CEFA ESTUDOS DA FAVELA

Call for Applications CEFAVELA 02/2025

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT CEFAVELA

Call for Applications: from 05/30 to 06/25



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The **Center for Favela Studies (CEFAVELA)** is a Research, Innovation and Dissemination Center (CEPID) funded by the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) and based at the Federal University of ABC (UFABC). Its focus is the investigation of favelas. It brings together national and international researchers from various academic fields and institutions, aimed at strengthening collaboration among these institutions, governmental agencies, and civil society organizations engaged with the topic.

The Center seeks to develop theoretical, methodological, and empirical approaches—both quantitative and qualitative—that address the multifaceted and complex nature of favelas, as well as to understand the limits and potentials of state interventions in favelas.

CEFAVELA is currently offering **one (01) postdoctoral position** to work on research projects at the Center. Applications are open to both Brazilian and international candidates. The fellowship provides a monthly stipend of **R\$12,000.00** and includes **technical reserve funds of 10%** of the annual amount of the FAPESP fellowship. The fellowship must be implemented according to the following general requirements:

- Hold a doctoral degree (PhD or equivalent) awarded within the past 7 years
- Proficiency in Portuguese
- Full-time dedication to research
- Availability for in-person work

Specific requirements are outlined in the research project described in this call. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to monitor the publication of all documents, stages, and announcements related to this selection process, which will be made available on the CEFAVELA website: <u>https://cefavela.ufabc.edu.br</u>.



REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

To apply for the position, candidates must send the following documentation to the email address chamadas.cefavela@ufabc.edu.br between May 30, 2025, and June 25, 2025.

Please write in the email subject line: Call for Applications CEFAVELA 02/2025, LAST NAME (example: Call-CEFAVELA-02/2025_SANTOS). All the documents listed below must be compiled into a single PDF file with the same title as the subject line of the email.

1. **Cover page** including: Full name, email address, contact phone number, and indication of the research project to which the application is being submitted.

2. **Updated Curriculum Vitae** – Lattes Platform (<u>https://lattes.cnpq.br/</u>) for Brazilian researchers and ORCID (<u>https://orcid.org/</u>) for international applicants.

3. Graduate transcript (PhD level only).

4. **Motivation letter** (up to 2,000 words) linking your academic and professional experience to the specific requirements of the research project in this call and explaining your reasons for applying for the fellowship.

5. **Copy of a publication** related to the theme of the research project in this call. The publication can be: a submitted or under-review journal article, a published or in-press book chapter, or a full paper published in conference proceedings.



POSTDOCTORAL PROJECT ANALYSIS OF FAVELA UPGRADING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS: POSSIBILITIES, LIMITATIONS, AND DEADLOCKS



PROJECT

ANALYSIS OF FAVELA UPGRADING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS: **POSSIBILITIES, LIMITATIONS, AND DEADLOCKS**

The research project titled "Analysis of Favela Upgrading Programs and Projects: Possibilities, Limitations, and Deadlocks" is aimed at generating knowledge about upgrading projects that have been implemented—or could be implemented—in favelas, seeking to correlate various dimensions and disciplinary perspectives at multiple scales.

The project intends to develop a methodology to evaluate upgrading projects through a broad approach that covers issues such as:

- characterization of housing conditions;
- integration of housing units and their needs for improvements;
- the design of the urban fabric;
- the alignment with infrastructure projects;
- risk elimination and mitigation; and
- the integration of favelas within the broader dynamics of cities in which they are located.

The research will focus on project-based analysis, especially on proposals developed within recent or ongoing publicly funded programs. It will also examine how these projects considered the dialogue with local stakeholders—such as neighborhood associations and social movements—and the needs expressed by these communities, as well as the roles of actors linked to public institutions, including contracted designers responsible for developing projects.

The objective is to develop a methodology for evaluating the applicability and adaptability of interventions aimed at improving the quality of life of communities living in favelas across multiple dimensions—including intangible aspects—scales, and contexts. The project seeks to contribute to the production, organization, and dissemination of knowledge on favela upgrading.



Specific Research Objectives for the Call include:

- Develop a research and evaluation methodology for favela upgrading projects that articulates the housing, urban, environmental, and social needs of these territories;
- Explore new methodological approaches (both quantitative and qualitative) to advance empirical research on intervention projects in favelas and assess the potential for replication and adaptability of design strategies that consider the reproduction of everyday life in contemporary Brazilian favelas and their needs and urgencies;
- Contribute to the organization of a collection of favela upgrading projects, recognizing the multidisciplinary and multiscalar dimensions, as well as the multiple actors involved in interventions carried out through public programs;
- Correlate research on favela projects and interventions with other ongoing studies, especially those within the scope of CEFAVELA;
- Conduct networked research in collaboration with other research centers (with priority given to those already associated with CEFAVELA), taking into account different territorial and administrative contexts.



WORK ANALYSIS OF FAVELA UPGRADING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS: POSSIBILITIES, LIMITATIONS, AND DEADLOCKS

The ideal candidate for this postdoctoral fellowship should have solid **knowledge and experience** in the following areas:

- Urban Studies; Territorial Planning and Management; Architecture and Urbanism, or related fields, with a focus on topics related to territorial, urban, and housing approaches in favelas; experience in the development and/or evaluation of integrated projects within public programs; and knowledge of the development and/or evaluation of favela upgrading projects, considering multidisciplinary interventions;
- Experience in the development and evaluation of urban projects, especially favela upgrading projects and infrastructure project analysis;
- Experience in research conducted in informal settlements and favelas;
- Experience with fieldwork and surveys in informal settlements and favelas;
- Proficiency in architectural design software and technical project interpretation;
- Experience in managing and coordinating research networks, as well as in organizing and producing events.



WORK ANALYSIS OF FAVELA UPGRADING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS: POSSIBILITIES, LIMITATIONS, AND DEADLOCKS

The selected candidate will be responsible for:

- Contributing to the investigation and evaluation of recent and ongoing favela upgrading projects, aimed at developing design frameworks that can be replicated and adapted to different contexts;
- Developing a methodology to evaluate favela upgrading projects that can be applied across various cities and contexts at the national level;
- Creating new approaches for empirical research on favela upgrading projects, taking into account the coordination of multiple related disciplines, and collaborating with interdisciplinary teams in conducting fieldwork;
- Engaging in dialogue with a range of stakeholders, including researchers, local movements and associations, public managers, and professionals from various design and planning fields;
- Participating in networked research conducted in collaboration with other national and international research centers;
- Publishing partial and final results in academic and science communication outlets;
- Organizing scientific events and contributing to the dissemination of research findings to audiences beyond academia.



SELECTION PROCESS TIMELINE

THE SELECTION PROCESS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING STAGES, ALL OF WHICH ARE ELIMINATORY:

STAGE 1

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CALL: MAY 30 TO JUNE 25 – SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTATION BY CANDIDATES.

STAGE 2

JUNE 26 TO JULY 4 (RESULTS ANNOUNCED ON JULY 4) – EVALUATION OF DOCUMENTATION.

STAGE 3

JULY 7 TO JULY 15 - INTERVIEWS WITH THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

FINAL RESULT ANNOUNCED:

JULY 18

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, SEND AN EMAIL TO

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