

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDIES IN BRAZIL 2010

Brazil will concede scholarship for Masters and Doctorate aiming the improvement of professors, researchers, professionals and undergraduates of the developing countries with which Brazil maintains Cultural, Education and/or Scientific and Technological agreements of Cooperation. There will be scholarships in all areas in which exist post-graduates programmes that issue diplomas with national validation. Specialization, Refresh Course and Medical Internship are not accepted;

The candidates must be attended at the Embassy;

REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATE'S REGISTRATION:

Must be a citizen of the developing countries with which Brazil maintains Cultural, Education and/or Scientific and Technological agreements of Cooperation.

The following persons are **not** eligible for registration:

- (a) Cannot be bearers of a temporary or permanent visa to Brazil;
- (b) Brazilian citizens, even if they have dual citizenship;
- (c) Person born to Brazilian parents;
- (d) Those who have previously obtained a bursary in terms of the PEC-G selective process and who have occupied professional activities in the country of origin for at least two years after having obtained the Brazilian diploma;

The registration forms must be forwarded in both a hard-copy and an electronic version. Registration form in Portuguese, is available on <http://www.capes.gov.br/capes/portal/conteudo/10/PEC-PG.htm>.

DOCUMENTATION:

The following documentation must be submitted to the Embassy by the 31st of July 2009:

- (a) Certificate of Proficiency in the Portuguese Language for Foreigners (CELPE-BRAS) if applicable in the country. The candidate who comes from a country where this exam is not applied must sit the Exam of Proficiency in the Portuguese Language of the CAPES which will be arranged by the Embassy in the candidate's country of origin. The candidate who has obtained his/her graduate/post-graduate studies in Brazil may present a Declaration of the Coordination of the intended Post-Graduate study stating that he/she has sufficient knowledge of the Portuguese Language to accompany the foreseen activities;
- (b) Letter of acceptance from the Institute of Higher Education (IHE) at which he/she intends to complete his/her work plan, indicating the post-graduate programme (from among those available on the following site: <http://www.capes.gov.br/cursos-recomendados>), field of interest, research theme and title of dissertation or thesis. The said letter must indicate that the chosen IHE exempts the candidate and his/her financial institution from payment of any form of taxes. Please note that the Letter of Acceptance does not in anyway constitute a bursary, it merely indicates that the candidate is, capable, from an academic point of view, to undertake his/her studies in Brazil;
- (c) CV in Portuguese;

- (d) Prove of employment, should that be the case;
- (e) Two letters of recommendation from teachers or researchers in the field, as per example contained in the manual (see website in the General Observations);
- (f) Work-plan in Portuguese, as per example contained in the manual;
- (g) Copy of diploma and academic record and Masters (if applicable), and/or Medical Internship;
- (h) Copy of the candidate's Identification or Birth Certificate and that of his/her parents;
- (i) Copy of Passport;
- (j) A recent certificate not older than 90 days attesting to physical and mental health. It is important that the certificate of physical and mental health informs whether or not the candidate suffers from a chronic disease, or is receiving some kind of treatment.

EVALUATION

Evaluation is done by the Embassy in conjunction with the relevant Brazilian Departments.

The candidate can obtain information regarding his results on the following sites:

- www.dce.mre.gov.br
- www.capes.gov.br
- www.cnpq.br

Every year the candidate must present a detailed report of his/her activities, accompanied by a declaration of the sponsor to the CAPES or CNPq, via the Research and Post-Graduate Vice-Rector or equivalent Department of the University.

Continuity of the bursary will depend on the performance in accordance with the norms and criteria that govern the post-graduate course for which he/she is registered.

When requesting a return flight, the bursary-holder should send the final report or equivalent as well as the record of presentation of thesis or dissertation. The request for an air ticket should be submitted 30 days in advance.

BENEFITS

Masters and Doctorate bursary of equal value to that of the Brazilian students in the country R\$ 1,200 the former and R\$ 1,800 the latter (R 4,680 and R 7,020 approximately) with a maximum duration of 24 and 48 months respectively;

Obs: Once the candidate is registered for the course the bursary will be granted for the study period.

Exemption of fees;

Return tickets should the candidate complete the course successfully;

Obs: Accommodation and shipment of cargo is not included.

Calendar

The following calendar will be strictly adhered to:

- (a) 1st. May – 31st. July: registration and receipt of documents;
- (b) 12th. August: Application for the CAPES Exam of Proficiency in the Portuguese Language to be duly forwarded to those Missions where the CELPE- BRAS is not foreseen (http://www.portal.mec.gov.br/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=12270&Itemid=519);
- (c) 25th. August: Receiving of the Documents in Brazil
- (d) December: Announcement of results;
- (e) March 2010: Commencement of academic courses. The candidate must contact the respective course to obtain information regarding the actual date of commencement of activities.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The PEC-PG Manual with information on the programme can be found on the following sites:

- www.dce.mre.gov.br
- www.capes.gov.br
- www.cnpq.br