

APPENDIX A : GETTING THE WORLD OF SCIENCE

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Mobility of Undergraduate Students (Junior researchers) from Araucaria for Research in Canada.

Up to 10 students per year in each of the three years from Brazil/Paraná will go to Canada through the **Getting the world of science program**, with travel starting in May, 2025.

1. Key Features

- 1.1. Students will come to Canada to undertake academic disciplines;
- 1.2. The academic disciplines will be drawn from a broad cross-section of their research topics;
- 1.3. Students spend 12 weeks (between May and August) in Canada according to their approved academic plan;
- 1.4. Students will be given the opportunity to take part in professional training (examples include teamwork, project management, problem solving, communication, and entrepreneurship) as well as languages course;
- 1.5. Students have extensive opportunities for cultural, social, and recreational experiences. The cost of sign up or participation in these activities is at the discretion of the visiting research student.
- 1.6. The full cost per student is estimated to be CAD 6,500.00 per student. The CAD 6,500.00 scholarship granted by Araucaria Foundation is intended to help the visiting research student pay for living stipend, and arrange for their own housing accommodation. Airfare, visa (if applicable), travel and medical insurance (if applicable), will be paid additionally.
- 1.7. Participants coming to the University of Alberta, who are neither Canadian citizens nor Permanent Residents of Canada (and who therefore do not have public health care coverage from a Canadian province), are required to pay University of Alberta Health Insurance Plan (UAHIP) premiums to UAlberta.

2. Student Eligibility

- 2.1 To apply, students must provide:
 - 2.1.1 Host university requirements

- Letter of intent;
- Resume;
- Academic transcript in English; and
- Contact information for two (2) academic references;

2.2 Interns must:

- 2.2.1 Be undergraduates enrolled full-time in an accredited and eligible Parana State University with a minimum of one semester remaining in their program when they return to Brazil.
- 2.2.2 Be at least 18 years of age;
- 2.2.3 Have a minimum grade average of 80/100 cumulative grade point average, or equivalent to apply to the program;
- 2.2.4 Be able to spend 12 weeks between May and August at the University of Alberta according to their academic plan;
- 2.2.5 Demonstrate oral and written fluency in English at a recommended level: IELTS Academic score of 5.5+, with each band score of 5.0+, OR, TOEFL iBT score of 53+, with 14+ on each band, OR, Duolingo English Test score of 95+, with each band score of 80+. Official test scores will not be required but participants must have the ability to carry out research and daily activities in English. The host faculty member may assess English language ability during an online interview and has the final decision in relation to language proficiency.
- 2.2.6 Submit their application through the Horizons application system (link will be provided once program is implemented) under the responsibility of the International Internship Coordinator (Inbound).

3. Obligations of UAlberta

- 3.1. Maintain an online application process for interested students during the designated application period;
- 3.2. Evaluate applications for Getting to the world of Science Internships from Parana State Universities/Araucaria students;
- 3.3. Support students with the institutional information;
- 3.4. Select the best students according to the number of scholarships agreed in this term and send them the Offer Letter;
- 3.5. Share the list of selected applications with Araucaria to ensure students are eligible for participation.
- 3.6. Assist with logistical details for Participants going to UAlberta such as administering an allowance provided by Araucaria and providing resources for the students to find

accommodation, coordinate research arrangements, evaluation, mentors, and programmatic logistics.

- 3.7. Design, offer and coordinate potential activities which include, but are not limited to, professional skills workshops, receptions, industrial engagement activities, and research presentations if requested at the institutional level;
- 3.8. Jointly with Araucaria, coordinate any public communication about this pilot, including announcements and press releases.

4. Obligations of the Araucaria

- 4.1 Promote participation of the students from eligible universities in the State of Parana;
- 4.2 Inform UAlberta of any eligibility limitations on the program, such as department, institutions, discipline, citizenship or nationality of students to receive financial funding support from Araucaria and to participate in the Program at least 12 weeks in advance of the student application period;
- 4.3 Inform UAlberta in advance about the student application period opening of any financial requirements or obligations imposed on applicants in order to participate in the initiative;
- 4.4 Coordinate and be responsible for the Parana funding of the program, including the participation of eligible universities
- 4.5 Araucaria will provide Brazilian/PR students with a direct contribution of \$6,500 before the students' arrival in UAlberta. This contribution will be used towards the cost of the program, for living expenses and accommodation. Airfare, visa (if applicable), travel and medical insurance (if applicable), will be paid additionally.
- 4.6 Araucaria acknowledges that the funds contributed are on behalf of Getting the World of Science Program, to support individuals' exchange period.
- 4.7 Jointly with UAlberta coordinate any public communication about this pilot, including announcements and press releases.

5. Program Implementation Timeline

- 5.1. **January:** Araucaria launches the general call for undergraduate research participants to apply.
- 5.2. **February - April:** Home institutions select their students and get in contact with the host institutions to apply for the Getting to the World of Science Program.
- 5.3. **May to July: UAlberta** collects projects from faculty members interested in hosting a research intern funded by Araucaria. Home institutions select their students and get in contact with the host institution to apply for the Getting to the World of Science Program.
- 5.4. **August - September:** selected students apply for research projects;

- 5.5. **October - November:** applicants are screened, ranked and selected by University of Alberta faculty members;
- 5.6. **December:** internship offers are sent to selected applicants (Offer Letter) and the applicant notifies the home university;
- 5.7. **January:** The institutional coordinator of the home university sends the student's application to Araucaria Foundation ([Sparkx platform](#)) and the Award Letter is issued to the student by the Araucaria Foundation;
- 5.8. **February – April:** the awarded students receive their scholarships and apply for the required immigration documents;
- 5.9. **May:** Undergraduates will arrive at UAlberta to begin their Getting to the World of Science Internship Program;

Upon completion of the award, both students and their home institutional coordinator are requested to submit the following to the Araucaria Foundation no later than one month after the arrival:

- A final report
- An exit survey
- The abstract proposal for the participation in the Getting to the World of Science Workshop, to be defined by Araucaria Foundation.