

Graduate Research Fellowships on PES and STS in Brazil

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Location: Federal University of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Application Procedure: send email with curriculum vitae and 250 words research proposal summary to rajao@ufmg.br

The Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) and USAID/NSF invite submissions from graduate studies for a fully funded research fellowship in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. These Fellowships are available to graduate students who have an active award through the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) by the Graduate Research Fellowships Program (GRFP), as well as graduate students at Rutgers University, University of Chicago, Notre Dame University, University of California-Berkeley, University of California-Davis, Arizona State University.

The fellow can propose their develop own research project during her/his period in Brazil. In any case the fellow will be invited to join an ongoing research project on the emergence of mechanisms for the payment for environmental services (PES), with focus on reduced emissions from deforestation (REDD+) and the environmental reserve quotas (CRA) market in Brazil. In order to analyze this topic this research project analyses the interface between science and policy in the process of creating new PES mechanisms, and the organizational and technological dynamics related to their implementation. In particular the project explores the performativity of economic models, socio-technical controversies related to carbon accounting, the technological governance of space, south-north relations in science and technology.

Depending on the fellow's interests and skills he/she will be invited to participate in ongoing subprojects on this topic by interviewing scientists and policy-makers in Brazil and USA (if possible), and to analyze the qualitative data thus collected mostly from a social studies of science and technology perspective. Students from environmental studies, social studies of science and technology, organizational studies, anthropology of science, history of science, critical geography are particularly welcome.

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