

Water and Sustainability Research Trip to Brazil



Apply by December 2, 2019 at: tiny.cc/IRES2020

Who is eligible to apply?

- Must be enrolled in a degree program at San Diego State University or Cal Poly Pomona by Fall 2020.
- Students from any major / discipline may apply, but preference will be given to students from engineering, anthropology, sociology, urban studies, public health, biology, chemistry, and other sustainability-related disciplines with junior, senior or graduate standing. Exceptional pre-major candidates will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Students with Portuguese language skills are encouraged to apply.
- Students from groups that are underrepresented in science and engineering are encouraged to apply.

You will work on a multidisciplinary team of students to study the efficacy of wastewater treatment systems in Brazil, as well as the role of culture and local perceptions on the use of different approaches to water and wastewater management. All student participants must travel to Brazil for ~6 weeks, and will receive weekly stipends of ~\$600. The exact dates of the trip have not been finalized but student participants will most likely leave sometime around May 18, 2020 (after final exams) and return toward the end of June 2020. Each student will complete their project or piece of a project, sometimes working on teams, with support from professors and graduate students from San Diego State University (SDSU), Cal Poly Pomona, and from the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG). Student participants will also participate in a five-day intensive crash course at SDSU on Brazilian culture and Portuguese language, led by the SDSU Program on Brazil. After returning from the trip, you will share your experience through local outreach activities with K-12 schools in Southern California.

What costs are covered?

- Round trip airfare to Brazil
- Lodging and food while in Brazil
- Local transportation within Brazil (for project-related trips)
- Emergency medical insurance

What costs are not covered?

- Acquisition of a passport and a Brazilian visa
- Any additional insurance (if desired)
- Medical expenses not covered by emergency insurance
- Any required or desired vaccinations or medications
- In-country travel or tourism not related to the project