Brazil-U.S. Physics Ph.D. Student & Postdoc Visitation Program

Information for U.S. Applicants

Through this program, Ph.D. students and postdocs can apply for travel funds to pursue a breadth of opportunities in physics. U.S. applicants develop a proposal for the travel funds in partnership with a Brazilian host, presumably a professor with whom their visit would be coordinated.

Program Characteristics

1. Visitations may include travel to:
   • Attend a short-course, or summer institute;
   • Visit with a professor in his/her field of study;
   • Work temporarily in a lab; or
   • Undertake another opportunity that the applicant and host believe is worthy of travel support.
2. Proposals must be submitted by U.S. Ph.D. students or postdocs in coordination with a professor from the host institution.
3. Recipients are selected by a joint SBF-APS Proposal Review Committee, with a call for proposals twice each year.
4. Up to ten awardees will be selected each year from each country (a total of 20/year).
5. Awards are for up to USD $3,000.
6. Awards will be used for travel, materials, and expenses associated with the visitation.

Proposals

The application deadline for U.S. applicants traveling to Brazil is Tuesday, 1 November 2016. Applicants must submit the following items in their proposal:

1. A joint proposal (1-2 pages) from the applicant, his/her advisor (in the case of Ph.D. students) or supervisor (in the case of postdocs), and the host professor at the host institution. The proposal must include a general overview, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of the visit.
2. Letters of support for the proposal from the applicant’s advisor or supervisor as well as the host.
3. A schedule of activities for the duration of the visit.
4. A budget for requested funds. (Items 3 and 4 should be no more than two pages total.)
5. A brief curriculum vitae (no more than 2 pages) of the proposed visitor.
Proposals from U.S. applicants should be submitted to Michele Irwin, Office of International Affairs, the American Physical Society (APS), Irwin@aps.org. Please submit all application materials, including the letter of support, in one PDF file.

**Grants**

APS manages the disbursement of funds for U.S. grantees visiting Brazilian institutions; grantees submit receipts to APS. All visits must be completed within 1 year of the award date. Grantees must submit a final report within 30 days of their return.

**Award Priorities**

The program recognizes that many applicants may use their physics education in careers other than scientific research. Consequently, along with the scientific merit of the proposal, the awards will also be based on criterion beyond scientific merit. Strong consideration will be given to applicants whose proposals demonstrate how this cultural and scientific exchange opportunity will impact future career directions, especially in building leadership skills.

**Additional Information**

This program is sponsored by the Sociedade Brasileira de Física (SBF) and APS. Information for applicants from Brazil who wish to travel to the U.S., including deadlines and application procedures, can be obtained from SBF: www.sbfisica.org.br/v1/