



Creating frameworks for UK- Brazil research partnerships: Science without Borders

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- Science without Borders is a mobility programme for STEM and creative industry subjects (which focus on technological and innovative development) , fully funded by the Brazilian government
- Aim is to send 101,000 Brazilian students (2011-2015) on undergraduate sandwich courses, PhDs (sandwich and full time) and post-docs at universities around the world, plus attract talent to Brazil
- To date, more than 65,000 students and researchers were sent abroad by the Brazilian government since mid 2011
The UK has received approx. 8,500 Brazilian SwB scholars in the past two years

Current status and future of programme

- The programme is being evaluated in Brazil, in the run-up to the Presidential Elections
- Feedback from Brazilian officials informs us that there will be a Phase II, maybe in a different format/name
- In any case, internationalisation remains a priority for Brazilian and British universities and funding agencies
- Scholarships for PhDs and post-Docs will continue to be substantially funded
- Grants for out- and inbound researchers, early career and senior researchers
- In addition to federal funding, state funding agencies (FAPs - FAPESP, FAPERJ, etc) also fund researcher mobility, training, scoping workshops, etc
 - also British Council and RCUK

Scholarship package for PhDs and post-Docs

- SwB funds sandwich (up to one year) and full PhD students (3+1 years)
- UUK manages the financial side for universities, invoicing on their behalf for
 - tuition and bench fees for full PhDs
 - tuition and bench fees for sandwich PhDs **are not** usually granted
 - no bench fees for post-Docs
- Scholars receive scholarship to cover:
 - accommodation costs
 - living expenses
 - airfare
 - health insurance
 - settling-in grant

- SwB has created an incentive for UK HEIs to send missions to Brazil
- new MoUs
- new research collaborations
- academic missions from Brazil and the UK for scoping possibilities of collaboration
- new universities' offices in Brazil
- training workshops
- increased mobility of researchers from the UK to Brazil
- undergraduates returning as PhDs; PhDs return as post-Docs; post-Docs send their own students: virtuous cycle
- joint degrees



Thank you

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