CFP Duke Brazil Initiative (DBI) Graduate Student Exchange Grants
(1st round due Feb. 2, 2015, with a potential 2nd round due March 2, 2015 contingent upon funding)

Are you a graduate student interested in Brazil? Whether already engaged or simply intrigued, the Duke Brazil Initiative (DBI) invites you to explore establishing ties with Brazilian universities and public and private institutions by applying for a developmental exchange grant focused on your research, passions, and interests. And you don’t have to already be a Brazil specialist nor are you ruled out if you do not speak Portuguese (although a full language program is offered here at Duke).

What is the award amount? When should the exchange take place?

The award will range from $2,500 to $3,500 depending on the proposed activities. Students are expected to stay for a minimum of 10 days. The exchange should take place between April and November of 2015 (with a preference for May-August).

What type of grant applications are you looking for? The grants are open to a wide variety of aims and purposes. Some might involve the fostering of joint research or expanding or enhancing existing collaborations in a new way. Others might involve sharing areas of pedagogical expertise and training. Finally, graduate students might use this to foster ties essential to their future or ongoing research or creative practice (music, art, martial arts).

Who is Eligible to Apply: The grants are open to graduate and professional students across all schools and institutes as well as all fields of study. Applications are encouraged from all disciplines in Arts and Sciences as well as professional schools (Nicholas School of the Environment, Law, Fuqua School of Business, Medical School, Nursing, Pratt Engineering, Sanford Public Policy, Global Health Institute, etc.). Artists, performers, and digital humanities scholars are also encouraged to apply although an institutional nexus is required in all cases.

What is expected of a grant recipient? Exchange participants are expected to participate in presentations, training, or teaching at the host institution; those awarded grants will also be expected to:
  a.) present and participate in the annual Brazil conference at Duke.
  b.) encouraged to become involved in other DBI related events, teaching, and programs at Duke following their exchange.

What’s the first step and how will the decision be made? Assistance can be provided to students who are developing proposals—including selection of possible institutions and collaborators. The proposals themselves will, in turn, be reviewed and selected as part of an open and competitive process balanced across themes and schools. These are understood as seed grants to foster new knowledge through exchanges that could possibly lead to collaborative externally funded research in the future. Decisions will be made by a faculty
steering committee with administrative support provided by CLACS. *Please come and speak with DBI directors and faculty members about your ideas well in advance of the deadline.*

**When are applications due and what has to be included?** The deadline is Feb. 2, 2015 for a first round of funding. After that, a second round may be available with a deadline of March 2, 2015, contingent upon the number of students funded.

1.) a 800-1000 word narrative which includes: a research or academic, pedagogical, or artistic project and why the Brazil exchange is important to achieve these goals; a list of potential institutional partners and personal contacts in Brazil; a tentative plan on how you intend to pursue this project once you return from Brazil; and
2.) Duke participant(s) CVs or resumes;
3) letter/email of support from a faculty mentor.

Please send application materials to Antonio Arce, DBI co-director at ama2@duke.edu or Campus Box 90254 (Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies) or DBI c/o Antonio Arce, john Hope Franklin Center,2204 Erwin Rd. Durham, NC 27705.

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