CALL

IBRAF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

ON SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION

1. On the Fellowship Program on South-South and Triangular Cooperation

1.1 The IBRAF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM ON SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION (IFP) aims to overcome the gap between studying and engaging in international cooperation, taking scholars and professionals to hands on experiences in Brazil in order to explore, understand and disclose good practices and projects in socioeconomic development.

1.2 The IFP will offer Professors, Ph.D. candidates, Masters students, specialists, undergraduates and professionals an opportunity to have a concrete experience in an international and non-governmental organization that is actively engaged in international cooperation. With the exchange of know-how between the fellows and IBRAF – as well as its partner institutions - the program aims at empowering the next generation of decision-makers in Brazil and Africa.

2. On the Key Activities of the Visiting Fellows

2.1. Monitoring of South-South or Triangular Cooperation Projects

2.1.1 Under the supervision of IBRAF, visiting fellows will be introduced to a local institution that works with South-South or Triangular Cooperation in the spectrum of his/her key-area of interest

2.1.2. Visiting fellows will engage in a dialogue with the local institution to have contact with one or more meaningful initiatives that converge with his/her key-area of interest

2.1.3. Visiting fellows will be able to conduct field missions and meetings to see, understand and monitor the workflow of local institution and of the South-South or Triangular Cooperation project(s) on a day-today basis

2.1.4. Visiting fellows will work on briefing notes for the projects he/she are assigned to, summarizing its conception, implementation and challenges in a standardized fashion to ensure proper dissemination

2.2. Engagement in Research and Production of Knowledge

2.2.1. Under the supervision of IBRAF and with the support of its Research Department, visiting fellows will idealize and execute a research project in the spectrum of his/her key-area of interest

2.2.2. Visiting fellows will be able to make contact with international, national or local leaders in policymaking in order to have access to high-level insights and conduct official interviews
2.2.3. Visiting fellows will work in the production of an original and policy-relevant research paper in the scope of his/her key-area of interest

2.2.4. Visiting fellows will engage in the production of op-eds and situation analysis, linking his/her key area of interest to the study of contemporary world issues

2.3. Showcasing of Experiences, Findings and Insights

2.3.1. With IBRAF’s institutional support, visiting fellows will promote the exchange of information with local professionals and researchers, capitalizing on the knowledge produced to disseminate new solutions on South-South and Triangular Cooperation

2.3.2. Visiting fellows will engage in project development and critical-thinking activities, as the culmination of his/her fellowship period, producing a seminar to showcase his/her experiences, findings and insights on the theme

3. On the Key-Areas

3.1. Visiting fellows will have the opportunity to tackle one of multiple themes in the interest of both Brazil and the African continent. The research proposals must fit into one of the following key-areas:

3.1.1. Trade and Investments across the South Atlantic;
3.1.2. Technical Cooperation and Capacity-Building;
3.1.3. Economic and Sustainable Development
3.1.4. Demography, Urbanization, Housing and Public Health;
3.1.5. Agriculture, Agri-business and Rural Development.

4. On the Eligibility

4.1. The fellowship program is designed for students and professionals who study and/or work with international cooperation, sustainable development and Brazilian or African affairs.

4.2. Candidates must either be enrolled in an Undergraduate program, have a Bachelor’s Degree or hold an advanced degree (PhD, MPhil., MSc., MA or equivalents) in a relevant field.

4.3. Candidates must have proven expertise in studying or working with South-South and Triangular Cooperation

4.4. Candidates must have experience in researching and writing analytical pieces of various sorts for diverse readerships.

4.5. Candidates must be self-motivated, capable of overcoming major challenges and able to think outside the box
4.6. Candidates must be communicative, with great rhetoric and the ability to present information in an effective manner

4.7. Applicants from all nationalities are eligible.

4.8. Candidates must be proficient in English

4.9. Candidates must be 18-45 years of age.

4.10. Candidates from all genders and candidates with disabilities are encouraged to apply

5. On the Application and Selection Processes

5.1. Institutions of any nature interested in sending candidates (governments, private companies, international organizations, non-governmental entities, universities and colleges, think tanks and financial institutions) and individual researchers are entitled to apply for the fellowship program

5.2. Institutions and individual researchers must send the following documents for the application through the official form, found on the IFP website – note that institutions must send the documents below for each applying candidate separately:

5.2.1. Official application form duly filled and signed;

5.2.2. Curriculum Vitae in English;

5.2.3. Cover Letter (max. 1 page)

5.2.4. Personal Writing Sample of a relevant theme in English (max. 3 pages)

5.2.5. Research proposal indicating the key-area of preference for the activities draft title, background, justification and expected outcomes (max. 3 pages)

5.2.6. Passport pages with personal information and photo

5.3. The selection of visiting fellows will be conducted by a Fellowship Board, formed by IBRAF, with notable individuals from the field of International Relations, Economics, Government, Public Policy and Development

5.4. The selection of visiting fellows will be based on the following points:

5.4.1. Academic background

5.4.2. Professional experience

5.4.3. Research proposal

5.4.4. Project management

5.4.5. Critical thinking

6. On the Outcomes and Deliverables
6.1. At the end of every fellowship program period, visiting fellows are expected to be more aware and cognizant of South-South and Triangular Cooperation initiatives that take place under the scope of Brazil-Africa relations and to be more intertwined with Brazilian and African institutions, authorities and societies, successfully building strong networks.

6.2. IBRAF will produce a publication, in the form of a book and/or an e-book, to review, compile and systematize all the knowledge produced by the visiting fellows.

6.3. IBRAF will promote an academic assessment, and the best and most notable research project(s) will have a space at the Brazil Africa Forum to showcase its findings to a broader audience.

7. On the Endowments

7.1. The overall resources of the fellowship program will be managed by IBRAF and used entirely for the implementation of the fellowship program.

7.2. Visiting fellows that are eligible and selected by the Board will have the costs of the program covered - accommodation, subsistence, local transportation and domestic flights (as indicated in the research Project and approved by the Board).

7.3. Visiting fellows that are eligible and selected by the Board and indicated by a partner organization will have the costs of the program covered by the partner organization, as per agreement with IBRAF.

7.4. International travel is not included in the costs of the program, and selected applicants are entirely responsible for covering these expenses.

8. On the Schedule

8.1. Applications will take place from August 12th to October 12th of 2020.

8.2. The list of selected candidates will be published on October 20th.

8.3. The IFP will last up to three months, with visiting fellows staying in Brazil for a minimum of six weeks between January and March of 2021.

9. On the Bureaucratic Procedures

9.1. When applying to the fellowship program, one must contact a Brazilian Embassy or Consulate in their jurisdiction to verify the need to obtain a visa.

9.2. In case of the necessity of a visa, the applying candidate may request IBRAF to provide an invitation letter presenting his/her eligibility and the purposes of the program to the Embassy or Consulate in question.
9.3. All costs related to the pre-selection process and/or the obtention of a visa are a responsibility of the applying candidate.