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The **BRAZILIAN FEDERAL AGENCY FOR SUPPORT AND EVALUATION OF GRADUATE EDUCATION (CAPES)**, a public agency under the Ministry of Education, in the exercise of the responsibilities conferred upon it by Article 33, items II and IX, of Annex I of Decree No. 11,238, dated October 18, 2022, and pursuant to Law No. 8,405, dated January 9, 1992, registered under CNPJ No. 00.889.834/0001-08, hereby publicly announces the selection of network proposals under the Institutional Internationalization Networks Program – CAPES-Global.edu, established by CAPES Ordinance No. 74, of March 28, 2025, in accordance with the provisions of Process No. 23038.004143/2024-44, and in accordance with the rules of this Public Call and applicable legislation.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Institutional Internationalization Networks Program – CAPES-Global.edu aims to promote the creation of cooperation networks among national institutions at different stages of internationalization, located in different regions of Brazil, encouraging, through interaction with foreign institutions, the development of research and graduate studies as well as international cooperation.

1.2 The target of this Public Call is the Brazilian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and Research Institutions (RIs), public and private non-profit entities from various regions of the country, that offer stricto sensu Graduate Programs (PPGs) recommended by CAPES and authorized and recognized by the Ministry of Education.

1.3 The definitions for the purposes of this Call, are set in Annex I – Definitions.

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 The CAPES-Global.edu Program has the general objective of contributing to strengthening Brazil's international leadership and consolidating its position as a strategic partner in global initiatives, as well as promoting cooperation, intercultural dialogue, and sustainable development.

2.2 The Program's specific objectives are:

I - to promote partnerships among national institutions from different regions of Brasil and at various stages of internationalization, to foster international cooperation and mutual teaching and learning processes with institutions from both the Global North and the Global South;

II – to encourage the development, implementation, and consolidation of strategic internationalization plans by participating institutions, aligned with their respective Institutional Development Plans (PDI);

III - to stimulate collaboration with society organizations, in order to enhance the HEIs relevance within their contexts. This objective encompasses actions focused on teaching, research, outreach, innovation, leadership, entrepreneurship, creative economy, sustainability, and social and environmental awareness;

IV – to promote opportunities for international experience, both in Brazil and abroad, for graduate students, researchers, faculty, and technical staff, contributing to professional development and enhancing cooperation in education, research, outreach, and innovation at national and international levels;

V - to foster a culture of internationalization that is diverse, inclusive, and welcoming within participating institutions of the networks;

VI - to encourage the improvement of internationalization governance in HEIs/RIs as well as the training of professionals for international management.

3. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NETWORK

3.1 The Networks under this Program must have the following essential characteristics:

I - Strategic collaboration and internationalization, promoting partnerships between Brazilian institutions and international partners to enhance the quality of teaching, research, outreach, and innovation, thereby contributing to reducing regional disparities inside the country;

II - Involvement of national institutions at different stages of internationalization to share experiences and knowledge, as well as to strengthen institutional capacity for internationalization;

III - Promotion of diversity, inclusion, and a culture of internationalization, reinforcing the global presence of participating institutions;

IV - Collaboration between HEIs/RIs and society, through international cooperation in university outreach and innovation;

V - International mobility and visibility, providing experiences for graduate students, faculty, researchers, and technical staff;

VI - Focus on strategic themes aligned with public policies addressing Brazil's priorities and/or the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

4. COMPOSITION OF THE NETWORK

4.1 Institutional Internationalization Networks must consist of a minimum of 4 (four) and a maximum of 6 (six) HEIs or RIs with graduate programs recommended by CAPES and recognized by the Ministry of Education. The network must include one coordinating institution (coordinator) and up to five associated institutions.

4.2 The composition of Networks must fulfill the following geographic criteria, considering Brazil's five regions:

I - Networks with one coordinator and three associated institutions must include institutions from at least three regions of the country, including the coordinator's region;

II - Networks with one coordinator and four or five associated institutions must include institutions from at least four regions of the country, including the coordinator's region.

