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present:

**The U.S. - Brazil Higher
Education Consortia
Program**

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What Is It?

The four-year US-Brazil Higher Education Consortia Program is sponsored by the US Department of Education and the Brazilian Ministry of Education. Four Universities, two from Brazil and two from the US, participate as grantees in each consortium.

The two Brazilian universities in the consortium are the Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil, and the Federal University of Parana, Brazil.

The program stems from an inter-governmental agreement between the two countries and each government finances the participation of the two universities from its country. The grant to the US universities for the period 2006-2010 will total \$209,966. The first year of the grant is a preparatory period during which the four schools discuss and prepare the activities for the following three years. The program directors will have their first formal meeting in December 2006 in São Paulo, Brazil. They will meet at least once in each succeeding year, alternating between the US and Brazil.



**Department of Mathematics,
Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil**

Student Participation

US Students who wish to participate must meet certain minimum requirements. They must have taken a short course on Brazil in order to gain some familiarity with the country. Preferably, they will have taken one or two courses on Latin America. They must have knowledge of Portuguese, or must speak Spanish and have taken the course, "Portuguese for Spanish Speakers." Normally, the students will go to Brazil during the spring semester of their Junior year where they will take two months of intensive Portuguese, and then will begin the regular semester in March.

The program will provide significant financial support to the students. It will pay for the round-trip airfares, provide funds to study Portuguese before the regular semester begins, and will subsidize daily living expenses.

Participating in the program will not extend the student's time required to earn his/her degree. The student will be expected to carry a full course load while in Brazil and earn the usual number of credits. The credits thus earned will be transferable back to his/her home university, and should be credited to the students' degree. Both Brazilian universities offer a wide range of courses so students should not have difficulty finding pertinent classes.

Objectives

The program seeks to encourage the movement of students between US and Brazilian universities, the coordination of course offerings, the stimulation of joint research, and the exchange of professors for short teaching assignments. Approximately six students are expected to travel from the US to Brazil each year, and vice versa. Thus some thirty-six students will benefit substantially from the consortium activities.

Several professors from each university will participate and will work in teams so that they can publish joint articles. A number of professors will travel to the consortium partner universities in order to teach short courses, contribute to an existing course, and/or participate in a conference. Finally, efforts will be made to make curricula compatible among the consortium members. Thus, a student will eventually be able to take several courses in any one of the four institutions.

The two Brazilian universities are located in attractive, middle-sized cities. Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, is a lovely tourist destination on the south Atlantic coast; Curitiba, Parana is an orderly, cosmopolitan center bustling with industrial activity. Both cities have comfortable accommodations and excellent communications facilities.

Who Should Apply

The program is open to both undergraduate and graduate students who would like an immersion in Brazilian culture and an exposure to Latin America. Students from virtually any liberal arts field may apply; however, the courses they take abroad must be transferable and applicable to their degree requirements.

Individuals applying to the program must be able to fulfill the requirements. Namely, they must have arranged to acquire the necessary Portuguese language skills and they must have taken the prerequisite course on Brazil.

Interested individuals should contact the indicated officials from their respective schools. The names of these individuals are listed on the page entitled "Information". Since only a limited number of people can participate, interested applicants are encouraged to inquire as early as possible.



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