

POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONALS

General Overview

The **Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador, Amazon Campus**, located in **Lago Agrio, Sucumbíos Province**, is pleased to announce an open call for **six international postdoctoral fellowships**. These positions are intended for **non-Ecuadorian professionals** holding a **PhD**, as part of our institutional commitment to academic internationalization, in accordance with Prorectoral Resolution No. 19MAR2025.

We are inviting applications in the following fields:

- **2 fellowships** for professionals with a **PhD in Veterinary Medicine**.
- **1 fellowship** for a **PhD in Agricultural Engineering or Agronomy**, with a focus on agroecology.
- **1 fellowship** for a **PhD in Business Administration**.
- **2 fellowships** for professionals with a **PhD in the health sciences**, who also hold an undergraduate degree in **Nursing or Medicine (with a clinical specialty)**.

Application window: April 5 to April 20, 2025

Submit applications by email to: direccionacademica@puceamazonas.edu.ec

Required Documents

Applicants must submit the following in digital format:

- Updated **Curriculum Vitae**
- Supporting documentation for research interests and PhD thesis
- **PhD diploma** or official certificate of graduation
- **PDF copies** of all publications listed in the CV
- Medical certificate confirming good **physical and mental health**
- Certificate of **criminal background check**
- **Letter of recommendation** from your PhD thesis advisor

Important: If selected, applicants will need to present original documents in person at the PUCE Amazon Campus Secretary's Office on **May 15, 2025**, along with **certified copies of degrees** that are **apostilled (Hague Convention)** and officially **recognized by the relevant Ministry of Education**.

Fellowship Terms

- **Duration:** Initial 6-month period from **May 15 to October 15, 2025** and ending on **October 15, 2025**, with the possibility of extending for **up to 12 more months**.
- **Start date & arrival:** Fellows must arrive and formally begin the fellowship on **May 15, 2025**.
- **For extensions:** Fellows must have an approved research project with PUCE Amazon, a valid visa, and degree recognition by **SENESCYT** by **June 12, 2025**. For more information: <https://www.gob.ec/senescyt/tramites/reconocimiento-titulos-doctorales-extrajero-phd>

Fellowship Benefits

- **Monthly stipend:** \$1,400
- **Additional support:** \$200/month for food and housing
- **Health insurance** (public or private, depending on availability)
- **Airfare reimbursement**, distributed monthly over the first five months
- Access to **Spanish language courses** for non-Spanish-speaking fellows

Who We're Looking For

We're seeking individuals who are in good health, adaptable, and enthusiastic about contributing to academic life in an Amazonian setting. You should be passionate about teaching, research, and cross-cultural collaboration.

Fellow Responsibilities

- Up to **16 hours per week of teaching** in relevant fields at PUCE Amazon or ISTEAC
- Active involvement in **research initiatives** at PUCE Amazon and/or ISTEAC
- Support with **peer review** for institutional publications and other collaborative activities

In the case of a one-year extension, activities and responsibilities will be tailored based on mutual agreement and the fellow's approved research project. Additional funding may also be pursued to support your research during the extended stay.

Additional Desirable Qualifications

- Proficiency in other international languages
- Teaching experience
- Certification or degree in pedagogy

- Experience in field development cooperation projects
- Commitment from advisor(s) to support Amazonian research or ties with a research group from the awarding university
- Presentation of potential research ideas for Northern Ecuadorian Amazon

Selection Process

Interviews: April 21–25, 2025

Final results: April 30, 2025

Additional Information

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