

Program Description for Prospective Faculty

Program: BRAZIL

Approximate Program Dates: Three weeks in May/June (Subject to change – final dates are set in August prior to the fall faculty orientation.)

Program Focus:

This program is designed to provide students with a variety of courses while they experience Brazilian culture first hand. Trips to cultural sites will also convey important information about both contemporary and historical Brazil. Course proposals are welcome from all academic fields as long as they relate closely to Brazil.

Program Description:

Brazil is the largest country in Latin America, being roughly the size of the continental United States. It is home to the world's ninth largest industrial economy, while also being the home to the world's largest tropical rain forest (the Amazon). It boasts lively music and dance (from *samba* to *forró*), has endless miles of sandy tropical beaches and celebrates the world's biggest party (*carnaval*). From *Capoeira* (a mix of martial arts and acrobatics set to the twang of the *berimbau* and *atabaque*) to Umbanda (a syncretic spirit possession religion); from *açaí* (milk of the Amazon) to *feijoada* (the black bean national *meal*), Brazilian culture is a truly unique blend of Indigenous, African, and European antecedents. Oh, and they play a little *futebol* as well.

The first location is the city of Rio de Janeiro. Rio is the home of breathtaking landscapes as the ocean meets escarpment, and its harbor (Guanabara Bay) is ranked as one of the seven natural wonders of the world. It boasts the world's largest urban rain forest (Tijuca) as well as the world famous beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema. The marvelous city, as it affectionately known, is home to great culture, art, and literature, as well as to some of the greatest music on the planet. Fresh off hosting the World cup of Soccer (2014) and the Summer Olympic games (2016), Rio has cemented its reputation as one of the world's major cosmopolitan centers for art, sport, and culture.

The second location is the colonial beach town of Paraty. Located about 125 miles south of Rio de Janeiro on the *Costa Verde* (a lush, green corridor that runs along the coastline of the state), the city has become well known as a tourist destination in recent years due to its beautiful beaches and historical significance in the region.

Responsibilities Prior to Departure:

- Attend Faculty and Student Orientations
- Recruit
- Provide Syllabus

Responsibilities during the Program:

- Teach Course
- Assist with Excursions
- Assist with Program Operations

Benefits:

Taxable two thousand and two hundred dollar honorarium (paid through your institution), individual single seat round trip airline ticket from Nashville, Tennessee, visitor's visa, all ground transportation, housing, food, excursions including entry fees, and limited health insurance during the program abroad.

Expenses not covered by TnCIS:

Transportation to/from the airport, travel expenses to the faculty/student orientations, passport, full coverage health insurance, non-program sponsored excursions and entry fees, personal spending money.