



## AGROPOLIS FONDATION – CAPES

### Joint Call for Proposals 2011

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#### TERMS OF REFERENCE

##### **Background**

The Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education (CAPES) and Agropolis Foundation signed on 01 July 2010 a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen the ties between the two organizations in the area of research and training through the exchange of researchers in a reciprocal way.

This joint for Call for Proposal is thus being made within the framework of this Agreement.

##### **Thematic coverage**

1. The present Call for Proposals (CfP) targets interdisciplinary and integrated approach to plant biology, ecology, products and uses that address development issues concerning the North and the South, especially:
  - Increasing supply of plant biomass and of food and non-food plant products;
  - Interaction between climate change and crops;
  - Prevention and management of risks related to crop and food systems;
2. The focus of the research projects should concern the following thematic areas:
  - Genetics and genomics, plant breeding, eco-physiology;
  - Plant pests and diseases, integrated crop protection, population ecology;
  - Agri-environmental innovations, agri-ecosystems and resources management;
  - Agri-food innovations, food and non-food uses of crops;
  - Innovation processes, social management of innovations;
3. An integrated and interdisciplinary approach involving biological, engineering as well as social & human sciences (SHS), and opening to new partnerships are highly encouraged.
4. Given the shared objective of both Agropolis Fondation and CAPES to contribute to knowledge sharing and scientific capacity building, proposals involving African research organizations, universities and/or scientists will be given due consideration.

##### **Eligibility**

5. Only proposals that clearly contribute to reinforcing Franco-Brazilian scientific cooperation are eligible. A proposal should thus be submitted **jointly** by Brazilian and French research institutions, provided that the latter belongs to the Foundation's scientific network<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> For the list of the Foundation's research units, please visit <http://www.agropolis-fondation.fr/uk/about-us/research-unit-leaders.html>. Interested parties are highly encouraged to contact directly the concerned research unit(s) in writing.

6. Brazilian partners should meet the conditions and eligibility requirements specified by CAPES in the *Edital* of this Joint Call for Proposal (See: <http://www.capes.gov.br/cooperacao-internacional/franca/capesagropolis>), including, among others, the following:
  - a. The over-all Project Coordination should be assumed by a professor or a scientist with proven technical/scientific capacity for the implementation of the project and who has obtained his/her PhD at least three (3) years prior to the submission of the proposal.
  - b. In addition to the above, the Brazilian team should include at least two (2) scientists, researchers, or professors with PhD degree.
  - c. For scientific projects, the French-Brazilian (or French-Brazilian-African) team should plan to publish scientific papers jointly as well as develop scientific and technological research projects together.
  
7. Proposals that involve African partners are highly encouraged and should be carried within the framework of French-Brazilian collaboration.
  
8. This Call will consider funding requests for:
  - a) Joint research projects which cover:
    - i. Work missions (from 7 to 15 days per mission of up to two times a year) of professors, faculty members, scientists and/or researchers\*; and/or
    - ii. Study missions of doctoral (from 4 to 12 months, with a possibility of 6 month-extension) and post-doctoral students (from 2 to 12 months)\*
  
  - b) Joint support for the organisation of high-level scientific events (e.g., conferences, seminars, workshops, etc.) in order to exchange knowledge as well as explore and promote collaboration

*\* Includes support to French scientists going to Brazil and/or Africa for work/study missions and for African scientists going to France for work/study missions; as well as Brazilian scientists going to France. (See attached Funding Table)*
  
9. Application for funding may combine several support categories enumerated in item 8 above.
  
10. Up to five projects shall be selected under this Call. Application for funding should not exceed €100 000, with a maximum contribution of €50,000 from Agropolis Fondation per project and which should be used to support French and African scientists/researchers (See Annex: Funding Table). The maximum contribution from CAPES per project will be subject to consultation involving Brazilian scientists/researchers and CAPES.
  
11. Project duration should be for no more than two (2) years. This may be renewed for another two years subject to the submission and approval of a follow-up proposal within the framework of another Joint Call of Agropolis Fondation and CAPES.

### ***Evaluation process and criteria***

12. Submitted proposals shall be reviewed in parallel, i.e., in Brazil and in France. In France, the evaluation is to be carried out by a group of experts established by Agropolis Fondation. In Brazil, the same proposals are to be reviewed by a group of experts put up by CAPES. The Brazilian team involved in the proposed project should ensure that they meet the requirements specified by CAPES. (See <http://www.capes.gov.br/cooperacao-internacional/franca/capesagropolis>)
  
13. Only research proposals having received the approval of both the French and Brazilian experts will be considered for funding.
  
