

**COLLABORATION BETWEEN BRAZILIAN AND BRITISH HEIS
FOR APPLIED RESEARCH IN ENGLISH**

UK – BR ENGLISH COLLABORATION CALL

CONTEXT

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IN HIGHER EDUCATION :

- Brazil's higher education international mobility programme moves into a new phase with the ending of the *Science without Borders*, focusing on the importance of the 'internationalisation at home' and the ability of institutions to operate effectively in English and other languages of host countries receiving researchers and academics;
- Surveys by *Languages without Borders* show that only 3% of Brazilian academics and researchers teaching at universities with post-graduate programmes have C1 proficiency level of English, under the *Common European Framework*;
- Despite growing pressure for an increase in the number of research papers published in English in scientific periodicals and journals, and for universities to host a larger number of overseas academics, there are still considerable barriers to the improvement of English amongst academics, administrative staff and indeed students.

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IN BASIC EDUCATION :

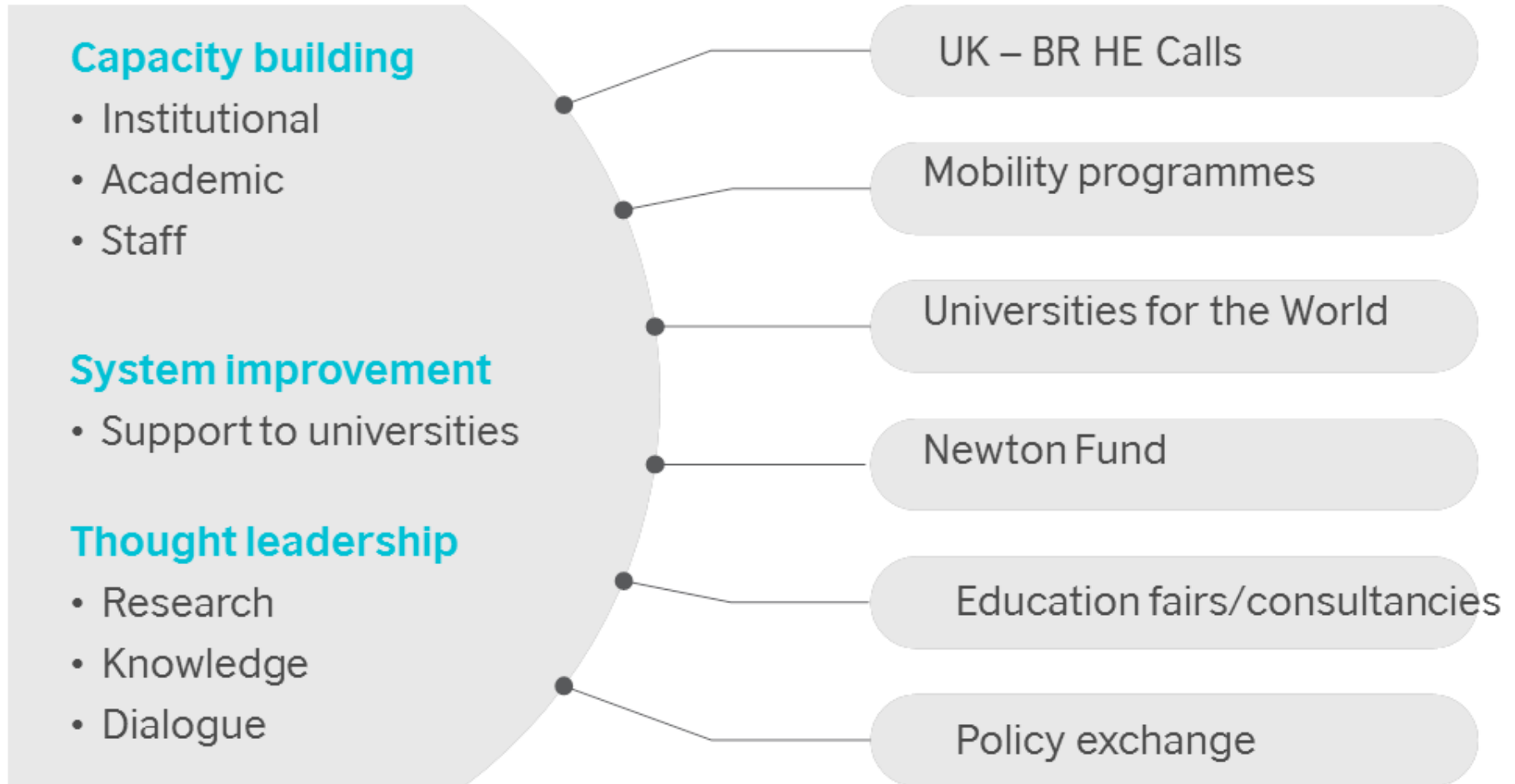
- A recent government bill establishes English language as a compulsory component in the lower and upper secondary sectors;
- The approval of the *National Common Curriculum Framework* (BNCC) which, among other things, requires individual states now to develop their own English curricula and ensure teachers' practices comply with those;
- States also face considerable challenges to improve the English proficiency level of the country's 73,305 English teachers in the public sector (data from 2017) .



