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## Are you a researcher based in Brazil?

Gain experience in Europe,  
go on a research visit to an ERC team!

The Brazilian National Council of the State funding agencies (CONFAP) and the Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), in collaboration with the European Research Council (ERC), provide opportunities for researchers to temporarily join a research team in Europe run by an ERC grantee.

The goal of this initiative is to foster collaboration between top researchers in Europe and Brazil, and to strengthen Brazilian researchers' profile in a highly competitive international research environment.

### Who can apply?

Active researchers from Brazil, holding a PhD, who are conducting research at Brazilian universities, institutes or research centers.

### What types of visits are possible?

Single and long-term visits (e.g. 6-12 months) or multiple short-term visits which should aggregate to an agreed upon minimum (e.g. 6 months). Research visits should begin at least 12 months prior to the termination date of the ERC grant.

### Which costs may be covered by Brazilian Funding Agencies?

Eligible researchers from Brazil will continue to receive their salaries and/or scholarships according to their institutional terms and conditions.

The Brazilian Funding Agencies participating will provide support for travel expenses.

### Which costs may be covered by the ERC?

The ERC will reimburse any relevant expenses occurred during the visit at the Host Institution of the ERC project within the terms of the grant.  
(Eligible costs include subsistence costs on a per diem basis).



## How to apply?

- Researchers from Brazil need to formalize their Expression of Interest through the online portal: <http://www.confap.org.br/news/ercform/public/login>
- Eligible researchers receive access to information about the ERC-funded projects that may host interested Brazilian researchers
  - Researchers from Brazil have to contact a hosting ERC grantee to discover areas of mutual interest and goals for a visit and must reach an agreement on the possibility of joining his/her research team, as well as jointly define a Work Plan and related conditions
- The ERC grantee Host Institution needs to provide a 'letter of intent/endorsement' to support the application for funding
- Applicants from Brazil have to submit their proposal, in the online portal, following agreements taken with the ERC grantee
- Researchers have to consult the call for proposals, published each year, for further specifications regarding eligibility, submission procedures and evaluation

Assessment of the proposals is done by the participating Brazilian State Funding Agencies (FAPs) with the coordination of CONFAP and by CNPq. The only assessment criterion is Scientific Excellence in order to be aligned with ERC principles.

The ERC itself does neither intervene in the selection, nor in the communication between the ERC grantee and the potential visitors.

## More information:

### Signed agreement

<https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/agreement-EC-CONFAP.pdf>

### Brazilian National Council of the State funding agencies (CONFAP)

<http://www.confap.org.br/>

### Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq)

<http://www.cnpq.br/>

Send **specific questions** about how to apply or your application to CONFAP:  
[confap.erc.ia@gmail.com](mailto:confap.erc.ia@gmail.com)

### European Research Council (ERC)

<http://erc.europa.eu>

### Opportunities to visit research team in Europe

<https://erc.europa.eu/funding/additional-opportunities#IA>

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