

Research project

PERIPHERAL URBANISATION, URBAN EXPERIENCE AND PERIPHERAL URBAN CONDITIONS
(PERIURB)

Postdoctoral fellowship selection process

The Faculty of Science and Technology of the São Paulo State University (UNESP), Presidente Prudente Campus, Brazil, announces the selection process for **a postdoctoral fellowship** who will work on the research project **PERIPHERAL URBANISATION, URBAN EXPERIENCE AND PERIPHERAL URBAN CONDITIONS (PeriUrb)**, a summary and keywords of which are provided in **Annex 1** of this notice.

Informations

- The available quota for this postdoctoral fellowship is 24 months. It will be awarded for 12 months and may be renewed for an additional 12-month period, depending on the fellow's performance. According to current regulations, fellows may be replaced even before 12 months if they withdraw or their performance is incompatible with what was proposed in the work plan.
- The selected candidate will receive a monthly stipend of R\$12,570.00, installation assistance, and a technical reserve to cover expenses directly associated with the research, according to the table provided by the funding agency that finances this scholarship – São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP).
- For further information, please refer to the questions regarding PD scholarships: <https://fapesp.br/bolsas/pd>.

- Of particular note in this document is the profile established by FAPESP:
 - *The FAPESP Postdoctoral Fellowship aims to create conditions for the temporary incorporation of highly promising scientists who have obtained their PhD less than seven years ago into active research groups in the state of São Paulo, except under the conditions set forth in Ordinance Portaria PR n. 171/2024, in Brazil or abroad, with outstanding performance, to contribute to the development of research at an institution located in the São Paulo state.*

- Responsibility for the preparation and development of the research project is shared between the supervisor and the candidate.
- Applications for Postdoctoral Fellowships (PD) may be submitted before completion of the PhD, but proof of completion must be provided upon acceptance of the Fellowship.
- Given that Postdoctoral Fellowships are primarily aimed at training new staff for the state's research system, FAPESP gives priority in its analysis of applications to candidates who have recently completed their PhD within the normal duration of the program, except in the conditions provided for in [Portaria PR n. 171/2024](#), with an excellent academic record in postgraduate studies.

The scholarship will be supervised by the research coordinator – Maria Encarnação Beltrão Sposito – but the selected candidate must be open to working and communicating with all researchers on the team (see the FAPESP Virtual Library - <https://bv.fapesp.br/pt/auxiliios/118867/urbanizacao-periferica-experiencia-urbana-e-condicao-urbana-periferica/>)

- The selected candidate will be based in Presidente Prudente, in the state of São Paulo, Brazil, but must be available to travel frequently to conduct fieldwork in the São Paulo metropolitan area, Mossoró (Rio Grande do Norte) and Chapecó (Santa Catarina).
- His/her activities should be directly linked to the implementation of the proposed research methodology, focusing on: - compiling and systematizing data; - conducting interviews with citizens in the areas covered by the study, and organization of the material obtained; and - mediating focus groups in these areas.
- Foreign candidates are welcome, but it is important that the candidate has at least a basic command of the Portuguese language, given the predominantly qualitative nature of the methodology to be developed, which requires dialogue between the researcher and the research subject.
- The candidate must participate in: - regular meetings where bibliographic discussions and discussions related to the development of the research are held; - workshops where the planning and semester evaluation of the research are carried out; - fieldwork to recognize the areas of research and achieve the methodology; - meetings to analyze the material produced and discuss the first versions of texts; - scientific events in Brazil and abroad to present partial and final research results.
- Desirable fields of study: Human Geography, Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, History, Architecture and Urbanism, and Urban and Regional Planning.

Registration

Those interested in applying for the selection process should send:

1. Spreadsheet contained in Annex 2, filled in with his/her information.
2. Text of up to 5 pages (in a separate table at the end of the spreadsheet – Annex 2) introducing him/herself and discussing the general theme of the project.

3. Curriculum Vitae in PDF format (extracted from the Lattes Platform – www.cnpq.br/lattes, if Brazilian; foreign candidates who do not have their CV on this platform should send their complete CVs in other formats).
4. Applications should be sent to beltrao.sposito@unesp.br. Applicants should request confirmation to ensure that their application has been received.

Selection process

The selection of scholarship will be based on an evaluation of:

- researcher's educational background (master's and doctoral thesis topics and fields; research projects in which they have participated; publications; supervisions already carried out, if any, etc.);
- text submitted, presenting him/herself as a candidate for the scholarship and discussing the project topic (in the appropriate box at the end of the spreadsheet – Annex 2);
- interview, to be conducted by the project coordinator and another researcher, which must be done via Google Meet for Brazilian or foreign candidates.

Schedule

Registration with documents submitted online.	Until 16 March 2026
Conducting interviews, according to a schedule to be announced after the registration period closes.	23 to 28 March 2026
Announcement of results, with ranking of selected candidates.	Until 3 April 2026
Confirmation of interest from the candidate selected for the scholarship*.	Until 10 April 2026
Expected start date for the scholarship holder activities, after approval of their name by FAPESP.	1st July 2026

* If the selected candidate does not express interest, the next candidate on the list will be called.

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Annex 1

PERIPHERAL URBANISATION, URBAN EXPERIENCE AND PERIPHERAL URBAN CONDITION [PERIURB]

Principal investigator:
Maria Encarnação Beltrão Sposito

Host institution:
São Paulo State University (Unesp)
Presidente Prudente Campus

Abstract: The starting point is the observation that the new areas located in the urban expansion ring, resulting from investments in medium and high-end residential areas (whether condominiums or not) and in large commercial and service areas (shopping centers, business centers, etc.) could not be covered by the concept of urban periphery, as it was forged to understand urbanization in Latin America. The content of this concept is not only established by the distance of this area from the centers, but also, and above all, by its characteristics relating to all types of insufficiency, revealing and conditioning in space the range of socio-economic inequalities that have historically marked the socio-spatial formations of this subcontinent. It is therefore important to understand how the ideas of "peripheral urbanization" and "peripheral urban condition" are articulated. The latter will be observed in its objective and subjective, material and immaterial aspects. Methodologically, the concept of 'urban experience' will support the two central procedures chosen for conducting the research - focus groups and semi-structured interviews - since the aim is to guide the recording of the subjects' narratives, combining their life stories, which constitute this experience, and the ways in which they live and represent, in their imaginations, the peripheral condition to which they are subjected. The empirical samples will be: two metropolitan districts: Cidade Tiradentes (São Paulo) and Pimentas (Guarulhos) because they are characteristic of the 'urban periphery' and 'peripheral urbanization' at different stages of the metropolization process; and the middle cities of Mossoró (Rio Grande do Norte) and Chapecó (Santa Catarina), belonging to distinct socio-spatial formations and with very disparate current socio-economic conditions.

Key-words: Production of urban space, Peripheral urbanization, Urban experience, Peripheral urban conditions, São Paulo metropolis, Mossoró, Chapecó.

Annex 2

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APPLICATION FORM FOR POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS 2026 TO 2028

Name of the candidate

Full home address

Email address

Contact telephone numbers

Text of up to 5 pages, in which the candidates introduce themselves and discuss the research topic.









