



## **BRANETEC III - Call for Proposals for exchange of students between Brazil and the Netherlands in higher education on undergraduate level**

March 11, 2013 - Nuffic, the Netherlands Organisation for International Cooperation in Higher Education, and Capes, the Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Postgraduate Education, referring to their cooperative agreement signed on the 12th of December 2008, open together a third Call for Proposals for exchange projects on undergraduate level.

**The closing date of this call for proposals is 17 April 2013**

### **Objectives of BRANETEC**

BRANETEC aims to support institutional partnership projects at the undergraduate level, to foster academic exchange to the Netherlands and to encourage the harmonisation of curriculum frameworks, including the equivalence and mutual recognition of credits earned at participating institutions. Furthermore it has as its objective to stimulate the exchange of students to obtain an academic experience and/or practical experience in one of the two countries in the mentioned areas, and to enlarge the knowledge of the receiving country and its language.

BRANETEC stimulates institutional cooperation between the Netherlands and Brazil in undergraduate higher education in the following areas:

- Engineering and other technological areas;
- Exact and Earth Sciences (e.g. Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry);
- Health and Biomedical Sciences (Biochemistry, systems biology, neurosciences, etc);
- Computing and Information
- Technology;
- Aerospace;
- Pharmaceuticals;
- Sustainable Agricultural Production;
- Green Chemistry;
- Oil, Gas and Coal;
- Energy;
- Minerals;
- Biotechnology;
- Nanotechnology and New Materials;
- Climate Change;
- Biodiversity;
- Marine Sciences;
- Productive Inclusion and Social Technologies;
- Housing and Sanitation.

### **1. General provisions**

1.1 This Call for Proposals foresees the implementation of projects which are set up through partnerships of Dutch and Brazilian higher education institutions that offer undergraduate courses in the above mentioned areas of knowledge.

1.2 The term 'higher education institutions' includes all types of institutions: universities, universities of applied sciences, schools & faculties, private or public, that offer recognized undergraduate programs. In this text higher education institutions are referred to as institution(s).



- 1.3 In Brazil, the entity responsible for the call for proposals is Capes.
- 1.4 In the Netherlands, the entity responsible for the call for proposals is Nuffic
- 1.5 Dutch higher education institutions should find a Brazilian cooperation partner to send in a joint proposal. The proposal is sent in simultaneously in Brazil and in the Netherlands: the Brazilian HEI sends the proposal to Capes, the Dutch HEI sends the proposal to Nuffic.
- 1.6 The selection of Brazilian proposals will be ruled and performed by Capes with the support of ad hoc consultants, being composed of four phases: document analysis, prioritisation of proposals previously approved and joint meeting between the Capes and Nuffic, in which Capes takes the final decision.
- 1.7 The verifying of document consistency of the proposals on the Dutch side is done by Nuffic.
- 1.8 Sending Dutch students to the Brazilian partner is optional. Reciprocity in exchange of students is not obligatory.
- 1.9 The selection of up to ten (10) projects is expected, with the start of operations in 2013.

## **2. Requisites of the proposal**

- 2.1 The proposal must be of similar content in each country, having a plan of joint actions and a programing explaining the educational activities and purposes.
- 2.2 Every institution of higher education can only propose one project proposal per year and the proposal must attend to the following requisites:

- ✓ The proposals must have an innovative character and must demonstrate the development in its area in the national and international context;
- ✓ Contemplate the learning of the partner country's language, in the case of Brazil this is Portuguese, in the case of the Netherlands this can be either (or both) English or Dutch;
- ✓ Foresee the realisation of internships of practical trainings, if possible (thus companies may be included into the cooperation);
- ✓ To be involved at least one institute of higher education in each country, not to exclude partnerships in association;
- ✓ Appoint one coordinator in each country for the project;
- ✓ Present a time schedule for the provisioned cooperation of two years, possibly to be extended with one more year.

## **7. Financing in the Netherlands**

- 7.1 There is no centralised financing available at the Dutch side of the project. The Dutch partner institution should be aware that the project on the Dutch side is of the financial responsibility of the institution.
- 7.2 The sending of Brazilian students is financed by CAPES: a monthly allowance paid directly to the student and a flat rate compensation of € 8.000 per student is paid directly to the participating Dutch institution. See Annex 1.
- 7.3 In case of sending Dutch students to Brazil the financing for stay and travel by the Dutch partner does not necessarily have to match the financing of Capes.

