**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
3. **What are the grant amounts?**

The Australian Embassy will provide grants of AUD3,000 up to a maximum of AUD10,000, to be implemented by 12 December 2022.

Applicants who are selected will receive a grant amount from the Australian Embassy in Brazil and provide initial and final reports of how the grant was spent, along with a full project report by 12 December 2022.

1. **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 graduated from a recognised Australia tertiary institution, including:

* Recipients of Australian Government scholarships
* Private fee-paying students
* Recipients of Australia Awards Fellowships and Short Courses Awards
* Individual alumni
* Groups led by alumni (the group may include non-alumni members)
* Organisations involving alumni.
1. **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. Funding institutions 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 the initial report, due by 16 May 2022.

1. **How do I apply?**

You can apply by filling out the application form here. [include link to website]

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.

1. **When do I need to submit my application?**

Applications open on 3 December 2021 and close on 28 January 2022 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.

1. **Where do I submit my application?**

Applications must be submitted electronically to the following email address:

alumni.brasilia@dfat.gov.au

1. **Where can I find further information?**

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

1. **When will I find out if I have been successful?**

The Embassy will assess applications in February, with outcomes expected by 11 February 2022. Initial reports will be due by 16 May 2022 and full acquittal is due by 12 December 2022.

1. **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
* Academic Research, R&D and innovation
* Knowledge or technology transfer
* Networking programs
* Public awareness campaigns
* Organisational strengthening
* Community development activities