Dear Partner,

20 full tuition fee PhD scholarships available at two leading UK universities

The University of Birmingham and the University of Nottingham are working in partnership to support research collaboration with Brazilian institutions and we are pleased to be able to offer 20 full tuition fee scholarships for PhD students from Brazil. With a combined research income of over £200m, Birmingham and Nottingham are two of the leading universities in UK higher education – take the opportunity to be a part of a dynamic research community.

The scholarships will be available for students commencing in September/October 2012 and will be available for a maximum of three years. It is anticipated that a living allowance will be provided by the Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior (CAPES), including a return international airfare. More information will be available on the CAPES website in the near future at http://www.capes.gov.br/

Eligibility criteria

- Candidates should be citizens and permanent residents of Brazil at the time of application
- Candidates must not be currently working or studying abroad
- Candidates must be classed as overseas for fee purposes
- Candidates must hold an offer for a full time PhD degree programme from the University of Birmingham or The University of Nottingham to start in September/October 2012, and they must therefore fulfil the relevant academic and English language proficiency entry requirements

Candidates should have an approved proposed study topic and preference will be given to the following subject areas

- Energy, with particular reference to sustainable energy, bioenergy, carbon capture and storage, oil and gas, nuclear energy and energy policy
- Food security
- Globalisation (particularly from an economics/business perspective)
- Imaging, neuroscience and cognition
- Astronomy
- Mathematics
- Materials (from nano to structural material properties)
- Digital economy
- Biotechnology, biological chemistry and drug discovery
- Global infection and healthcare
- Urban planning and regeneration
- Sustainable heritage and environment
- Clinical, pre-clinical and health sciences
- Computing and information technology
- Aerospace technology
- Pharmaceuticals
- Sustainable agricultural production
- Renewable energy
- Nanotechnology and new materials
- Bioprospecting and biodiversity

**How to apply for the scholarship**
Candidates should apply online to the university of their choice for admission to one of its doctoral programmes starting in September/October 2012 – please see individual university web links below:

University of Birmingham at  
[http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/findaphd.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/findaphd.aspx)

University of Nottingham at  [https://my.nottingham.ac.uk/pgapps/welcome/](https://my.nottingham.ac.uk/pgapps/welcome/)

Candidates need to submit a separate application to CAPES.

**To be considered for the award, applicants must have received an academic offer from the University and have submitted an application to CAPES by 9 March 2012**
Successful applicants will be notified in April 2012

**Further enquiries**
If you have any questions about the scholarship at either Birmingham or Nottingham please contact Patricia Borsa by e-mail or telephone (+55) 47 3026 3526