



Programme Capes / Nuffic - Call for proposals for joint research projects 2013

Mar 11, 2013 - Nuffic, the Netherlands Organisation for International Cooperation in Higher Education, and Capes, the Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Postgraduate Education, open together a fifth Call for Proposals for joint research projects.

The closing date of this call for proposals is 17 April 2013

Nuffic hereby, referring to the cooperative agreement between Nuffic and Capes signed on the 12th of December 2008, publicly announces a call for proposals for the realisation of joint research projects between Dutch higher education institutions and Brazilian higher education institutions (HEI), promoting scientific exchange and the formation of high level human resources in both countries. The call for proposals has a focus on cooperation in the areas of Biological Sciences, Engineering, Health Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Applied Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts without excluding other areas of knowledge.

Objectives

The cooperation between Capes and Nuffic previsions scientific exchange between the Dutch and Brazilian HEI and the formation of high level human resources in both countries.

Cooperation principles

- The call for proposals, the applications and the verification of the projects on the Dutch side are organised and done by Nuffic.
- The call for proposals and the applications on the Brazilian side, and the selection of the joint proposals are organised and done by Capes.
- The cooperation between Dutch and Brazilian HEI is based upon reciprocity. The investment of the projects and the sending of students, researchers or professors, are also linked to this principal, with the understanding that for the Brazilian partner institutions the finances are covered by Capes.

1. General provisions

1.1 All Dutch higher education institutions doing research can send in proposals for projects, considering that they have signed the Code of Conduct.

1.2 The Dutch higher education institution should find a Brazilian cooperation partner to send in a joint proposal. The proposal is sent in simultaneously in Brazil and in the Netherlands: the Brazilian HEI sends the proposal to Capes, the Dutch HEI sends the proposal to Nuffic.

1.3 The Brazilian partner can be any higher education institution (private or public) in Brazil that is evaluated by CAPES, which offers a PhD course in the proposed area of cooperation. Capes aims at PhD courses that have achieved a score of 5, 6, or 7 in its evaluation with concepts, but does not exclude programmes which are listed with the minimal possible score, being a score with the concepts 3 or 4.

1.4 The proposal should include and foresee the sending and receiving of PhD students to contribute to their development and formation within the context of the joint research. The Brazilian partner sends PhD students to the Netherlands in accordance with the Dutch partner and vice versa (at least one Dutch PhD student should do a part of its research or study in Brazil per project year). Work missions and other forms of personnel exchange are optional.

1.5 The project should have an innovative character, taking in consideration the development of the proposed area in its national and international context.



1.6. The proposal should foresee the joint publication of scientific articles and include the scientific development of the involved research groups into its objectives.

1.7 The project proposal should be written for activities over a two-year period. The project will be able to be extended with two more years, after evaluation by Capes.

1.8 The project proposals may include other partners, also from other countries.

2. Selection Process

2.1 Selection of the proposals consists of 3 phases, which are: verification of document consistency, analysis of the requesting party, prioritisation by Capes, decision taking by Capes in a joint meeting with Nuffic.

2.1.2 Analysis of the requesting party is a requisite on the Brazilian side directed at the Brazilian higher education institution. The decision to grant financing to the Brazilian partner, and with that to approve the joint proposal itself, is exclusively of Capes.

2.2 This call for proposals foresees to select 20 joint research projects which start their activities in 2013.

2.3 Chronogram

Period	Phase
Till 17 April 2013	Sending of proposals
April to June 2013	Document Analysis, content analysis and prioritisation of proposals
June 2013	Analysis and verification through joint meeting
July 2013	Selection and presentation of results
July 2013 onwards	Start of project activities

3. Finances

3.1 The financing of the projects on the Brazilian side is granted by Capes. **The financing of the research projects on the Dutch side is the responsibility of the participating Dutch higher education institution.**

3.1.2 The financing of Capes is solely destined for the Brazilian HEI *casu quo* the Brazilian side of the project, and will be limited to a maximum of 4 years. See annex I for details.