Sharing expertise and strengthening collaboration between Brazilian and UK institutions in basic and higher education.



CROSS-CUTTING AREAS



FOSTERING INTERNATIONALISATION

Capacity building & internationalisation

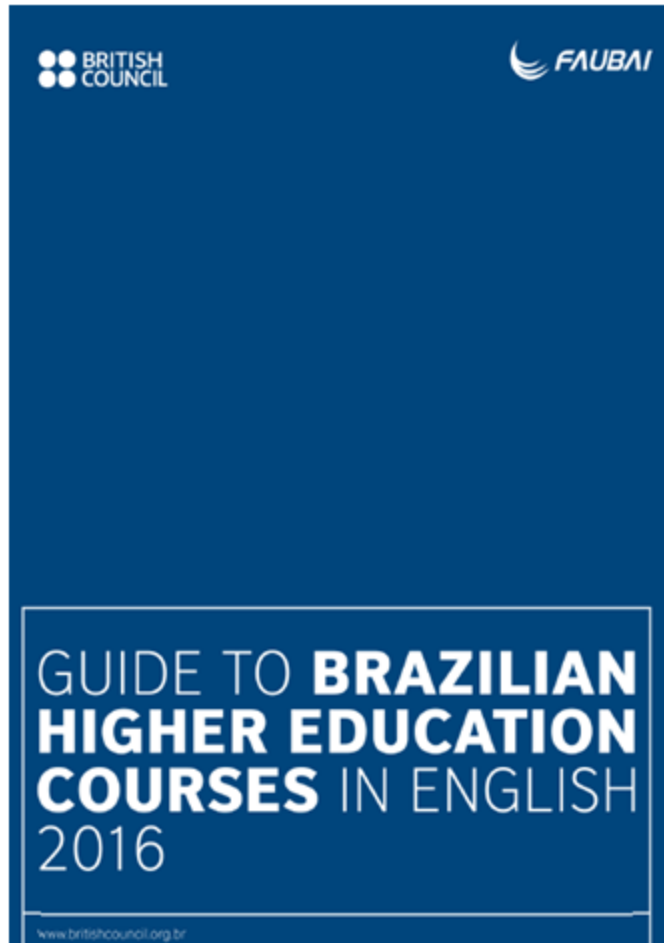


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THE PROGRAMME

OBJECTIVES

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- Promote systematic investigation contributing to improvements and/or changes in English language learning and teaching in Brazil;
- Tackle key gaps in current knowledge regarding the above lines of research, seeking to inform and improve both policy and practice;
- Strengthen strategic partnerships between Brazilian and UK HE Institutions.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

- The dissemination of the research findings helps to inform Brazilian public policies around ELL and ELT;
- Increased collaboration in the longer term between UK and Brazilian institutions helps to transform English language practices across Brazil.

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TARGET AUDIENCE:

- Experienced researchers from Brazilian public and private universities, as well as federal institutes, with a proven track record in English language related research;
- Experienced researchers from UK universities, colleges and other private institutions with interest in the Americas region, and proven track record in English language related research.

