



Embaixada da Austrália

2022 Alumni Leadership Conference
Celebrating Australian Alumni Advances in STEM

Day 1 – Tuesday 23 August 18:00 – 20:00

Day 1 explores topics related to women in academia, science, research, and work.

Overview: The ALC kicks off with special keynote guest and speaker, Professor Helena Nader. Professor Nader will focus her remarks on *“How academia and industry are promoting equity and inclusion in STEM across Brazil.”* Next, alumni panellists will discuss their own experiences in STEM. The alumni panel will comment on the keynote address, share their own challenges and how they have overcome these obstacles, as well as tips for others in STEM to remain resilient into the future. The alumni panel is followed by a special professional development session program related to leadership in STEM. Day 1 closes with alumni networking rooms organised by specific STEM topics.

Day 1 Schedule

18:00 – 18:10 – Welcome Remarks

18:10 – 18:40 – “How academia and industry are promoting equity and inclusion in STEM across Brazil”, featuring special guest and keynote speaker [Helena Nader, PhD](#), first female nominated to the Brazilian Academy of Sciences and current President of the ABC. Prof. Nader’s remarks will be followed by a short Q&A session.

18:40 – 19:20 – Alumni panel: “Our Experience as Women in STEM”

Moderated by Vassiliki Boulomytis, alumni panellists will discuss their own experiences in STEM, focusing on challenges and opportunities for maintaining equity and access across academia and industry.

19:20 – 19:40 – Professional Development Session: “Understanding Ourselves as Leaders in STEM: Communicating and Influencing Others,” Delivered by Linda Scott, Principal and Founder of Thinking Leaders, www.thinkingleaders.com

This session will focus on helping alumni discuss their research outside academic and industry circles. How do alumni communicate their key objectives, accomplishments, and impact with the public? With funders? How can they best position themselves to form partnerships? This short session focuses on ways to improve communication and networking with top takeaway tips.

19:40 – 19:45 – Day 1 Closing Remarks and transition to networking rooms

19:45 – 20:00 – Alumni networking rooms.

Breakout rooms organised by industry focus and/or research interests. A great opportunity for alumni to exchange ideas and discuss future collaborations.

Day 2 – Thursday 25 August 18:00 – 20:00

Day 2 explores research topics in STEM, including applied research and the impact on communities, academia, and industry.

Overview: Day 2 focuses continues to celebrate alumni advances in STEM. Sessions promote alumni participants and their projects supported by the Embassy’s 2022 Alumni Grants Fund. An Alumni Showcase provides a backdrop for learning about additional alumni projects and how the projects have demonstrated impact in communities, academic and industry. We will also shine a spotlight on alumni volunteers who champion alumni engagement year-round. After official remarks from the Embassy, we invite alumni to join virtual cocktails hours co-hosted by Austrade Offices in Brazil, Australia, and several Australian State/Territory Study Partners. This is an optimal time to learn about study opportunities in Australia. Breakout rooms will be organized by specific study destinations/regions so alumni can meet professionals representing educational institutions across Australia.

Day 2 Schedule

18:00 – 18:05 - Welcome remarks with highlights from Day 1 and a review of Day 2

18:05 – 18:35 – Alumni Grants Fund: A Spotlight on Alumni and Impact

After a brief overview of the Alumni Grants Fund (AGF) and its objectives, a moderated panel provides the three recipients of the current AGF Alumni an opportunity to share their current projects and any early findings/achievements. Grantees will also provide tips for alumni interested in preparing for the next round of the grants.

Moderator: Kassia Hare, Counsellor for Education and Science, Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment, Australian Embassy, Brazil

Panellists include:

- Paulo Nascimento – Grant focus: Financing education
- Debora de Freitas – Grant focus: Improving decision making around sustainability
- Thiago Pierobom – Grant focus: Reducing gender-based violence

18:35 – 19:15 - Alumni Showcase: Celebrating Alumni Achievements and Success.

Through a “lightening round” format, selected alumni will present their research and passion projects related to hot topics and trends. Each short presentation will be followed by a 5-minute Q&A with attendees.

19:15-19:30 – Celebrating our Champions and Volunteers

The Embassy will recognise alumni for their collaboration and support in hosting alumni events over the last year and promoting the Study in Australia campaign.

19:30-19:40) – Closing Remarks

19:40 – 20:00 – Virtual Cocktail Hours

Co-hosted by Austrade and Australian State and Territory Study Destinations.

Network with fellow alumni who studied in the same state and/or learn about study opportunities in Australia. Breakout rooms will be organised by specific study destinations/regions so alumni can meet professionals representing educational institutions across Australia.