**International Mobility Research Fellowship Program
for Latin American and Caribbean early-career scientists
on past global changes**

**Application guidelines**

*Please submit the following documents in support of your application by 30 September 2021 at 23:00 UYT/1 October 2021 02:00 UTC*

**Application checklist:**

1. Confirm your eligibility.
2. Request two (2) reference letters:
* Your current research supervisor must provide a letter outlining the benefits of the research fellowship abroad and supporting the budget.
* Your host supervisor must provide a letter outlining the benefits of the research at their institution, the duration, the planned activities to be conducted by the applicant, and the support (institutional, programmatic, and financial) to be given to the fellow.
1. Complete the application form, save it as **one single, no-password PDF** document and name your application: **PAGES\_IAI\_YourLastName \_HomeCountry**.pdf

The application process involves the following:

1. Completed application form, including:
* Description of proposed research and travel (max. 300 words).
* Research summary (max. 500 words).
* Project timeline and outcomes (up to 3 months duration).
* Description of the fellowship position and duties explaining how this opportunity relates to the goals of the Fellowship Program and PAGES’ scope, and the learning outcomes. You may find it helpful to discuss these learning outcomes with your host lab supervisor (max. 500 words).
* Travel budget.
1. Two letters of recommendation (one from the current academic supervisor at the home institution and one from the supervisor at the host institution).
2. Two-page CV outlining the major academic and professional achievements.
3. Send your application to: **awatson@dir.iai.int** with the subject: “Application PAGES-IAI International Mobility Research Fellowship”. Before submitting your application make sure your application is complete with all the requested documents. The deadline is 30 September 2021 at 23:00 UYT/1 October 2021 02:00 UTC. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
4. The preferred language for applications is English, however applications in Spanish and Portuguese will be accepted. After completing the fellowship, fellows must email a final report to IAI (to be published in the Past Global Changes Magazine) in English.
5. Please email **awatson@dir.iai.int** if you have any questions.

**Terms of References**

This program supports Latin American and Caribbean early-career scientists pursuing international research experience in paleoscience and is intended to support costs associated with international travel and living expenses while abroad (airfares, visas, health/travel insurance, and subsistence costs for the fellow only).

The goals and expected results of the program include:

* Develop and promote collaborative research among Latin American and Caribbean researchers.
* Develop international collaborations, such as bilateral research projects between their host and other institutions.
* Publish the research results and present them at international conferences (where PAGES and IAI should be acknowledged).
* Become involved as an active member in PAGES and IAI activities (<http://www.pastglobalchanges.org/science/wg/intro> and www.iai.int).
* Contribute to the promotion and development of local paleoscience communities.
* Contribute to the development of or participate in existing scientific networks devoted to paleoscience.
* Contribute to the principles of open science and open data.
* Contribute to a greater understanding of the Earth´s past climate and environment to improve projections of future climate and environment, and to inform sustainability strategies.

*Donor:* PAGES (Past Global Changes)

*Field of study:* The research topics are open as long as the applicant can show that they are related to PAGES’ scope.

*Fellowship support:* Up to USD5,000.

*Number of grants:* Variable, depending on the merit of applications received and availability of external resources.

*Host lab:* The choice of the host lab is left to the applicant. The host lab must: a) be in Latin America or the Caribbean; b) be in a different country of the applicant’s citizenship and home institution; and c) cannot be an institution where the applicant has previous experience or has studied.

*Duration:* The fellowships will be awarded for a short duration, typically one to three months. The fellowships will be awarded annually and must be used within 12 months (awardees will have up to 12 months to take up their fellowship once awarded).

*Final Report:* After completing the fellowship, fellows must email a final report to IAI (to be published in the Past Global Changes Magazine) in English. Detailed instructions will be shared with the awarded fellows.

**Eligibility**

The applicants must fulfill the following conditions:

* Early-career scientists – either PhD students in the final stage of completing their thesis, or postdoctoral researchers (usually within five years of completing their degree). We encourage applications from scientists who have not had the opportunity to conduct research abroad.
* Citizens of Latin American or Caribbean countries.
* There are no "target research topics". Rather, the research topics are open – as long as the applicant can show that they are related to PAGES’ scope (http://www.pastglobalchanges.org/about/general-overview). For example, the topic could be a contribution to one of the PAGES working groups (WG - http://www.pastglobalchanges.org/science/wg/intro); it could develop (or initiate) the activities of an existing PAGES WG in the region; it could support the participation of the applicant in an existing PAGES WG; or it can be any topic within PAGES’ scope.
* Individuals willing to conduct research in different Latin American and Caribbean research institutions, not located in their home country.

