



**PhD EXCHANGE PROGRAM
AUSTRALIA – BRAZIL
4 APRIL – 27 MAY 2016**

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible to the Short Term PhD Exchange, applicants must:

- be aged 18 years or over at the commencement of their program
- be a Brazilian citizen and/or permanent resident of Brazil
- be enrolled in the 2nd or 3rd year of a PhD course at a Brazilian university, federal institute or recognised research institution
- have fluency in English (an interview might be conducted to assess student's level of fluency)
- have already been accepted by an Australian university or research institution to undertake their research (host organisation)
- have support from their home institution
- provide all relevant supporting documentation.

2. SELECTION CRITERIA AND WEIGHTING

The following are the selection criteria and their relative weighting:

- well-defined research program, explaining the methodology and proposed steps for practical implementation (40%)
- record of high-level academic achievement and/or relevant work experience in the applicant's chosen field of study (40%)
- statement on how the international research opportunity will further the applicant's academic and/or professional career (20%).

3. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

To be eligible applicants must provide:

- copy of the original national ID or Brazilian Citizenship Certificate
- copy of the original academic transcript
- enrolment letter (Brazilian PhD)
- referee report (from Brazil)
- host nomination / acceptance letter from an Australian university or research institution
- complete application form.

3.1 Educational qualifications

All applicants must be enrolled in the 2nd or 3rd year of a Brazilian PhD at the moment of their application. The application letter should provide supporting evidence that the applicant is a PhD student of a Brazilian university, federal institute or recognised research institution and the year of the course in which the applicant is enrolled. Applicants must remain enrolled and have an expected course completion date after their proposed program participation end date.



3.2 Referee report

Referee report must be from the applicant's academic supervisors in Brazil who should be familiar with the applicant's recent academic performance and abilities as well as with the research program proposal submitted by the applicant in this selection process.

3.3 Host nomination

It is the responsibility of the applicant to find their own host organisation in Australia.

Applicants must provide one nomination letter from their host organisation confirming that the applicant has proposed to undertake their Short Term PhD Exchange during the period of 4 April – 27 May 2016, and that the host organisation will provide guidance on securing affordable accommodation close to their institution.

Nominations are to be made by the applicant's host university or research institution. The person completing the nomination form must hold a senior position within the Australian host organisation.

4. BENEFITS

The Short Term PhD Exchange offers:

- travel allowance of up to AUD3,000 to contribute to international travel costs (flights to and from Australia) and travel insurance
- living allowance of up to AUD5,400: paid prior to arrival in Australia to contribute towards living costs in Australia
- health insurance; upon request and to be taken from the living allowance (approximately AUD160 per month).
- This program is administered in Brazil by the Australia Embassy, Brasilia, and in Australia by the Australian Academy of Science. The Academy coordinates the payment of allowances, orientation and debriefing sessions in Canberra, and helps participants to move to host organisations. The Academy will be the contact point for questions on various matters such as liaising with host organisations, travel in Australia and emergency whilst participants are in Australia.

5. APPLICATION

Applications will be accepted until 30 November 2015. To submit your application, please send the required form and documents to:

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