses, seminars, and courses in Brazil or abroad, without suspension of the scholarship, for a maximum period of one (1) month per event, subject to prior authorization and without financial burden to CAPES.

22.4.5. The leave and participation in events must be communicated to CAPES by the Graduate Dean's Office of the host HEI at least thirty (30) days in advance, through an official letter containing the purpose, the advisor's endorsement, and the total period of leave.

22.5. The scholarship recipient must immediately inform CAPES in the event of illness or any other issue occurring during the leave.

22.6. During any leave, the residence authorization must remain valid for the entire period abroad. It is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient to ensure that their Brazilian visa allows departure from and return to Brazil.

23. WITHDRAWAL

23.1. Withdrawal from the scholarship by the selected applicant must be immediately reported to CAPES through a written and substantiated communication, without prejudice to the reimbursement to the Federal Treasury of amounts already received up to the date of communication, except in duly proven cases of force majeure or unforeseen circumstances, as assessed by the General Coordination of Institutional Programs and International Scholarships of CAPES.

23.2. A copy of the official withdrawal must be submitted to the unit equivalent to the Graduate Dean's Office of the HEI in Brazil.

23.3. In the event of unilateral withdrawal by the host HEI, CAPES shall cancel the scholarship without imposing any burden on the scholarship recipient.

24. CANCELLATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP
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24.1. If, at any time, inconsistencies or irregularities are found in the documents or information submitted, CAPES may, through a reasoned decision, determine the cancellation of the scholarship.

24.2. The decision to cancel the scholarship may be appealed within ten (10) calendar days, to be submitted to CAPES through the Linha Direta system.

24.3. In the event of denial of the appeal, CAPES shall proceed with the cancellation of the scholarship and notify the scholarship recipient to reimburse the amounts received, plus interest and monetary adjustment, in accordance with the applicable legislation.

25. ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
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25.1. The accountability of the scholarship recipient selected under this Notice shall follow the applicable regulations available on the CAPES Portal.

25.2. The scholarship closing process shall only be considered complete after the scholarship recipient has submitted the accountability report regarding the study period in Brazil, as well as fulfilled all obligations as a former scholarship recipient.

25.3. For accountability purposes, the former scholarship recipient must submit to CAPES the following proof of return to the country of origin within sixty (60) days after leaving Brazil:

I – Final report by the former scholarship recipient, describing the activities carried out in accordance with the

proposed work plan;

II – Letter from the Brazilian HEI attesting to the activities performed and their completion in Brazil;

III – Copy of the passport page showing the date of departure from Brazil, or equivalent document;

IV – Return e-ticket; and

V – Boarding pass(es).

25.3.1. In exceptional cases involving the reimbursement of funds to CAPES, the scholarship recipient must submit proof of reimbursement.

25.3.2. In the event of reimbursement of invested funds, the rules set forth in CAPES Ordinance No. 197, of August 28, 2019, and Normative Instruction DGES No. 2, of June 23, 2020, shall apply.

25.3.3. Failure to submit the accountability report within the established deadlines shall constitute noncompliance, and the grant process shall be forwarded for the initiation of administrative procedures for reimbursement to the Treasury. This may include entry into the federal delinquency registry, registration as active debt, formal protest, fiscal execution, and the initiation of a Special Audit Procedure, in accordance with due process of law, the applicable legislation, and CAPES's internal regulations.

26. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

26.1. Scientific publications and any other form of dissemination or promotion of events or research supported under the PEC-PG shall be governed by the regulations of CAPES and the Brazilian host HEI.

26.2. Should the research results, or the final report itself, have commercial value or potential for the development of a product or method involving the establishment of a patent, the exchange of information and the reservation of rights shall, in each case, comply with the provisions of the Brazilian Industrial Property Law (Law No. 9,279 of May 14, 1996), the Brazilian Copyright Law (Law No. 9,610 of February 19, 1998), Decree No. 9,283 of February 7, 2018, and the applicable CAPES regulations.