3.1.3 The Dutch partner in the project should take in account that it should foster the research at the Dutch side of the project out of own funds or through scholarships e.g. external financial structures.

3.2 The Brazilian higher education institution will not charge any tuition fee or utility costs for the Dutch student. In return the Dutch higher education institution should exempt the Brazilian student from paying tuition as well as any other administrative or utility costs for the period of stay.

4. Application

4.1 The application for Dutch institutions is based upon an open call for proposals for cooperation with Brazilian institutions.

4.2 Nuffic as a facilitator will analyse the document consistency of the Dutch project proposal.

4.3 Application is obligatorily done with the following documents:

- ✓ Completed and signed application form
- ✓ Description of the project in English, including its goals and objectives.
- ✓ Plan of action, describing the activities, missions and how the PhD students will contribute and be guided.
- ✓ Investment plan per project year signed by the responsible dean or by the rector. The investment plan should show which financial investment is done in the research project at the Dutch side (this may be an overall amount), furthermore it should state the effective costs of receiving the Brazilian PhD student(s) per year confirming that Brazilian PhD students within the project will not be charged for tuition (since tuition and utility costs are exempted by the Dutch institution, this is noted as an investment).
- ✓ Description and contact details of the Brazilian partner

4.4 Dutch institutions are advised to align with the Brazilian partner when writing the project proposal. Dutch HEI looking for a suitable partner can contact Nuffic Neso Brazil for guidance and intermediation.



4.5 In case of conceding degrees or certificates to Brazilian PhD students, an official notification of acceptance of the Dutch diploma given by the Brazilian partner is recommended to include in an institutional cooperation agreement.

Applications can be sent until 17 April 2013 to Nuffic Neso Brazil. Digitally, with a scanned copy of the signed investment plan and application form, to: callforproposals@nesobrazil.org or hard copy to:

Nuffic - Education Promotion Department / reference Capes - Nuffic
Kortenaerkade 11
P.O. Box 29777 / 2502 LT
The Hague The Netherlands

For questions or additional information Dutch Higher Education Institutions can enter in contact with Nuffic Neso Brazil through the above mentioned email address. For the Call for Proposals at the Brazilian side, please see:
<http://www.Capes.gov.br/cooperacao-internacional/holanda/programa-Capesnuffic> or contact Capes at nuffic@Capes.gov.br

Annex I - Financing by Capes to the Brazilian partner

The following financial structure is offered by Capes to the Brazilian side of the project:

a) With a maximum of two work missions per project year, Capes finances for the coordinators (PhD professor(s) of the Brazilian team:

- An allowance with the rate of € 140 per day for a stay until 20 days (minimal stay of 7 days).
- Insurance payment of € 90
- Economic class return ticket Brazil – the Netherlands

b) With a maximum of two study missions per project year Capes finances scholarships for Brazilian PhD students participating in the projects to travel to the Netherlands, in the modalities PhD Sandwich (4 to 12 months) and Postdoc programme (3 to 12 months). The grants consist of:

- A monthly allowance of € 1.300 for PhD students and € 2.100 Post-doc researchers, exclusively paid in the months of residence on Dutch territory.
- Insurance payment of € 90 per month
- One-time paid instalment allowance of € 1.300 for PhD students and € 2.100 for Postdoc researchers
- Economic class return ticket Brazil – the Netherlands
- Additional monthly allowance of € 400 for residences in Amsterdam

c) For the Brazilian project team, Capes finances an annual allowance of 10.000 BRL for material and operational costs.

1. The concession of scholarships to Brazilian students is subjected to prior acceptance of the student by the Dutch coordinator of the project.

2. As a condition for receiving a scholarship, the Brazilian student should return to Brazil within 30 days after concluding the study in the Netherlands. Besides, the Brazilian student will have to stay in Brazil for the same period of his scholarship in Netherlands. This is a condition set by Capes. In case of no-compliance the student will be penalised with restitution of the scholarship granted by Capes.