4.3 For multi-campus institutions with campuses located in different regions, the region of the main administrative headquarters will be considered.

4.4 For network-based Graduate Programs (PPGs), for the purpose of verifying the requirements to qualify as the coordinating institution (items 4.6, 4.7, and 9.1), only the institution that represents the program to CAPES, as registered in the CAPES Sucupira Platform at the time of application, will be considered. For the purpose of linking to strategic themes, all institutions participating in the network may include the network-based Graduate Program within their respective fields of activity.

4.5 All Networks must include at least one institution from the North, Center-West, or Northeast regions of Brazil.

4.6 Coordinating institutions must have at least one Graduate Program (PPG) rated 5, 6, or 7, in CAPES's evaluation, with expertise in each strategic theme defined by the Network.

4.7 Networks may include more than one associated institution with PPG rated 6 or 7, under the following conditions:

I - For networks with a coordinator and three or four associated institutions: only one associated institution may have a PPG rated 6 or 7;

II - For networks with a coordinator and five associated institutions: up to two associated institutions may have PPGs rated 6 or 7.

4.7.1 Institutions with up to seven PPGs rated 6 or 7 will be exempt from the restriction of item 4.7, which limits the number of institutions with high-rated programs.

4.7.2 In situations described in item 4.7, the associated institution with a PPG rated 6 or 7 must be located in a different region from the coordinating institution.

4.7.3 The network proposal must also include PPGs rated 3, 4, or 5 from the coordinating institutions.

4.7.4 PPGs participating in CAPES-Global.edu cannot simultaneously receive funding from other CAPES institutional-format programs, to avoid overlapping of resources.

5. PARTICIPATION IN MULTIPLE NETWORKS

5.1 A coordinating HEI/RI may:

5.1.1 Participate as a coordinator in only one network proposal;

5.1.2 Participate as an associated institution in up to two additional network proposals within different strategic themes and with distinct Graduate Programs (PPGs).

5.2 An associated HEI/RI may participate in up to three network proposals as an associated institution. In this case, each proposal must address different strategic themes with distinct Graduate Programs (PPGs).

5.3 As an exception to item 5.2, graduate programs organized as networks may participate in more than one network proposal. In such cases, the funding will be allocated exclusively to the participating HEI/RI listed in the proposal.

6. BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

6.1 This Call will fund institutional internationalization networks with an annual investment of up to BRL 350,000,000.00, totaling up to BRL 1,400,000,000.00 over the full implementation period, subject to the budgetary and financial availability of CAPES.

6.2 The Networks will have a five-year term, with funding distributed over the first four years of implementation.

6.3 Expenses in subsequent years will be charged to the corresponding budgets, in accordance with applicable legislation and CAPES' financial availability.

6.4 The amount of funding granted to each Network will be determined by CAPES based on the submitted proposal and the results of the evaluation process, considering budgetary and financial constraints.

6.5 Approved proposals will be subject to any budget contingencies that may impact CAPES. In such cases, the proponents must adjust their proposals to the new financial context.

6.6 CAPES will only implement approved proposals after the coordinating and associated institutions complete all necessary procedures for funding approval.

6.7 Proposing institutions may use additional national or international funding sources to supplement CAPES' investment in the Networks.

6.8 If other sources of funding are used, they must be reported in the annual monitoring report's funding spreadsheet.

7. DUTIES OF COORDINATING AND ASSOCIATED INSTITUTIONS

7.1 Coordinating institutions must commit to:

I - Advise participating institutions in the development, implementation, or consolidation of their Strategic Internationalization Plans;

II - Share internationalization infrastructure to support the Network's activities;

III - Coordinate the **Board Committee**, composed of the Pro-Rector for Graduate Studies or equivalent of each participating institution and a representative of the International Department, to collectively make strategic decisions, set priorities, and resolve potential conflicts;

IV - Demonstrate commitment to inclusion and diversity, ensuring that activities within the Network promote equal opportunities and consider the varied needs and perspectives of participants.