## **4. Application**

- 4.1 The application for Dutch institutions is based upon an open call for proposals for cooperation with Brazilian institutions.
- 4.2 Application is obligatorily done with the following documents:
- ✓ Completed and signed application form
  - ✓ A copy of the cooperative document signed by the authorities of the Dutch and Brazilian institutions that contains the didactic structure and the comparative curriculum of the courses at the Dutch and Brazilian side, the system of crediting and evaluation, description of the conclusion of the exchange course (diploma, certificate etcetera), and that declares guidance and care taking of the students involved in exchange, the



exemption of fees, the automatic recognition of the credits to be obtained during the exchange, the mechanism to be used as to compare the curricula, and the possibility of language training.

#### 8. Optional content of the proposal

- ✓ In case of internships or practice, the duration and proposed area of placement should be included in the joint document.
- ✓ In case of sending Dutch students to Brazil, the number of Dutch students to send
- ✓ In case of visits to Brazil or events in Brazil organised by the Dutch partner, this information should be included in the activity plan.
- ✓ Curriculum of the Dutch coordinator.

Applications can be sent until 17 April 2013 to Nuffic Neso Brazil. Digitally, with a scanned copy of the application form, to: [callforproposals@nesobrazil.org](mailto:callforproposals@nesobrazil.org) or hard copy to:

Nuffic - Education Promotion Department / reference BRANETEC 2013  
Kortenaerkade 11  
P.O. Box 29777 / 2502 LT  
The Hague, the Netherlands

#### Contact and guidance in finding a Brazilian partner

For information about the Brazilian higher education, help with finding Brazilian institutions or questions about the Call for Proposals BRANETEC, contact Nuffic Neso Brazil at [callforproposals@nesobrazil.org](mailto:callforproposals@nesobrazil.org)

For the Brazilian side of the call visit: <http://www.capes.gov.br/cooperacao-internacional/holanda/branetec> or contact Capes at [BRANETEC@capes.gov.br](mailto:BRANETEC@capes.gov.br)

#### Annex 1. Financing by Capes to the participating Brazilian and Dutch HEIs

##### Working Missions

Consist of granting short trips to the project coordinator and staff members, with a minimum duration of 7 (seven) and a maximum of twenty (20) days;

1. The number of working missions Brazil-Holland will be proportional to the number of HEIs involved, being 02 (two) missions by HEIs, up to a limit of 06 (six) missions per year of the project, including the project coordinator's travel;
2. The benefits include the cost of health insurance, and international daily transportation expenses, round trip Brazil / Netherlands / Brazil, economy class;

The reference values are presented in the table below, according to the ordinances Capes:

Table of Values – Work Missions	
Type of Assistance	Amount Granted
Daily Value for Brazilian researchers in the Netherlands	EUR 140,00/day
Health insurance for Brazilian researchers in the Netherlands	EUR 90,00/mission
Support costs for locomotion between Brazil / Netherlands / Brazil	EUR 2.000,00/mission

##### Study Missions

Consist of the student movement in a "sandwich-undergraduation" mode in order to develop school activities and research in the area of interest of the Project, in the Netherlands, for a minimum period of 04 (four) and a maximum of twelve (12) months;

1. The number of study missions Brazil-Holland will be proportional to the number of Brazilian HEIs involved in the partnership, being up to 10 (ten) missions per HEI, with a limit of 03 (three) HEIs per network, as shown below:

Number of HEIs Involved	Number of students
01	10
02	20
03	30

The reference values are presented in the table below, according to Capes ordinance:

Table of Values – Study Mission	
Type of Support	Granted Value
Monthly allowance – “Sandwich Graduation”	EUR 870,00 / month
Support (Brazil/Netherlands/Brazil)	EUR 1.706 (up to 6 months) EUR 3.412 (over 6 months)
Housing Allowances	EUR 1.320,00
Health Insurance	EUR 90,00 / month
Locality extra (in case of residence in Amsterdam)	EUR 400,00/month

2. Capes pays a flat rate compensation per student to the participating Dutch institution of EUR 8.000.

3. Students receive Educational Material Assistance in the amount of € 1,000.00. This benefit is intended for the purchase of textbooks, laptop or tablet, will be paid abroad in a single parcel and must necessarily be for the purchase of such electronic equipment.

#### Funds Costing

Consist of resources provided per year of the project, non-cumulative, aimed at defraying expenses related to activities of the partnership developed in Brazil.

1. An annual grant of up to \$ 10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) to the Brazilian team in the form of funding provided by Capes. The expected value can be changed at any time, from the publication of new regulations by Capes.