


# Editorial

## Sandwich Phd in The Country And Abroad: The CNPq Modalities

upported by the Development Plan of science, Technology and Innovation in the country approved in 2007, the CNPq stimulates the sandwich PhD in the country as well as abroad. Both modalities are addressed to students who are regularly registered in PhD courses in Brazil. These are mechanisms to encourage the approach of research groups and their students being advised meaning to get promising results for the development of the proposed work. As an example of other areas, nursery may enlarge the propositions for the accomplishment of the sandwich PhD. With the aim of contributing with that, we present thereafter, the characteristics and specificities of each of them. It is recommended to access the CNPq Page ([www.cnpq.br](http://www.cnpq.br)) for occasional need of new advisement, checking the proposition calendar and accessing the forms.

According to what was expected, the goal of the sandwich PhD in the country (SWP) aims to support the student for the partial development of his thesis along with another national research group. For so, the candidate must have been formally registered for at least 12 months in a PhD course in Brazil recognized by CAPES, and not accumulate the present scholarship with others provided by national fomentation agencies.

The source institution advisor is the proponent and responsible for conducting the proposal and must evidence academic and scientific interaction with the target institution advisor. This one must be a researcher with solid and relevant academic production to complement the PhD thesis. As a definition, the Research Productivity students on a scholarship and the ones of Productivity in Technological Development and innovative extension of CNPq have recognized scientific competence.

As a financial support, scholarships are granted whose duration may last from two to six months, in consonance with the scholarship table of values in the country; and plane ticket when there is need for travelling further than 350 km. For registering, there is need to fill out a form which presents *online* proposals, like the following: the CV of the student candidate to the scholarship as well as of the advisors of source and target institutions updated in the Lattes Platform. The candidates will be selected by selection Committees based on the merit of the proposal and pertinence of its execution in the institution/group selected as well as scientific merit of the supervisor and in the quality of the target institution.

The sandwich PhD abroad (SWE) supports the student who proves to be qualified to enjoy, abroad, the opportunity of theoretical deepening, data collection and/or data treatment or partial development of experimental stage of his thesis to be defended in Brazil. From the candidate it is required the following: he/she must have been formally registered for more than a year in a PhD course in Brazil with CAPES score 6 or 7; or in a course 5 if there isn't a course with higher score; or registered in courses with scores 4 or 5 once the advisor holds a productive research scholarship from CNPq; not to have retired; hold a scholarship from CNPq or CAPES; have knowledge of the language adopted in the target institution; have the course coordinator's consent as well as of the advisors in the country and abroad, be Brazilian or foreign with permanent visa in Brazil.

The advisor in Brazil is the proponent and responsible for sending the proposal and must show professional interaction with the advisor who is abroad. It is required of the target institution advisor that he is a researcher with solid and relevant academic production to complement the development of the thesis.

As far as the duration of the course is concerned, it may last from three up to twelve months. As for the total time limit for the PhD scholarship in the country, it may not exceed 48 months, including the period of the sandwich PhD abroad. Monthly allowances are granted; room and board-aid for candidates who are not still living abroad on the date of scholarship concession; plane ticket and health insurance for the student and first dependant, in case the stay lasts over six months.

The documents for registering are the following: online proposal form; CV of the student applying for the scholarship as well of the advisor in Brazil, both updated on the Lattes Platform; information about the home page or file containing the advisor's CV from abroad along with official transcript along with approval in the qualification exam or thesis project; Consent of the coordinator of the post graduation course to which the student is engaged as well as of the target institution; advisor's agreement concerning the proposed activities; advisor's confirmation that knowledge of the language from the target country is enough for developing the expected activities; updated permanent visa, in case of foreign researcher. For the conclusion of the process, advisor's evaluation in the country and abroad is also required.

According to what has been expected, the candidates will be selected by Assessing Committee due to the merit of the proposal, the convenience of its accomplishment abroad instead of accomplishing it in the country and the quality of the group or target institution and classified candidates in comparison with the others. In case scholarship postponing is required, such requirements will be analyzed only if the first concession period is under 12 months time. They must be required on specific online forms 60 days before the scholarship due date. They must be analyzed by technical coordination, subsidized by *ad hoc* consultant and deliberated by the area Director.

This is basically what was meant to say about the main information concerning the modalities of Sandwich PhD supported by CNPq. Through the explanation above, we hope to have contributed to make it easier for the ones who are interested in such praiseworthy initiative of this institution.

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