7.2 Associated institutions must commit to:

I - Participate in the Network's Board Committee;

II - Demonstrate clear commitment to the Network's goals and strategic themes;

III - Engage in the development, implementation, or consolidation of their own Strategic Internationalization Plans, aligned with their Institutional Development Plan (PDI);

IV - Implement or strengthen the structures for internationalization;

V - Demonstrate a commitment to inclusion and diversity, ensuring equal opportunities and inclusive practices in all activities within the Network.

7.3 The Network must organize an annual seminar to promote the exchange of best practices and experiences among participating institutions, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing across all areas of the Network's operation.

8. TIMELINE

8.1 The selection process for this Call will follow the estimated schedule below:

Planned Activity	Date/Period
Platform opening for proposal registration (Network Registration, Themes, Diagnostics, Governance Plan, Action Plan modules)	From July 21, 2025
Platform opening for Budget and Required Documents modules	From July 30, 2025
Submission of proposals (including all forms and documents)	Until October 30, 2025, 5:00 PM (Brasília time)
Publication of list of submitted applications	Within 10 days after submission deadline
Technical Analysis	By December 6, 2025
Merit Analysis	By January 21, 2026
Publication of preliminary results	From January 22, 2026
Appeal period for technical and merit analysis	Within 10 days of CAPES' notification
Final results announcement	From February 27, 2026
Deadline for State Research Foundations (FAPs) to join	Until March 23, 2026, 5:00 PM (Brasília time)
Granting and implementation of proposals	March to May 2026
Start of project activities	June 2026
Start of scholarship activities	September 2026

8.2 This timeline is subject to change. Any alterations will be announced in the Brazilian Official Gazette (DOU) and on the CAPES website.

9. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS IN THE NETWORK

9.1 The coordinating institution must meet the following requirements to apply for the CAPES-Global.edu Program:

- I - Be a Higher Education Institution (HEI) or Brazilian Research Institution (RI);
- II - Demonstrate recognized academic and scientific standing;
- III - Demonstrate expertise in the themes defined by the Network;

IV - Have at least one graduate program (PPG) rated 5, 6 or 7 with expertise in each theme chosen by the Network;

V - Demonstrate management capacity and infrastructure to administer the Network;

VI - Have a dedicated internationalization office in its organizational structure and an internationalization strategic plan aligned with its Institutional Development Plan (PDI);

VII - Offer language training activities for students, faculty, and technical staff, with the potential to be shared with other Network participants;

VIII - Maintain consolidated international partnerships in teaching, research, and/or outreach activities.

9.2 The associated institutions must meet the following requirements:

I - Have a graduate program (PPG) recommended by CAPES with a minimum rating of 3;

II - Have graduate programs with research groups aligned to the themes defined by the Network;

III - Have international partnerships, either ongoing or under development, related to at least one of the strategic themes selected by the Network.

10. NETWORK BOARD COMMITTEE

10.1 The Board Committee will be composed of: One (1) Pro-Rector for Research and Graduate Studies (or equivalent) and One (1) Representative of International Department from each participating institution.

10.2 The Committee will be chaired by the Pro-Rector for Research and Graduate Studies (or equivalent) of the coordinating institution.

10.3 The Committee is responsible for managing the implementation of the approved Network activities, especially:

I - Making strategic decisions regarding the activities and direction of the Network, including defining priorities and ensuring equitable distribution of resources;

II - Promoting the institutionalization of strategic international partnerships within the Network;

III - Disseminating internationalization actions and experiences within the institution, the Network, and to external stakeholders;

IV - Regularly evaluating Network activities, monitoring progress toward objectives, and adjusting if necessary;

V - Facilitating the exchange of best practices and experiences among participating institutions;

VI - Ensuring transparency by providing regular reports on achieved results and the use of resources;

VII - Participating in CAPES-organized activities under the Program;

VIII - Maintaining ongoing communication with CAPES.

11. REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPONENTS

11.1 Proponents must meet the following criteria:

11.1.1 Be the Pro-Rector for Research and Graduate Studies (or equivalent) of the participating institutions, in accordance with the institution's structure;

11.1.2 Be either a native-born or naturalized Brazilian, or a foreign national with permanent residency in Brazil.

11.2 In the event of a change in the Pro-Rector position, Network management will be transferred to the new Pro-Rector as soon as CAPES is formally notified.

12. NETWORK PROPOSAL

12.1 The proposal to be submitted to CAPES must include the following components:

12.1.1 A list of institutions composing the Network, identifying the coordinating institution and the associated institutions, including the justification for the composition;

12.1.2 A diagnosis of the participating institutions, in accordance with the criteria in Annex II and the registration form, including:

I -The degree of institutionalization of internationalization efforts in each HEI/RI;

II - Demonstration of expertise of both coordinating and associated institutions in the defined themes.

12.1.3 The strategic themes to be addressed by the Network, ensuring that each theme is linked to the coordinating institution and at least one associated institution;

12.1.3.1 The themes must relate to Brazilian public policy priorities and/or the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), prioritizing socially-referenced sustainable development at local, national, regional, and global levels;

12.1.4 A list of participating Graduate Programs (PPGs) for each theme;

12.1.5 Objectives to be achieved through internationalization efforts in each theme, focusing on academic, scientific, and/or social outreach outcomes;

12.1.6 An Action Plan including goals, timelines, and indicators for Network activities, linking internationalization to thematic objectives, and including actions to reduce regional disparities and foster international engagement;

12.1.7 Details of existing and prospective international partnerships, aligned with the Network's strategic themes;

12.1.8 Strategic partnerships with non-academic sectors and development hubs to boost local, regional, and national growth;

12.1.9 A Governance Plan detailing:

12.1.10 The organizational structure of the Network, including roles and responsibilities;

I - The Board Committee, as outlined in this Call;

II - The Administrative Committee, as defined in Annex I;

III - The Coordinator of each Strategic Theme, responsible for managing resources allocated to the theme, as defined in item 13.6 and Annex I;

IV - The International Research Project Coordinator, if applicable, for managing resources allocated to research projects, as defined in item 13.6;

12.1.11 Equitable resource distribution within the Network, based on thematic objectives, the participation of each institution, and the number of linked graduate programs;

12.1.12 Details of institutional counterpart contributions, when applicable, to support planned actions, such as:

a) Inclusion of international themes in graduate course academic activities and curricula, aiming to enhance internationalization;

b) Translation and publication of PPG web pages to other languages, including the dissemination within the institution and through various media;

c) Training for faculty, researchers, and staff to support the internationalization process of participating institutions;

d) Support initiatives for visiting faculty, researchers, and graduate students in Brazil;

e) Language training initiatives among Network institutions;

12.1.13 Analyses of strategies to address regional disparities and to include diverse socio-economic and ethnic groups, , gender identities, and people with disabilities;

12.1.14 Strategies for sharing internationalization management practices to build institutional capacity across the Network, including the development of Strategic Internationalization Plans;

12.1.15 Strategies to disseminate the knowledge generated by the Network within participating institutions and to society;

12.1.16 Strategies for communication and dissemination of internationalization actions and experiences through various media, in both Portuguese and foreign languages;

12.1.17 Monitoring and control mechanisms, including evaluation strategies based on indicators in the Action Plan and regular progress reports;

12.1.18 A Risk Management Plan to identify, assess, and mitigate potential risks to the Network;

12.1.19 An Annual Budget Plan for Network implementation, with expenditures concentrated in the first four years. The budget must align with items 13 and 14 of this Call and CAPES regulations.

13. AVAILABLE FUNDING

13.1 CAPES will provide financial support to selected institutions, in accordance with its current regulations, as follows:

13.1.1 Operating Funds for Institutional Actions (Board Committee) to be transferred to the coordinating and associated HEIs/RIs through budget decentralization, voluntary transfer, or other institutional type of funding. These funds will be used for Network-related activities, including:

I - International missions by members of the Board and Administrative Committees to establish agreements with foreign partners and undertake other Network internationalization efforts;

II - Funding for seminars, symposiums, and thematic meetings, and others (subject to the restrictions in item 13.5).