28. FINAL PROVISIONS

28.1. The unit responsible for the selection process governed by this Notice shall be the Coordination for International Agreements, Selection, and Notices (CASE). The implementation and monitoring of the scholarships shall be under the responsibility of the General Coordination of Institutional Programs and International Scholarships (CGPIB), both within the International Relations Directorate (DRI) of CAPES.

28.2. Scientific publications and any other form of dissemination or promotion of events or research proposals supported under the PEC-PG shall be governed by CAPES regulations.

28.3. CAPES, CNPq, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MRE) shall resolve any omissions and situations not provided for in this Notice.

28.4. This Notice may be amended or revoked, in whole or in part, either by unilateral decision of CAPES or for reasons of public interest or legal requirement, through a substantiated decision resulting from supervening circumstances. Such action shall not give rise to any right to compensation or claims of any nature, while respecting acquired rights, in accordance with applicable legislation.

28.5. The submission of incomplete documentation, incorrect data, inconsistent information, late submissions, or false information, at any stage of the selection process or during the scholarship period, shall result in the exclusion of the applicant or scholarship recipient from the selection process or from the PEC-PG. All information provided under the selection process and the PEC-PG is the sole responsibility of the applicant or scholarship recipient. CAPES reserves the right to take appropriate measures, including exclusion as provided above.

28.6. Should any irregularities be identified after the scholarship has been awarded, CAPES may cancel the scholarship and request reimbursement of the amounts paid, plus interest and monetary adjustment, in accordance with applicable legislation, while ensuring due process and the right to a full defense.

28.7. Inquiries regarding the selection process may be submitted to the following e-mail address: inscricao.pecp@capes.gov.br.

28.7.1. After approval in the selection process, any questions from selected scholarship recipient shall be addressed through the Linha Direta system.

28.8. CAPES may, at any time, request additional information or documents from applicants, as deemed necessary.

28.9. CAPES may share with the MRE and CNPq the information necessary for conducting the selection process and monitoring the scholarships, including: applicant names; registration codes; Brazilian and foreign HEIs involved in the projects; field of study, evaluation area, and knowledge area; issued reviews; and scholarship start and end dates.

28.10. The processing of personal data under this Notice is legally based on Article 7, item II, of the Brazilian General Data Protection Law (LGPD), grounded in CAPES's legal obligation to award scholarships under international cooperation programs, with the aim of promoting the internationalization of Brazil's scientific and technological production, as provided in Article 2, paragraph 6, of Law No. 8,405/1992.

28.11. CAPES undertakes to ensure that the processing of personal data under this Notice is strictly limited to the fulfillment of its public purposes, as provided by law.

28.12. CAPES undertakes to adopt the necessary technical and administrative measures to prevent harm arising from the processing of personal data, as well as to protect such data from unauthorized access and from accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, disclosure, or dissemination.

28.13. CAPES undertakes to comply with the legal provisions regarding the preservation of privacy and the protection of personal data to which it may have access under this Notice, in particular Law No. 13,709 of August 14, 2018 (General Data Protection Law – LGPD), Law No. 12,965 of April 23, 2014 (Brazilian Internet Civil Rights Framework), and Decree No. 8,771 of May 11, 2016.

28.14. This Notice shall be governed by public law, in particular Law No. 14,133 of April 1, 2021 (Brazilian Public Procurement Law), Law No. 9,784 of January 29, 1999 (Administrative Procedure Law), and, where applicable, the internal regulations of CAPES, CNPq, and the MRE.

ANNEXES TO THE NOTICE

Annex I – List of Public Policies Aligned with Brazilian Priorities

Annex II – Research Proposal Template

Annex III – Personal Statement (Memorial) Template

Annex IV – Letter of Acceptance Template

Annex V – Term of Adherence

Annex VI – Scholarship Award and Acceptance Agreement