

APPENDIX A: GETTING TO THE WORLD OF SCIENCE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Mobility of Undergrad, Postgrad, PhD and Postdocs Students (Junior researchers) from Araucaria for Studies and Research (when applicable) in France

Up to 10 students per year over three years from Brazil/Paraná will go to France through the **Getting the world of science program**, with travel starting in August, 2024.

1. Key Features

- 1.1. Only students from UTC partner universities in the Parana state with an ongoing international mobility agreement may apply for an exchange semester at UTC;
- 1.2. Students will come to UTC to undertake academic disciplines;
- 1.3. The academic disciplines will be drawn from a broad cross-section of their research topics;
- 1.4. Students spend **xx** weeks (between **august** and **January** in France according to their approved academic plan);
- 1.5. 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;
- 1.6. Students have extensive opportunities for cultural, social, and recreational experiences.
- 1.7. The full **cost** per student is estimated **to** be 1300€ minimum / student / month all included. Costs will be granted by Araucaria Foundation.

2. Student Eligibility

2.1 To apply, students must provide:

- 2.1.1 A transcript of records;
- 2.1.2 A curriculum vitae
- 2.1.3 A certificate of French language level from B1 level onwards
- 2.1.4 The student application form with the study plan, a document sent by the international office to the student, once we received the nomination.

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 at least 2 months at UTC according to their academic plan;
- 2.2.5 Demonstrate oral and written fluency in French level B1 level onwards;
- 2.2.6 Once they are nominated to UTC by the home institution, and after receiving the application process by e-mail from the international office, submit their application back through e-mail under the responsibility of the international office and the international coordinator of the department welcoming the student;
- 2.2.7 Wait for the acceptance decision of the academic coordinators at UTC, which will be transmitted by the international office after sending back the application form. UTC coordinators may refuse the application of a student because of insufficient prerequisites.
- 2.2.8 For PhD and Postdoc students, acceptance is subject to the research topic and compliance with the procedures for *Zones à Régime Restreint* (ZRR) where applicable.

3. Obligations of UTC

- 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 Award 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 UTC such as providing an allowance and assistance 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 UTC 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 UTC 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 scholarships before the students' arrival in UTC. This contribution will be used towards the cost of the program, including airfare, visa, medical insurance, living stipend and accommodation.

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 UTC, coordinate any public communication about this pilot, including announcements and press releases.

5. Program Implementation Timeline

5.1. **January:** Araucaria launches the general call.

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 (through incoming@utc.fr email).

5.3. **May:** UTC sends the selected students the award letter;

5.4. **June:** UTC sends Araucaria Foundation the list of the selected students;

5.5. **June:** The institutional coordinator of the home university sends the student's application to Araucaria Foundation (Sparkx platform).

5.6. **June-July:** the awarded students receive their scholarships;

5.7. **July on:** Undergraduates Students will come to UTC to begin their Getting 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.