

December 3, 2015

Re: Letter of Support for Academic Training – Brazil Scientific Mobility Program

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms that Cosme Navarro Lopes is a participant in the Brazil Scientific Mobility Program (BSMP), a scholarship program and initiative of the government of Brazil to send fully funded Brazilian students abroad for training in the science, technology, engineering, and math fields (more information is available at <http://www.iie.org/bsmp>). This program is implemented through a sponsoring organization, CAPES, which provides the funding for the scholarship.

The Institute of International Education (IIE) is the contractual administrative agency for this program in the United States and is authorized to allow this grantee to legally engage in Academic Training at your organization while he or she is under IIE's J-1 visa sponsorship and maintains satisfactory academic performance.

IIE therefore supports the application of Cosme Navarro Lopes to engage in Academic Training (e.g. internship, co-op, observership or research), paid or unpaid, that directly relates to his or her field of study during the summer of 2016 (roughly May-August) in the United States. This letter further confirms that your organization will not need to provide J-1 visa sponsorship nor health insurance coverage to the grantee during the Academic Training opportunity as these are benefits of the scholarship program.

Upon receiving an offer from your organization, Cosme Navarro Lopes will submit a request to participate in the opportunity to IIE. IIE will review the opportunity and, if approved, issue a formal Academic Training Authorization Letter directly to the grantee to present to you. Please note that applying to IIE for an opportunity may take at least four weeks. Grantees should not participate in opportunities (including any associated orientations) until receiving this Authorization Letter; doing so is in violation of their J-1 visa status. Furthermore, J-1 visa regulations require that grantees initiate summer opportunities within 30 days of the spring 2016 academic term end date; therefore Cosme Navarro Lopes must begin the summer opportunity by 6/13/2016. No action needs to be taken by your organization related to this grantee's J-1 visa sponsorship or legal status. No further authorization from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will be necessary. Furthermore, this grantee is eligible to apply for a Social Security Number, should he or she be engaged in a paid Academic Training opportunity with your organization. Please refer to the Academic Training Policy document, available upon request from this grantee, for additional important information related to Academic Training.

Regarding financial coverage during summer Academic Training, undergraduate BSMP grantees who are approved to participate in summer Academic Training are eligible to receive financial support while participating in these opportunities as outlined in the Summer Stipend Policy document (available at <http://www.iie.org/Programs/Brazil-Scientific-Mobility/Current-Students/Materials>). Grantees can elect to receive IIE-administered stipends for housing and/or meals, in the amounts outlined in the Summer Stipend Policy, or can elect to reside in university housing and/or enroll in university meal plans which can be invoiced to IIE so long as the requirements stated in the Summer Stipend Policy are abided by. CAPES also provides stipends and payments directly to the grantee. These stipends and payments are detailed in the grantee's Terms of Appointment, which is available upon request from this grantee.

Please note that each BSMP participant is assigned a Student Relations Officer (SRO) at IIE who the grantee may contact at any time with questions.

Should you require further information regarding the legal status of this grantee and his or her eligibility to engage in Academic Training activities with your organization, please feel free to contact Jackie Barrett, Senior Manager of Experiential Learning, at jbarrett@iie.org.

Thank you for your consideration of Cosme Navarro Lopes.

Sincerely,



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