

MEMORANDUM

To: Vice Presidents, Vice Provosts, and Deans
From: Nojin Kwak, Vice Provost for International Education
Date: 14 August 2025
Subject: Partnership with CAPES Brazil to fund faculty research visits to UB

Earlier this year I was pleased to announce a [new partnership with CAPES Brazil](#) that will bring faculty and PhD student researchers from Brazilian universities to work with host UB faculty through a funding program of the government of Brazil.

This month CAPES, the ministerial agency in Brazil that supports the development of faculty and graduate students, has issued a [call for proposals](#) to select up to ten senior faculty and ten junior faculty researchers from universities across Brazil to do collaborative research at UB for one or two semesters during academic year 2026-27, in coordination with host units at UB and my office. This is the first phase of our program with CAPES that will eventually include opportunities for Brazilian PhD students as well.

It is anticipated that the first cohort of CAPES-funded researchers will arrive at UB in time for the start of the academic year in August 2026. The cost of the visitors' J-1 visa process will be defrayed by my office, and their local living costs, including health insurance, will be covered by their stipends from the Brazilian government. Host units at UB will provide a volunteer appointment to their Brazilian faculty visitors and access to laboratory facilities and shared office space, as appropriate.

Importantly, the CAPES call for proposals requires Brazilian applicants to secure a letter of endorsement from their prospective faculty hosts at UB, attesting to the latter's willingness to collaborate with the Brazilian researcher during the time period stipulated and to the applicant's having sufficient English language proficiency to carry out the proposed project at UB, based on a virtual interview by the host faculty with the applicant in Brazil.

In accordance with the CAPES process, Brazilian applicants will approach UB faculty during the next four to six weeks, to share their project proposals and to request a UB endorsement. I trust there will be due consideration of these opportunities in light of potential benefit to UB as well as to the visiting faculty.

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Following the submission deadline this fall, CAPES will complete its own technical and merit-based review of the faculty applications for the UB opportunity and notify my office of the finalists. All finalists will have had their proposed projects pre-endorsed by their prospective host faculty at UB, and UB alone will have the final decision—to be made in early 2026—regarding which applicants are ultimately selected. The first cohort will include up to ten senior faculty and up to ten junior faculty working with counterparts across UB and potentially in all of our schools.

I kindly request the assistance of the academic deans in notifying their faculty of this opportunity, so they are aware of potential contacts in the coming weeks from Brazilian counterparts who are considering CAPES applications for academic year 2026-27. While there is no obligation to participate, faculty should be aware of the expectations of the program and of the need to conduct an informal virtual interview with prospective applicants with whom they may wish to collaborate.

I hope you agree this initiative affords a great opportunity to build strong research links to Brazilian colleagues and universities, and to advance international research collaboration more generally. My office looks forward to working with the deans to implement this exciting new program. Please contact [Dr. John Wood](#), Senior Associate Vice Provost for International Education, for more information.

Please share this guidance with your chairs, faculty, and staff, as appropriate.

cc: President Tripathi
Provost Weber