13.1.2. Operating Funds for Strategic Themes and International Research Projects in accordance with CAPES regulations, especially Ordinances No. 59/2013, No. 132/2016, and No. 08/2018, for the following purposes:

I - International work missions to conduct activities related to the implementation of international research cooperation projects;

II – International work missions to present research results at major international conferences or events, including technical visits to explore potential partnerships;

III - Maintenance of international research projects under the Network's strategic themes (subject to the restrictions in item 13.5).

13.2 Work missions may include:

- Travel allowance;
- Daily subsistence for 7 to 20 days;
- Travel/health insurance support.

13.3 International Scholarships for Brazilian to go Abroad (According to CAPES Ordinance No. 289/2018 and other applicable regulations), in the following modalities:

- Sandwich Doctorate (4 to 9 months)
- Senior Visiting Professor (2 to 10 months)
- Junior Visiting Professor (2 to 10 months)
- Short-Term Training (15 days to 3 months)

13.4 Scholarships for Residents Abroad Coming to Brazil in the following modalities:

- Visiting Professor in Brazil (up to 12 months, which may be split into 3 visits within one year. The travel and installation allowance are paid only once and monthly allowances are paid only during the months of actual stay);
- Young Talent with International Experience (6 to 12 months, renewable up to 36 months, within the Network's duration);
- Postdoctoral Researcher with International Experience (6 to 12 months, renewable up to 36 months, within the Network's duration);
- Sandwich Doctorate in Brazil (6 to 10 months, within the duration).

13.5 CAPES Will not fund the following expenses:

- Capital expenditures;
- Construction;
- Pro-labore payments to individuals professionally affiliated with funded HEIs/RIs;
- Administrative or academic fees (**tuition and fees**) or **bench fees** to foreign partner institutions;
- Maintenance expenses of the participating institution, including regular operating costs (e.g., office supplies, electricity, telephone);
- Language training expenses;
- Expenditures on badges, registration, folders, certificates, decorations, receptions, dinners etc.

13.6. Networks can distribute resources across their structure, as follows:

I - At the **Board Committee level**, including part or all the scholarship funds (see items 13.3 and 13.4), of the Network;

II - At the **Strategic Themes**, including scholarship funds tied to each theme (same conditions);

III - For **International Research Projects**, with resources for related scholarships, as outlined in items 13.3 and 13.4.

14. BUDGET DISTRIBUTION

14.1 To ensure equitable distribution of resources and avoid concentration in a small number of Networks, the maximum annual funding amount that a Network may request will be defined based on the aggregate size of the participating institutions (coordinator + associated).

14.2 For the purposes of this Call, institutional size is defined as the total number of graduate programs (PPGs) rated 3 or higher and recommended by CAPES, offered by each participating HEI/RI, as registered on the CAPES Sucupira Platform at the time of proposal submission.

14.3 The maximum annual funding per Network will be calculated using the following formula:

$$y_k(x) = 10^5 \cdot \min(x, 200) + 10^6 k$$

where:

$y_k(x)$ = maximum annual budget of a Network with k participating institutions (coordinator + associates), based on the **sum (x)** of PPGs of all participating institutions (limited to 200 PPGs per Network),

x = total of PPGs across the Network (max 200),

k = number of participating institutions (coordinator + associated).

14.4 The total amount requested for the four-year duration of the project must respect the annual budget multiplied by four, and will be evaluated by CAPES according to technical and merit criteria, as well as budget availability.

14.5 The distribution of benefits must ensure equitable allocation of resources, including support for international missions and strategic theme activities, across all institutions in the Network.

14.6 CAPES will **not provide additional funding** beyond approved limits, unless under exceptional circumstances analyzed and authorized by CAPES.

14.7 CAPES can approve lower amounts than those requested, based on merit analysis and budget availability. Reductions may reach up to 30% of the amount requested, requiring revised action plans from the Networks.