**Selection criteria: eligible applications submitted by the deadline will be reviewed under the criteria below. Additional selection criteria may consider gender, thematic, and regional balance.**

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| **Criteria** | **Description & Indicators** |
| Research potential and ability to foster collaboration (35%) | Quality and originality of the fellowship in supporting the understanding of past global change.Significance, feasibility, and merit of the proposed research in connection with PAGES’ scope.Relevance of work experience and academic training to the field of the proposed research.Judgment and ability to think critically.Initiative, autonomy, and independence.Previous research experience.Potential to promote collaboration between home and host institution. |
| Academic excellence (35%) | Scholarships and awards held.Relative standing in his/her program.Publications and conferences. |
| Personal characteristics and interpersonal skills (30%) | Work and leadership experience.Project management including organizing conferences, forums, and/or symposiums.The ability or potential to communicate and present theoretical, technical, and/or scientific concepts clearly and logically in written and oral formats.Involvement in academic life and community (volunteer). |

**Application form**

**Project details**

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| Project title: |  |
| Keywords (up to 5): |  |
| Fellowship start date: |  |
| Fellowship end date:  |  |
| Total amount requested (USD): |  |

**Applicant information**

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| Applicant name: | (First Name – Middle Name- First Last Name – Second Last Name) |
| Date of birth (DD-MM-YY): |  |
| Citizenship (if more than one, please include all): |  | Passport number: |  |
| Applicant email: |  |
| PhD field of study:  |  | Date received or expected: |  |
| University and country: |  |

**Host institution information**

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| Host institution name: |  |
| Type of host institution: (Please mark all that apply) |  Lab ( ) Research Center ( )  University ( ) Other (specify):  |
| Host institution country: |  |
| Host supervisor name: |  |
| Host supervisor position:  |  |
| Host supervisor email: |  |

1. **Description of proposed fellowship research and benefits of developing it at the proposed host institution (max. 300 words).**
2. **Research Fellowship Project timeline and outcomes.**
3. Project timeline *[Please provide us with a timeline of your fellowship. Be sure to include expected completion dates and when any activities are expected to take place.]*
4. Project outcomes *[Please explain your expected outcomes as well as how you and your supervisors plan on measuring success. List and explain any indicators to be used.]*
	* 1. **Proposed fellowship research summary (max. 500 words)**
5. **Clearly describe how the fellowship relates to** [**PAGES**](http://www.pastglobalchanges.org/about/general-overview)**’ scope or working groups, as well as the connection with the** [**IAI mission**](http://www.iai.int/en/#aboutus) **(max. 500 words).**
6. **Fellowship budget**

*Please provide a tentative budget for your fellowship, this budget must clearly break down all sources of funding. You must also show a breakdown of what this grant will be specifically used for. Co-funding is encouraged for the total cost of the fellowship. Make sure to submit your budget in the following format (see next page):*

*Budget template in USD*

*Specified exchange rate around the date of the application submission: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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| **Fellowship expense** | **Unit cost (USD)** | **Total units** | **Projected total cost (USD)** | **Funding source (\*)** |
| 1. *Travel costs (tickets, visas, travel insurance, etc)*
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| 1. *Accommodation in the host country (hotel/rent, transportation, food, etc)*
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| 1. *Materials and office supplies*
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| 1. *Other (specify):*
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|  |  | **Totals****(USD)** |  | **1. Requested funding from PAGES – IAI Fellowship Program** |
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|  |  | **Fellowship total (USD)** |  |  |

*(\*) Please specify all expected funding sources. For instance, scholarship or grants, host institution, requested funding from PAGES, personal finances, etc.*

*Please add an explanatory text about the budget (max. 300 words). Optional*

1. **Appendices:**

**Supporting documents**

*Please include two letters of recommendation* (one from the current academic supervisor at the home institution and one from the supervisor at the host institution)*, a two-page CV, and other supporting documentation such as letters of support from any other funding sources, quotes to support your budget, or any other documentation that will provide clarity.*