





First Year Grantees

- 591 started in Spring, 2012
 - 1384 starting in Fall, 2012
- 1975 Brazilian students at 238 different institutions in the U.S. come Fall
 - 35% Females; 65% Males



Where is Everyone?

 Brazil Scientific Mobility Program participants attending schools in 46 states across the United States and Washington, D.C.

Top 10 states: California, New York, Michigan, Illinois,
 Ohio, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Indiana, Florida, Colorado

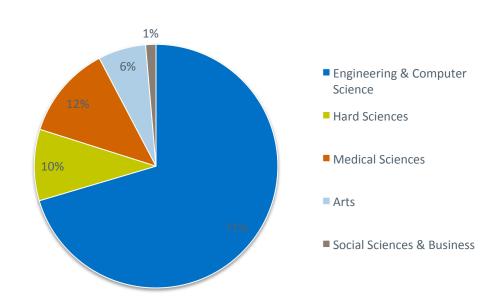


What is Everyone Studying?

Top 10 Fields of Study

Mechanical Engineering,
Electrical Engineering,
Computer Science,
Industrial Engineering,
Chemical Engineering,
Civil Engineering,
Civil Engineering,
Biology, Medicine,
Environmental Science

Breakdown of Student Majors in Broad Fields of Study





What's the Deal with Housing?

- On-campus: All housing options selected on-campus must be doubleoccupancy rooms (shared rooms) with shared living accommodations at the standard-rate offered at your University. Bathrooms and kitchens should be shared if living in a suite-style housing arrangement.
- No on-campus housing (Off-campus housing needed): If housing on-campus is not available, inquire about the university's off-campus housing options. Please contact the Residential Office/Housing Office on campus to assist you with finding local accommodations. Rooms should be fully furnished with desk, desk chair, bed, and living room couch.



Lease Agreements

- IIE will cover all rent and utilities as required by your institution or the facility providing you with the appropriate accommodations.
- If you are living on-campus, we will pay the institution directly for your room.
- If you are living off-campus, the rental agency needs to send IIE a billing statement so we can pay the fee(s) for the term or calendar year depending on your terms of agreement. *Please be advised that IIE will not sign the Lease Agreement; only the student (you) will.* IIE's legal department can provide a "Lease Side Letter" to substitute for signing the lease. The Lease Side Letter states that IIE will make payment for rent, utilities, deposits and application fees for your accommodation. IIE can pay the lease agreement amount in full or per term if needed.



- Premium (non-standard) Housing Arrangements: If you choose a premium housing option such as luxury apartments, duplexes, or single bedrooms, you will be responsible for the extra housing charges. You will need to pay for the difference in price from the standard room before the University or the company providing you with housing invoices IIE. If you incur any fines for damages to the property, you are responsible for covering these costs.
- Maximum limit for rent: There is no maximum amount for off-campus housing, however, you should be housed in a standard shared room unless none are available. <u>IIE will check to ensure students have found living</u> <u>accommodations that are affordable (average price as compared to local rent charges) and not premium.</u>



- Early Arrival Housing: IIE will not cover living expenses for students that arrive at their Fall institution before the program start date stated on their respective Terms of Agreement. If you will be starting your first semester at your US Institution this Fall, you are to arrive at your US Institution at the start date stated on your Terms.
- As it is stated in your Terms, gap periods and the process of "settling in" should be covered by the \$1,300 stipend you received for this very purpose.
- IIE cannot provide any funding to host families. Please have your host institution assist you with arranging a hotel stay or more cost-effective measure.



Housing Fees

- IIE will cover housing deposit/reservation/application fees;
- If you need a housing deposit/reservation/application fee paid, please send your login information (username and password if you have not done so already), website address, and any specific instructions IIE may need to make the payment on your behalf.
- Once you receive a receipt, make sure to forward to IIE with the subject line stating the following: "University Name, Date of charge, and Charge amount (\$)."
- Please rename the receipt (PDF) with the title: "University Name, Date of charge, and Charge amount (\$)."



Pre-Academic Students (Summer Intensive English Students)

- If you are not being provided with housing and meals by your Fall US Institution, you will receive the rate of\$46/day for housing and meals, or \$20/day for meals. This rate is non-negotiable. Until you receive funding from IIE, you should use your "settling in" stipend of \$1,300 to cover such expenses. We will base this on the information you have provided to IIE on your Brazil SWB Pre-Ac Interim Form. For those of you that have not received the funding, the next cycle for payment directly into your bank account will be on August 27th, 2012. IIE will not cover the extra cost of luggage so make sure to pack to the maximum allowable weight.
- As a reminder to Pre-Academic students, you and your university advisor have been notified of the possibility of your early arrival. You have also been copied in emails with your fellow Pre-Academic students who will attend the same institution in the Fall semester. Please use your connections to save on housing and meal costs.



What About Meal Plans?

- You should select the option that provides three meals per day. If your
 University does not offer a meal plan that can accommodate three meals/
 day, you are approved to purchase extra dining points to ensure 3 meals/
 day. If there are no options for 3 meals/day, you can choose the unlimited
 meal plan if your US Institution offers it.
- Gap period Meal plan (early arrival meal plan or meal plan during breaks):
 Early arrival meal plan for students arriving directly from Brazil to start their first semester as Brazil SWB Recipients this Fall semester will need to provide their own meals from the \$1,300 "settling in" stipend they received.

 For the gap period during the semester (after classes have started), have your university provide you with meals (3/day) and invoice IIE.



- Meal Plan Payment: IIE cannot make payment for meal plans with a credit card or electronic check. You will need to explain to your university that they should send IIE a billing statement or invoice IIE for your meal plan charge (preferably included with your Fall semester charges).
- Off-campus meal plan- if you are living off-campus, you are to enroll in an on-campus meal plan. Meal plan stipends will not be provided at this time.



Tuition

- Invoice: Upon your arrival on campus, make sure that you contact the Bursar or Accounting Office and request that all billing statement and invoices be sent to IIE.
- IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU UPDATE YOUR HOST INSTITUTION WITH YOUR NEW ADDRESS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR MAIL.



Health Insurance

- You should receive health coverage directly from your University. Please check with the Insurance Provider to make sure it meets all the J-1 regulations as indicated on your Terms. You are to purchase ONLY medical insurance as this is the only insurance covered by IIE.
- If your current health insurance coverage doe not meet the J-1 requirements, IIE will purchase insurance coverage on your behalf. Notify IIE ASAP if this is the case. We will need 10-15 business days to process your request.



- Please note that your Program scholarship only covers the cost of annual health insurance. Please review the insurance guidelines provided to you by your university to understand the details of the insurance.
- IIE does NOT cover co-pays, deductibles, prescriptions, vaccinations or emergency hospital visits. We recommend that you visit your on-campus health facility to learn more about insurance coverage.
- If your Brazil Institution needs proof of insurance before you arrive at your US Institution, please contact your university health department. Your international student advisor may assist you with this process.



Billing Contacts

- All billing statements and invoices should be sent to IIE at bswbpayment@iie.org or the address below.
- Institutions that will invoice IIE need to provide a W9 form; without this IIE cannot issue any payments to the university or housing provider.
- Reminder: IIE will not make monthly payments on your behalf. It is important that your housing provider can invoice IIE per term or year.

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Questions?

