



centro de estudos da metrópole

## **Call for the selection of Postdoctoral fellowships for the Center for Metropolitan Studies (CEM) 2025**

The **Center for Metropolitan Studies (CEM)**, based at the University of São Paulo (USP), is actively seeking candidates who wish to make advanced research on themes related to our research agenda.

The Center for Metropolitan Studies (CEM) is a Research, Innovation and Diffusion (RIDC) with support from FAPESP. It is an institution for advanced research in social science that investigates social inequalities and the formulation of public policies. It consists of a multidisciplinary group, which includes, political scientists, sociologists, anthropologists, engineers, economists, geographers and demographers, whose research agenda is focused on citizens' access to well-being. The CEM researchers work in several fields of knowledge and apply distinct methodologies in their investigations.

Our research agenda is focused on the study of citizens' access to well-being and about processes of social inequality reproduction, especially in urban contexts. CEM is specially interested in developing investigations of mechanisms that may lead to and reproduce inequalities and poverty, particularly through public policies.

Postdoctoral Fellows (PD) shall conduct theoretical and/or empirical research, in addition to other regular activities, such as participation in seminars, paper writing and the dissemination of research results. Post doc researchers will be required to submit at least one article in a high-impact academic journal and give a seminar as a result of his/her one-year fellowship. The supervision of Scientific Initiation fellowships and the organization of scientific meetings are also advisable, to contribute to the consolidation of their research topics within the Center.

The selected candidates will receive a monthly FAPESP fellowship in the amount of R\$ 12,000 and a research grant, equivalent to 10% of the annual value of the fellowship which should be spent on items directly related to the research activity.

## **The deadline for applications is June 22nd, 2025.**

Only proposal per candidate will be accepted, covering a research topic within one of the following research lines:

**1. Urban politics and policies – actors, institutions and urban space**

**2. (in)equalities in the access to the city and the priority to urban public policies**

***Requisites: experience in geospatial data science and the use of artificial intelligence and quantitative methods for the analysis of urban processes.***

**3. Relationships between Bureaucrats and politicians, the politicization of bureaucracies, and the political and electoral acts of public servants.**

**4. The challenges of social protection in Brazil.**

**5. Relationships between actors, budgetary and fiscal rules and their effects over policies and inequalities**

***Requisites: Previous experience in the analysis of national and subnational budgetary data.***

**6. Civil society and policy communities – institutionalization policy change and government shifts.**

**7. Multilevel governance of social policies**

Postdoctoral fellows should engage and dialogue with CEM's ongoing investigations. For more details, see:

<http://centrodametropole.fflch.usp.br/en/pesquisa/research-lines-and-subprojects>

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

1. The opportunity is open to Brazilian and foreign candidates.
2. The candidate must have a PhD degree granted no more than 7 years ago. It is desirable that this PhD is in areas associated with the selected theme. It is also desirable that the candidate has a history of publishing in academic publications, specially journals, and good performance in spoken and written English.
3. The fellow must have entire dedication to the research, reside in São Paulo and work at CEM's headquarters.
4. The selected candidate will receive a monthly fellowship in the amount of R\$ 12,000 and a grant, equivalent to 10% of the annual value of the fellowship which should be spent on items directly related to the research activity. The fellow must not receive another grant, nor salary.

5. The fellowship also includes a setup support for researchers who need to move to the city of São Paulo, Brazil, the institution's headquarter. The projects shall begin as soon as Fapesp completes the approval process. (<https://fapesp.br/en/postdoc>)

A maximum of seven (7) post-doctoral fellowships will be selected.

## APPLICATION

Candidates must complete their applications before **June 22nd, 2025** directly through the [LINK](#):

<<https://forms.gle/Zzei9Jb67soetUHH8>>.

Information and necessary documents:

1. Fill up the form with name, contact details (email and phone numbers), MyCitation (Google Scholar); institutions and year of your academic formation and indication of the CEM research line to which the candidate wants to be associated with.
2. Full CV Lattes ([www.lattes.cnpq.br](http://www.lattes.cnpq.br)) or Curriculum Vitae, if foreign.
3. Executive summary of the research project in Portuguese or English of up to 1000 words in format PDF or doc (maximum size 1MB).
4. Letter of motivation in Portuguese or English of up to 1000 words in format PDF or doc explaining the reasons for choosing CEM, grounded on respective academic debates and on previous research experiences of the candidate (maximum size 1MB)
5. List of publications directly associated with the chosen research line.
6. Copy of publication related to the research line. This may be a published or submitted article, a book chapter or an article presented at an academic event (maximum size 5 MB).

Questions about the process may be directed to [imprensa.cem@usp.br](mailto:imprensa.cem@usp.br) with the subject "doubt".

## SELECTION PROCESS

The selection of candidates will be conducted in two stages. The first stage will consist in the analysis of all the submitted material, as well as the adherence of the candidacy to CEM's research lines. The second phase will be an interview (by videoconference) with professors of the selection committee.

The list of candidates selected for the second phase will be posted on the CEM website before July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Between this date and July 7<sup>th</sup> CEM will receive requests of recourse of the results of the first phase as messages to <[imprensa.cem@usp.br](mailto:imprensa.cem@usp.br)>. The result of these

requests will be posted to the website until July 10<sup>th</sup>. The candidates will be informed by e-mail of the dates and times of their interviews.

Interviews will be conducted via videoconference at most 21 days after the publication of the final results of the first stage, already considering the revision requests.

The results of the second stage will be posted on the CEM website by August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - (<https://centrodametropole.fflch.usp.br/en>). Between this date and August 7<sup>th</sup> CEM will receive recourse of the results of the first stage. Requests of recourse should be sent to <[imprensa.cem@usp.br](mailto:imprensa.cem@usp.br)>, with the subject "recourse".

The final results will be posted at the website until August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - (<https://centrodametropole.fflch.usp.br/en>).