14.8 In cases of budget or financial constraints, the approved values may be readjusted based on CAPES' request and a revised Action Plan.

15. PARTICIPATION OF BRAZIL'S STATE RESEARCH FOUNDATIONS (FAPs)

15.1 FAPs (Brazil's State Research Foundations) may join this Call by funding operational expenses directly to participating HEIs/RIs of Networks approved by CAPES. This funding may support activities such as:

- National mobility,
- Internal Network seminars,
- Administrative support,
- Other eligible actions under this Program.

15.2 At the time of proposal submission, Networks must include support letters from interested FAPs, detailing the scope of support and allocated amounts.

15.3 Partnerships between CAPES and FAPs will be formalized through Technical Cooperation Agreements (ACTs) and specific Work Plans.

16. SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS IN ACTIONS FUNDED BY THE PROGRAM

16.1 The selection of scholarship recipients under the Program, within each Network, shall comply with the general principles of public administration, especially regarding:

I - Transparency in the dissemination of funding opportunities, prioritizing the selection of candidates/proposers through widely publicized calls for proposals;

II - Detailing merit-based criteria for the selection of beneficiaries within the proposal;

III - Criteria for ineligibility of candidates for scholarships, in accordance with CAPES regulatory instruments and the institution's regulations;

IV - The right to file an administrative appeal and to receive a response to such appeals for non-approved candidates.

16.2 In line with Brazilian Law No. 15,124 of April 24, 2025, students and researchers cannot be discriminated against scholarship in selection processes under the CAPES-Global.edu Program for reasons related to pregnancy, childbirth, becoming a parent, adoption, or legal custody for adoption.

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17. FINAL PROVISIONS

Any matters not expressly addressed in this Call for Proposals shall be resolved by the Directorate for International Affairs of CAPES, upon submission of a formal inquiry to the email address capesglobal.edu@capes.gov.br. This channel may also be used to request clarifications or obtain further information.

CAPES shall not disclose to proponents any content from competing proposals, in light of the existence of rights pertaining to intellectual property and the confidentiality of ongoing scientific projects to which such proposals are linked.

CAPES, Higher Education Institutions, Research Institutes, external reviewers, and all other parties involved in the selection process are bound to comply with all applicable legal provisions regarding the protection of privacy and personal data to which they may have access in the context of this Call, particularly Law No. 13,709 of 14 August 2018 (General Data Protection Law), Law No. 12,965 of 23 April 2014 (Brazilian Internet Bill of Rights), and Decree No. 8,771 of 11 May 2016.

Any citizen may submit a contestation to this Call, by email capesglobal.edu@capes.gov.br, within five (5) business days from the date of publication in the Federal Official Gazette (DOU).

To consider a contestation, the petitioner must submit a message to the email address specified in item above, expressly indicating the item or sub-item being contested, together with the justification for the request.

Challenges shall be adjudicated by the Directorate for International Affairs.

Responses to contestation shall be published as a single consolidated document on the Program's page on the CAPES Portal, within fifteen (15) business days from the date of publication of the Call summary in the Brazilian Official Gazette (DOU).

The filing of contestations or requests for clarification shall not suspend the deadlines established in this Call.

Any amendment to this Call shall be disclosed in the same manner as the original text, and the deadlines initially established shall be modified only if the amendment affects the preparation of proposals or the principle of equal treatment.

All information provided by proponents under this Call and throughout the duration of the project shall be the sole responsibility of the proponent. CAPES reserves the right to exclude from the selection process or from the Program any proponent with incorrect or inconsistent documentation or submitted after the deadlines or subsequently determined to be false.

CAPES reserves the right, at any time, to request from approved proponents any additional information or documents it deems necessary.

This Call for Proposals may be amended, revoked, or annulled, in whole or in part, either by unilateral decision of CAPES, for reasons of public interest, or in compliance with legal requirements, pursuant to a reasoned decision arising from a supervening event, without obligation of compensation or claims of any kind, in accordance with applicable legislation, and without prejudice to vested rights.