

National and International Call for 3 Post-Doctoral Fellowships in Political Economy, Public Policies, Political Science, and Related Areas

Fellowships linked to the FAPESP Project "CITIES: Center for Innovation in Public Policies" (FAPESP process 2021/11959-3) coordinated by Professor Ciro Biderman.

CITIES: Center for Urban Public Policy Innovation (FGV Cities), a result of the initiative "Science for Development Program" of the São Paulo Research Foundation – FAPESP, seeks initiatives capable of bringing together stakeholders to advance in addressing major public challenges. FGV Cities' mission is to increase access to opportunities for the most vulnerable population living isolated in the peripheries of Brazilian cities through innovation in urban public policies.

On this opportunity, FGV Cities opens calls for applications for (3) post-doctoral fellowships to work within the scope of the CITIES project on the following themes:

1. **Integration of transportation modes and the future of mobility:** Effects of distance, price, discount, and mode distribution on commuting choice.
(Duration of the fellowship: 14 months).

The first assignment of the post-doctoral researcher will be to work on econometric methods to estimate the demand for transportation through randomized experiments. The fellow will assist in the design and analysis of experiments that will use impact assessment methodology to estimate (cross) price elasticity of demand for different modes of transportation in relation to changes in the price of ride-sharing apps or other modes. The goal is to understand the degree of complementarity between public transit and car-sharing services or other modes such as bicycles or walking. Other themes related to econometric applications in understanding contemporary mobility problems such as road safety; transportation modes integration; metropolitan integration; active commuting; urban sustainability; public transport fares; innovation in mobility may be part of the research project.

Specific requirement: Econometrics, Experimental Methods, Structural Models in Economics; Database.

2. **The Political Economy of Mobility:** Causes and Consequences for Brazil
(Duration of the fellowship: 12 months, renewable annually up to 24 months)

The central objective of this project is searching for issues where public policy interacts with politics. There are few studies in the literature on the relationship between public mobility policies and political participation. We hope that the post-doctorate understands how political forces interact to support certain policies and oppose others. There are great opportunities now to understand the political dynamics in mobility, such as free public transit and the political economy behind investments transportation. We are interested in using the results to support governments to plan good policies that are politically viable and to block bad policies that are politically attractive. After mapping the conditions for the adoption of these policies, a second step of the project is to verify their efficiency in improving social indicators.

Specific requirement: Econometrics, Political Science, Political Economy; Urban Mobility.

3. Impact Evaluation of Urban Policies

(Duration of the fellowship: 12 months, renewable annually up to 24 months)

The objective of this proposal is to evaluate the effects of different urban policies (for example, transport, housing, urban regulation) on socioeconomic variables using experimental and quasi-experimental econometric methods of impact evaluation. The impact evaluation aims to determine whether the urban policy is effective, the magnitude of the return, and who are the individuals most affected (positively or negatively) by the policy. In recent decades, the concept of evidence-based policies has become part of the global development agenda, as increasingly more governments and companies think in terms of project outcomes. How can urban policies improve the living conditions of the poorest segment of the population? How can they positively affect labor market and entrepreneurship indicators? How can they positively affect socioeconomic variables? These are some of the questions that the current project aims to answer.

Specific requirement: Urban Economics, Econometrics, Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Impact Evaluation Methods.

Requirements for all candidates:

- For positions 1 and 3: PhD in Economics, Public Administration or related areas;
- For position 2: PhD in Political Science, Economics, or related areas;
- Advanced English;
- Academic publications or working papers in the last five years, especially in peer-reviewed journals;

- Full-time dedication to research;
- Ability to present oral and written findings to the research group;
- Availability to work in-person, in collaboration with the FGV-Cidades team in São Paulo.

- **Specific tasks** include the preparation of annual reports, building databases, participation in conferences, seminars, and other collective project activities such as study groups and the drafting of manuscripts for publication.

- Eligible candidates for this fellowship are PhDs from any teaching and research institution who have obtained their doctoral degree less than 7 (seven) years ago, with outstanding performance, to contribute to the development of research at an institution located in the state of São Paulo. For more information on requirements and commitments, consult the general criteria of FAPESP at <https://fapesp.br/bolsas/pd>

- **Registrations Applications** are open until 04/08/2024. Interested candidates can apply for the fellowship by sending an email to: cidades@fgv.br, specifying in the subject: Postdoctoral Fellowship (title of the fellowship) and sending the following documents: i. a preliminary work proposal of no more than 6 pages ii. a letter of recommendation iii. Lattes and/or Vitae Curriculum.

- **Selection process:** The selection process will take place in two stages. i. Eliminary: analysis of the documentation sent, considering the adequacy to the criteria of this notice and the criteria of FAPESP ii. Classification: interviews

- Candidates residing outside São Paulo may request the interview to be conducted via Skype or Zoom; however, as stated, availability for regular in-person activity is a requirement for approval.

- **FAPESP Fellowship Value:**
 - The monthly stipend is R\$ 9,047.40 (as of Feb/2024) and a Technical Reserve equivalent to 10% of the annual value of the fellowship to cover unforeseen expenses directly related to the research activity.
 - If the PD fellow resides outside the city where the host institution of the research is located and needs to move, they may be entitled to a moving

allowance at <https://fapesp.br/bolsas/pd>

- Postdoctoral fellows are allowed to perform up to 8 hours of paid research or up to 4 hours of paid teaching activities, provided they are previously approved by FAPESP.

- **Schedule**
 - Registration: Until 04/08/2024
 - Announcement of the results of the first phase: 04/15/2024
 - Interviews: 04/22/2024
 - Final result: 04/29/2024

Candidates will receive the result by email. The selected candidates must register in the SAGE-FAPESP system, for the analysis and approval process by FAPESP. Only after FAPESP's approval will the fellowship become effective.

