



MOBILITY CONFAP ITALY CALL 2023

The call opens on 22 November 2023 and will close 11 March 2024.

Brazilian State Funding Agencies (FAPs), articulated through the Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies (CONFAP), are launching a call for proposal offering support to researchers from Brazil, based in Brazilian higher education and research institutions, who are willing to develop research activities in Italy, in collaboration with local colleagues.

The present call is based on the Cooperation Agreement between CONFAP and the University of Bologna, acting as Technical Secretariat of the network of Italian Universities, signed in June 2023, referred to Program “Mobility CONFAP–ITALY II (MCI II)”, giving continuity to the previous agreement signed in 2017.

The objective of the agreement is to facilitate and support effective collaboration between the parties for scientific, technological and innovation cooperation, through the mobility between the two countries of PhD students, Master students (*Mestrado* or *Laurea Magistrale* students) and post-docs.

The call offers support for researchers in Brazil through **Scholarships**.

The Scholarship awards offer an opportunity for researchers associated to universities and research institutes based in the Brazilian States which support the present call, to develop strengths and capacities of their research groups, through research collaborations and visits, in partnership with research groups in Italy, part of the MCI network.

This call, launched by CONFAP, may be complemented by specific Guidelines issued by each one of the participating FAPs. The FAPs define their respective modalities for supporting the present call, by publishing Guidelines, or by providing orientations, therefore they must be consulted before preparing a proposal.

The FAPs associated to this call are listed in section 6.

1 Eligibility

- 1.1. Depending on the modality of support provided by each of the participating FAP, eligible researchers based in universities and research institutions from the Brazilian States participating in this call may be:
 - a) PhD students and/or;
 - b) Master students and/or;
 - c) Post-doctoral researchers.
- 1.2. The supporting FAPs, listed under section 6 of the present call, may require additional eligibility criteria, or may not include all the modalities listed above. These additional eligibility criteria will be announced in their respective guidelines, or provided in the orientations given by the FAPs, regarding this call. Applicants must consult their respective FAPs before starting the preparation of their proposals.
- 1.3. All applicants must have a supervisor associated to a university in Italy, part of the MCI network.
- 1.4. **Research opportunities offered by the eligible host institutions in Italy** are presented in the MCI website, under the section dedicated to Research Opportunities in Italy:
<https://site.unibo.it/mobility-confap-italy/en/research-opportunity-offers-in-italy>
- 1.5. Apart from the offers published on the website, Universities part of the MCI network may have other opportunities, therefore they can be consulted directly.
- 1.6. **Details of the Italian MCI network are available in the following link:**
<https://site.unibo.it/mobility-confap-italy/en/mci-program/network-of-italian-university>

Italian Universities part of the Network:

1. University of Bologna
2. University of Bergamo
3. University of Modena and Reggio Emilia



4. University of Palermo
5. University of Padua
6. University of Pavia
7. University of Pisa
8. Università Politecnica delle Marche
9. University of Siena
10. University of Trieste
11. Politecnico di Torino
12. University of Turin
13. Sapienza University of Roma
14. Roma Tre University
15. Politecnico di Milano

2 Support offered

- 2.1 Support is offered in the form of Scholarship awards, which may include different funding components, according to the Guidelines or orientations of the respective FAPs supporting this call.
- 2.2 The support offered within the present call may include:
 - a) For Master Students, support offered exclusively for research periods;
 - b) For Doctoral students, support offered exclusively for research periods;
 - c) Post-doctoral research.
- 2.3 No tuition fees will be charged by any side for any exchange mobility.
- 2.4 The values of the monthly scholarships will be indicated in the specific Guidelines or orientations provided by the respective FAPs which support the present call. (listed under Item 6 of the present call)
- 2.5 Additional requirements:

In case of mobility in the frame of projects with potential commercial value and from which industrial and intellectual property rights may arise, the host and the sending institutions are required to sign a specific collaboration agreement settling these matters. Such specific collaboration agreements will take into account applicable national legislations and international conventions.

3 How to Apply

- a) Vacancies in the Italian Universities part of the network are published on the MCI website:
 - <https://site.unibo.it/mobility-confap-italy/en/research-opportunity-offers-in-italy>
- b) Other Research collaborations may be also consulted, by contacting the MCI network:
 - <https://site.unibo.it/mobility-confap-italy/en/mci-program/network-of-italian-university>
- c) Applications must be sent within 11 March 2024, through the link:
 - <https://sistema.confap.org.br>.
- d) FAPs may request that the proposals are submitted also in their own platform. To this end, applicants need to verify directly with their FAP.

Project proposals must include the following documents:

1. Project proposal (no pre-fixed template);
2. Curriculum Vitae of the applicant from Brazil;
3. Curriculum Vitae of the Supervisor in Italy;
4. Letter of support signed by the supervisor at the University in Italy.
5. FAPs may request additional requirements and should be consulted by the applicants to this end.

For further information on the support given by the FAPs: contact must be made directly with the FAPs; **contacts are available in the following [link](#).**

For general information of the call, contact: elisa.confap@gmail.com

4 Selection criteria

- 4.1 All applications will be assessed through a peer review process carried out by each of the participating FAPs, according to the following criteria:
 - a) The quality of the proposed research project.
 - b) The academic performance and specific requirements indicated by the participating FAPs.
 - c) The academic performance of the supervisor at the host institution.
 - d) The record of accomplishment of the applicants, and the host organization in the area of proposed research.
 - e) The expected benefits for the career development of the Applicant.
- 4.2 Each participating FAP may announce its specific selection criteria in their respective Guidelines or orientations given for this call.

5 Timeline

Announcement	22 November, 2023
Deadline for submission	11 March, 2024
Final results published by CONFAP	May 2024

6 Supporting FAPs:

The following Brazilian State Funding Agencies support the present call*:

1. Alagoas – FAPEAL
2. Amapá – FAPEAP
3. Amazonas - FAPEAM
4. Bahia – FAPESB
5. Ceará – FUNCAP
6. Espírito Santo – FAPES
7. Federal District – FAPDF
8. Goiás – FAPEG
9. Mato Grosso do Sul – FUNDECT
10. Minas Gerais – FAPEMIG
11. Pará – FAPESPA
12. Paraíba – FAPESQ
13. Paraná – Fundação Araucária
14. Pernambuco - FACEPE
15. Rio de Janeiro – FAPERJ
16. Rio Grande do Sul – FAPERGS
17. Rondônia - FAPERO
18. Roraima – FAPERR
19. Santa Catarina – FAPESC
20. São Paulo – FAPESP

*Other FAPs may confirm their participation.