14. Submitted proposals shall be evaluated on the basis of the criteria below:

- a. Scientific quality (i.e., originality, innovativeness, feasibility, over-all project coherence)
- b. Interdisciplinary and integrated approach to plant (i.e., from its genes to its environments to its final uses)
- c. Shared interest, equitable partnership, contribution to strengthening Franco-Brazilian partnership and/or Franco-Brazilian partnership with Africa
- d. Relevance to socio-economic and sustainable development issues
- e. Value addition of the financial support from Agropolis Fondation and CAPES as compared to other sources of funding

**Submitting proposals and provisional Calendar**

15. All submitted proposal must be written in English.
16. Proponents should submit a duly completed Application Form with Financial Annex (See prescribed format) and the CV of all scientists/researchers involved in the project.
17. The Brazilian team should submit all the documentary requirements specified in CAPES' *Edital* (See: <http://www.capes.gov.br/cooperacao-internacional/franca/capesagropolis>).
18. French partners should submit their proposal **electronically** to Agropolis Fondation at [agropolisfondationcapes2011@agropolis.fr](mailto:agropolisfondationcapes2011@agropolis.fr) on the deadline specified below. The same proposal should be submitted by the Brazilian partners to CAPES through the dedicated online platform accessible at <http://www.capes.gov.br/cooperacao-internacional/franca/capesagropolis> by the same deadline indicated below. Incomplete and/or late submissions will be automatically disqualified.
19. Neither Agropolis Fondation nor CAPES shall be held responsible for submissions not received due to technical problems preventing the transfer of proposals electronically.
20. By submitting a proposal, the proponent assures that he/she has obtained the approval of his managing authorities and of all the participants involved in the project.
21. Below is the calendar for this Call:

01 December 2011	Opening of the Call for Proposals
10 February 2012 (12:00 noon*) <i>*12 noon French time for French partners; 12 noon Brazilian time for Brazilian partners</i>	Deadline for the submission of proposal <i>Late and/or incomplete submissions will not be accepted.</i>
May 2012	Publication of results

22. For more information, please contact [agropolisfondationcapes2011@agropolis.fr](mailto:agropolisfondationcapes2011@agropolis.fr) (For French partners) or to [agropolisfondation@capes.gov.br](mailto:agropolisfondation@capes.gov.br) (for Brazilian partners)

**Documents available online**

All documents related to the present Call for Proposals are available online at the following websites:

- <http://www.agropolis-fondation.fr/uk/supporting-science/call-for-proposals.html>
- <http://www.capes.gov.br/cooperacao-internacional/franca/capesagropolis>

## FUNDING TABLE

### AGROPOLIS FONDATION–CAPES 2011 Joint Call for Proposals

Funding category	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Agropolis Fondation Funding<sup>2</sup></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(of French scientists spending part of their time (work/study missions) to Brazil and/or Africa within the framework of the proposed project and for African scientists going to France for work/study missions)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CAPES Funding<sup>3</sup></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(for Brazilian scientists going to France for work/study missions)</i></p>
Work mission of professors, faculty members, scientists and/or researchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From seven (7) to a maximum of 15 days per mission of up to two times a year.</li> <li>• Daily allowance is set by the mother institution (for French nationals) or by the host organization (for African nationals) of the person concerned</li> <li>• International round-trip ticket in economic and promotional economic class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From seven (7) to a maximum of 15 days per mission of up to two times a year.</li> <li>• Daily allowance is set at €140/day maximum.</li> <li>• International round-trip ticket in economic and promotional economic class</li> </ul>
Study missions for PhD students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From four (4) to twelve (12) months, with possible extension for another six (6) months maximum in case of co-supervision (subject to agreement between parties involved)</li> <li>• Monthly allowance is set by the mother institution (for French nationals) or by the host organization (for African nationals) of the person concerned</li> <li>• International round-trip ticket in economic and promotional economic class</li> <li>• Health insurance and setting allowance (for African nationals) based on the rules and regulations of the host institution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From four (4) to twelve (12) months, with possible extension for another six (6) months maximum in case of co-supervision (subject to agreement between parties involved)</li> <li>• Monthly allowance not exceeding € 1,300</li> <li>• International round-trip ticket in economic and promotional economic class</li> <li>• Health insurance and setting allowance, paid in one installment in Brazil</li> </ul>
Study missions for Post-doc students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From two (2) to twelve (12) months, with no extension</li> <li>• Monthly allowance is set by the mother institution (for French nationals) or by the host organization (for African nationals) of the person concerned</li> <li>• International round-trip ticket in economic and promotional economic class</li> <li>• Health insurance and setting allowance (for African nationals) based on the rules and regulations of the host institution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From two (2) to twelve (12) months, with no extension</li> <li>• Monthly allowance not exceeding € 2,100</li> <li>• International round-trip ticket in economic and promotional economic class</li> <li>• Health insurance and setting allowance, paid in one installment in Brazil</li> </ul>
Joint support for the organization of high-level scientific events (e.g., conferences, seminars, workshops, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible expenditures include travel, consultancies and other operational costs related to the organization of the event.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support to Brazilian professors, scientists, post-doc or PhD students participating in such events</li> </ul>

<sup>2</sup> Agropolis Fondation's maximum contribution shall not exceed €50,000 per project.

<sup>3</sup> CAPES' maximum contribution will be subject to consultation involving Brazilian scientists/researchers and CAPES. CAPES will also provide the Brazilian Team with an annual grant of up to R\$ 10,000.00 (ten thousand reais) as complementary fund to support the execution of the project. This amount shall be managed by the Brazilian Coordinator, in accordance with the annual program approved by CAPES.