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Alumni Grants Round Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is the purpose of the Alumni Grants Round?

The purpose of this grant is to support Brazilian alumni of Australian institutions to undertake projects which strengthen Brazil-Australia collaboration in education, science, research and innovation. The expected outcomes of the Grants Round are:

- 1. Concrete project achievements in education, science, research or innovation
- 2. Strengthened people-to-people, institutional and community networks, collaboration and connections between Brazil and Australia

Projects may be in any field that supports the Embassy's objectives in:

- 1. Strengthening Brazil-Australia collaboration in education, science, research and innovation
- 2. Strengthening trade, investment and other business linkages between Australia and Brazil
- 3. Leveraging the position and influence of alumni to support the Australia Brazil relationship and G20 thematic outcomes, such as sustainable development, climate change, and women's empowerment

2. What are the grant amounts?

The Australian Embassy will provide grants up to AUD 8,000, to be implemented by 1 March 2025.

Applicants who are selected will receive a grant amount from the Australian Embassy in Brazil and provide a final report of how the grant was spent, along with a full project report by 31 March 2025.

3. Who is eligible to apply?

Institutions are expected to apply, with the project lead to be an alumnus. Alumni are Brazilian nationals residing in Australia or Brazil who have studied at a recognised Australian education institution, including:

- Recipients of Australian or Brazilian Government scholarships
- Private fee-paying students
- Recipients of Australia Awards Fellowships and Short Courses Awards
- Individual alumni
- Students who participated in exchange programs to Australia
- Groups led by alumni (the group may include non-alumni members)



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• Organisations involving alumni.

4. Why does the funding need to go to an institution and not directly to alumni?

The Embassy is only able to fund registered institutions in Australia and Brazil. This will provide more flexibility for alumni to use funding to meet the objectives of the grant. This also creates stronger and longer lasting institution to institution connections and provides an ability for partnerships and co-contribution by institutions.

All funding will be provided to the institution following provision of a detailed project plan, due by March/April 2024.

5. How do I apply?

You can apply by filling out the application form here: <u>Alumni Grants Round Guidelines</u> Make sure you fill out sections 3.1 to 3.6 of the form and include all necessary information and documentation to the form before submitting.

6. When do I need to submit my application?

Applications close on 29 February 2024 at 5:00pm (Brasilia time). Late applications will not be accepted.

Applications may be deemed ineligible if they are incomplete, do not include the requested documentation or do not address the selection criteria.

7. Where do I submit my application?

Applications must be submitted electronically to the following email address: alumni.brasilia@dfat.gov.au

8. Where can I find further information?

Go to <u>https://brazil.embassy.gov.au/bras/alumnigrants.html</u> to find more information about the Alumni Grants Round, guidelines, and application form.

9. When will I find out if I have been successful?

The Embassy will assess applications in March, with outcomes expected by 15 March 2024. A detailed project plan is due in mid-May 2024 and full acquittal by May 2025.

10. Can I get funding for attending a conference?

No. Any personal items not relevant to the implementation of the grant activity or individual activities such as attendance at conferences or contributions to further study are ineligible activities and expenditure. Funding is only available for:

- Training, workshops, seminars
- Capacity building, mentoring or coaching





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- Academic Research, R&D and innovation
- Knowledge or technology transfer
- Networking programs
- Public awareness campaigns
- Organisational strengthening
- Community development activities