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Institut Pasteur

CHAIR OF EXCELLENCE IN IMMUNOLOGY AND IMMUNOTHERAPY INSTITUT PASTEUR- FIOCRUZ 2023-2024

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 15/12/2023

The Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), in partnership with the Institut Pasteur, is launching its first Chair of Excellence to host a professor or researcher from a higher education and research institution within Fiocruz Ceará.

General modalities :

The Chair of Excellence is part of the historical cooperation between Fiocruz and Institut Pasteur, as demonstrated by the various bilateral and multilateral agreements linking the two institutions, and the desire of both partners to create the **Pasteur - Fiocruz Center for Immunology and Immunotherapy** at the Fiocruz Ceará office, located in the municipality of Eusébio.

The program, based on reciprocity between the two institutions, provides for the hosting of a researcher at the Fiocruz Ceará site, to carry out a specific scientific project in line with the scientific strategy of the Centre Pasteur - Fiocruz.

The Chair of Excellence in Immunology and Immunotherapy will therefore support the establishment of the Centre Pasteur - Fiocruz, in particular through the development of pre-existing and emerging cooperations of excellence between the research teams of each partner institution. It will run for an **initial period of twelve months**, renewable once upon availability of funding.

Practical modalities :

Candidates must submit a project drawn up in partnership with a research team from the host organization (referent professor, project and chair manager), describing in summary form (*10 pages maximum*) the activities envisaged during their Chair of Excellence (activities in Brazil and France).

his document, **written in English**, should include :

- A description of the research teams involved, highlighting their complementarity and including the names of the participants and their specialties. These participants will be entitled to take part in the reciprocal program, with the understanding that only one of them will benefit from the mobility.
- Planned training, research and supervision activities;
- Planned public lectures and scientific outreach activities (organized jointly with Dr. Caroline Perreira Passaes-Bittencourt (ETI for the coordination of the Pasteur-Fiocruz Center for Immunology and Immunotherapy, together with João Hermínio Martins Silva);
- A schedule of research, teaching and dissemination activities;
- Provisional dates of stay at Institut Pasteur.

The following documents must be enclosed with the application:

- Copy of valid passport
- Candidate's CV (maximum 3 pages). The CV should clearly indicate the candidate's status;
- Summary of the "Lattes" CV of the Researcher in charge of the Brazilian host organization;
- Summary of the CVs of all members of the Brazilian researcher's research team (maximum 3 pages per researcher).
- Notice from the sending institution endorsed by the institution's Director of International Relations

The laureate will receive a **monthly scholarship from Fiocruz of up to R\$ 11,180.00 per month over twelve months, net of tax**, equivalent to the salary of a visiting professor. The Fiocruz International Relations Department is responsible for payment of the grant. Costs related to the arrival of the recipient at the Fiocruz - Ceara site will also be covered in addition to the monthly allowance.

For its part, the Institut Pasteur undertakes to **cover the costs of the laureate's travel to the Institut Pasteur as part of the Chair of Excellence, as well as any other costs related to the Chair's activities** (conferences, seminars, scientific dissemination activities, etc.), **up to a maximum of €20,000 over the twelve (12)-month period of the Chair.**

Eligibility

University professors, lecturers, research directors and associate professors with over 15 years' experience are eligible for this program. The Habilitation à Diriger les Recherches (HDR) will be considered as a privileged criterion for the candidate.

- French or Brazilian nationality is not required.

Ineligibility:

- Emeritus professors are not eligible.
- The Referent Researcher cannot be hosted as a visiting professor in France if he/she is over 65 years of age. Furthermore, the Brazilian university will not be able to pay for his or her ticket if he or she is retired at the time the reciprocity takes place.

Selection process:

The **Franco-Brazilian Steering Committee** set up for this program, made up of representatives from both partner institutions, will evaluate the applications and select the winner.

The Steering Committee draws the attention of applicants to the importance of working out the project as concretely as possible between the applicant and the referent teacher, in particular with regard to the choice of dates for the stay, logistical requirements in line with the nature and ambitions of the project, and the mobilization of available resources in terms of communication or promotion of the activities carried out.

The Researcher in charge of the Chair in Brazil

The project will be presented by the Sponsoring Researcher to the Department Council for approval. The Sponsoring Professor, who is responsible for the Chair in Brazil, undertakes to participate in the jointly-defined program, and to ensure that the conditions of reception are in line with the defined work program. For the duration of the stay at Fiocruz Ceará, all requests from the laureate are the responsibility of the Sponsoring Researcher.

Laureate's obligations

- The laureate must work on the premises of the host institution (Fiocruz-Ceara) during the planned stay.
- The laureate must contact the Centre Pasteur - Fiocruz coordination team as soon as he/she arrives.
- For communication purposes, the prize winner should systematically inform the Steering Committee of public activities such as conferences, seminars and debates, as well as activities undertaken in partnership with other Brazilian universities or institutions.
- Within one month of the end of the stay, the laureate must submit an *interim report to the French and Brazilian parties*. This report should summarize the activities carried out and specify those specifically planned for the contribution in settling the Center.
- The laureate must also complete and return the satisfaction and assessment questionnaire for the Chair program, which will be sent by the partner institutions at the end of their stay.

Calendar

The dates set for the Chair of Excellence are **from January 2024 to December 2024** - with a one-year renewal possible if funding is available.

Exceptionally, the dates given in the project may be modified, within the limits of the period mentioned, but **it is not possible to postpone the initial date of the Chair beyond April 2024**. The Brazilian professor or member of the research team mentioned in the project may be hosted in France, on a reciprocal basis, until September 2024 at the latest.

The Steering Committee would like to draw applicants' attention to the dates of their stay: they must be chosen in agreement with the Sponsoring Professor, taking into account the Brazilian calendar (southern rhythm), his or her own availability and any commitments the Sponsoring Professor may have over the year, within or outside the university.

Projects must be sent until 15th of December 2023 to the international relations managers at Fiocruz and Institut Pasteur's International Department:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For Fiocruz: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wilson.savino@fiocruz.br | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the Institut Pasteur: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chloe.rabiet@pasteur.fr |
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- 16/11/2023 - Launch of the call
 - **15/12/2023 - Deadline for submission**
 - 20/12/2023 – Public communication of the selected candidate
 - 21 to 22/12/2023 – Interposition of appeals
 - 22/12/2023 – Final Result
 - 27/12/2023 – Signature of Terms of Reference
 - 02/01/2024 Scheduled Starting date of the Chair

APPENDIX: Information on conditions of stay in Brazil

The Laureate must have all the administrative documents required for his/her stay in Brazil.

Laureates are responsible for ensuring that their immigration status in Brazil is in order. If the prizewinner does not have citizenship or a residence permit in Brazil, he/she is strongly advised to find out in advance about the formalities to be carried out with the Brazilian Consulate General in France.

Laureates are responsible for organizing their own accommodation.

If the stay involves fieldwork, prizewinners must ABSOLUTELY discuss this with the teacher in charge, to avoid any administrative or legal complications.

Wherever possible, the stay at the host institution will be facilitated by its international relations department. At the start of the Chair, the laureate must report to the International Relations department of the host institution, or to the department indicated by the latter, to regularize his or her situation.

Laureates with disabilities must inform the host university in advance of the conditions required for their stay.