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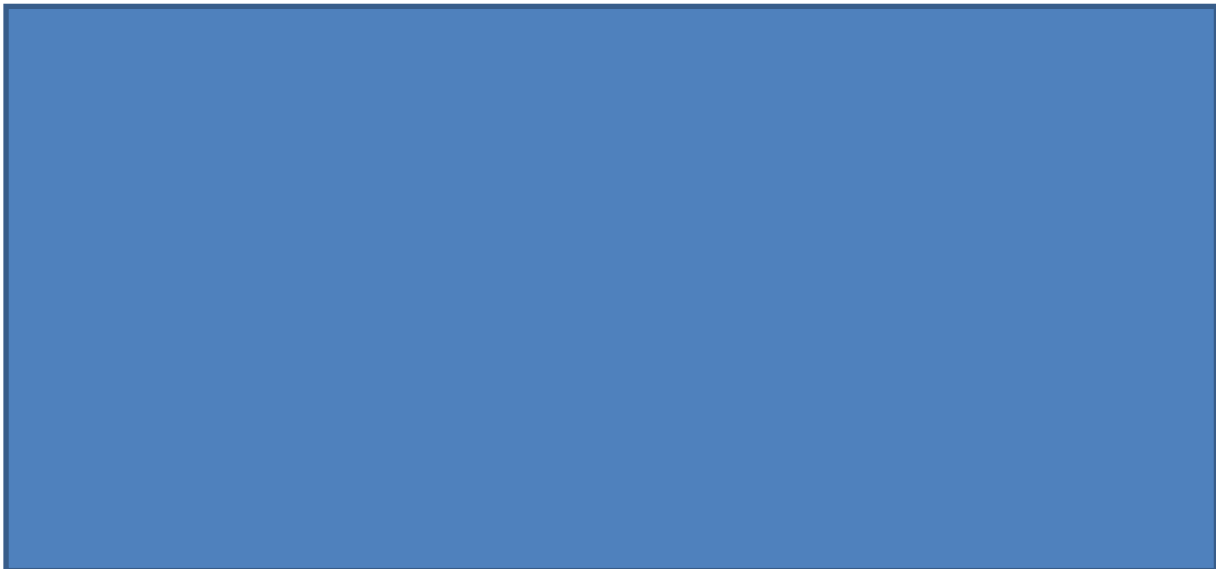
LETTER OF AGREEMENT

The Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI) and the Past Global Changes (PAGES) Project

The objective of this Letter of Agreement is to provide a flexible framework for collaboration between the IAI Directorate and PAGES for research and capacity building activities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Parties acknowledge and agree that they are separate and distinct entities, and that they are partners, rather than contractors.

IAI and PAGES agree to collaborate in the development of the “International mobility research Fellowship Program for Latin American and Caribbean early career scientists on past global changes”.



Annex 1 to this letter of agreement provides a description of the “International mobility research Fellowship Program for Latin American and Caribbean early career scientists on past global changes” program and the collaboration between the IAI and PAGES.

We sincerely hope that this collaboration and program will lead to our continued collaboration.

Signed this on 21 April 2021.

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Annex 1: International mobility research Fellowship Program for Latin American and Caribbean early career scientists on past global changes

Criteria of eligibility

The applicants must fulfill the following conditions:

- Early career scientists, either PhD students in the final stage of completion of their thesis, or postdoctoral researchers (in particular researchers who have not had the opportunity to fulfill part of their postdoc position abroad).
- Citizens of Latin American or Caribbean countries.
- Individuals willing to work on a research topic related to PAGES' scope of interest (<http://www.pastglobalchanges.org/about/general-overview>) outlined in a specific scientific project.
- Individuals willing to conduct research in different Latin American and Caribbean research institutions, not located in their home country.

Goals and expected results of the Fellowship Program

- Develop and promote collaborative research among Latin American and Caribbean researchers.
- Publish the results of their research and present them at international conferences (where PAGES and IAI should be acknowledged).
- Become involved as active members in PAGES and IAI activities (<http://www.pastglobalchanges.org/science/wg/intro> and www.iai.int).
- Develop international collaborations, such as bilateral research projects between their host and other institutions.
- 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 inform sustainability strategies.

Financial conditions



Management

The IAI and PAGES will closely collaborate in the dissemination of the call and final selection of the applicants. The IAI will be responsible for the financial management of the fellowships with the awardees, and the reporting process. IAI will provide a short annual technical and financial reports to PAGES. IAI will request a final technical and financial report to the fellows. The fellows will also write a short scientific report to be published either in Past Global Changes Magazine or on PAGES and IAI websites.

A selection panel comprising of members from PAGES and the IAI shall make the final decision on awardees based on the review of the applications received made by the review committee as established by the IAI.

Additional items

- The applicant will submit an estimated budget but the PAGES-IAI decision committee will take the final decision about the amount of the fellowship, based on, amongst others, the qualifications of the candidate, the local cost of living, the fellowships that are paid in the host country/province/state.
- The choice of the host lab is left to the applicant.
- 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 (for example, it will be a contribution to one of the PAGES Working Groups, it will develop (or start) the activities of an existing PAGES Working Group in the region, it will support the participation of the applicant in an existing PAGES Working Group).

Attribution of PAGES and IAI

- Preparation of the call, including the review criteria and the process of selection (PAGES, IAI)
- Dissemination of the call (PAGES, IAI) and selection of fellows (PAGES, IAI)
- The announcement of the awardees (PAGES, IAI) and communication with fellows (IAI)
- Confirmation from awardees that they accept the award (IAI)
- Administration of the awards (fellowship agreement, disbursement of the funds, managing technical and financial reports, etc) (IAI)
- Monitoring and evaluation, for example a survey of fellows (PAGES, IAI)
- Annual financial reporting to PAGES (IAI)
- Others (press release of the program, announcement of the fellows, host organizations and research project, impact and results of the research fellowship) (PAGES, IAI)

Timeline

The first fellows should be able to carry out the mobility program starting in early 2022 (health and safety issue permitting).

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