RESEARCH LINES:

- English language policies at the institutional level as a main component of the HEIs internationalisation process, in line with the current “Internationalisation at home” agenda;
- Improvement in English language teaching and learning at lower and upper secondary levels in public schools, particularly related to the themes of curriculum development, pre-service teacher training, use of technology and assessment;

POSSIBLE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

- Bilateral: an agreement between one UK institution and one Brazilian institution involved. This allows the possibility of having a shared administration of resources, if required, or full administration by either of the parties.
 - Trilateral: an agreement between two Brazilian institutions and one UK institution or vice versa. Resources administered by the leading institution (i.e. in the case of two Brazilian institutions with one UK institution, it is the UK institution who will receive and administer the grant).
- * The administration of resources mentioned above refers specifically to funds granted by the British Council.

PARTNERSHIP

The following Brazilian State funding agencies (FAPs) have agreed to match fund proposals from eligible Brazilian researchers:

- Fundação Araucária (**Paraná**)
- Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa **Distrito Federal** (FAPDF)
- Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa **Alagoas** (FAPEAL)
- Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa **Amapá** (FAPEAP)
- Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa **Amazonas** (FAPEAM)
- Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa **Goiás** (FAPEG)
- Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa **Maranhão** (FAPEMA)
- Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa **Mato Grosso** (FAPEMAT)
- Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa **Minas Gerais** (FAPEMIG)
- Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa **Piauí** (FAPEPI)

The Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies (CONFAP) will publish the terms of reference in their website with details on how Brazilian researchers can apply for this match funding before submitting the joint proposal.

FUNDING

- Expected number of projects: at least 10. More projects may be granted funds according to funding availability.
- Maximum amount of funding for each project: £10k = approx. R\$49.400,00 (June/18 exchange rate)
- Implementation period: up to 7 months
- Grant funds can cover costs including:
 - Faculty mobility - researchers and staff - for knowledge exchange;
 - Meetings, seminars, workshops and training organisation;
 - Other activities to establish and strengthen collaborative links;
 - Travel and subsistence costs directly related to the operation of the project, including fieldwork;
 - Software licenses.

* Some of the participating FAPs may have their own guidelines associated to this announcement. Interested parties are strongly advised to consult with their supporting FAP before preparing a proposal.

FUNDING

- For proposals receiving match funding from any of the participating FAPs, the requested grant should also be for a maximum of £10,000.
- The total amount will be disbursed in a 50% (British Council grant) - 50% (FAP match funding) formula. Initial 50% upon signature of the Grant Agreement – by the end of November 2018. And the remaining 50% upon agreement with the respecting FAP. Moreover, the FAP may define in its own guideline the costs eligible to be covered.
- For grants coming from the British Council, the disbursement will be made in a 90% - 10% formula. Initial 90% upon signature of the Grant Agreement – by the end of November 2018. And the remaining 10% after validation of a progress report comprising a narrative and the financial status – by end of February the latest.

HOW TO APPLY

- Proposals should be based on one of the lines of research identified and the online application completed at the British Council Brazil portal.
 - The programme should include a dissemination plan to share the research findings. Proposals must be presented jointly by a UK and a Brazilian institution and submitted via the British Council's website.
 - Support letters (on headed letter paper) from institutional authorities of the different institutions involved are required and must be uploaded in the relevant section.
- * The application form as well as the template for the project's cost estimate will be available in the next few weeks.

REPORTING

- Progress report due three months after the start date briefly outlining progress on the project to date – financials plus narrative.
- Final report. All grantees will be responsible for presenting a completed financial report and a final narrative during the last month of the project. The narrative should be presented as a formal report outlining the aims of the project, research questions, methodology, findings, discussion and recommendations for policy and practice. The narrative should be in publishable form with between 4,000 to 8,000 words.
- A two to three page summary of the research and its findings. This is due with the Final report and will appeal to readers with little technical knowledge, while still informing the expert reader.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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ASSESSMENT CRITERIA		WEIGHT (%)
Eliminatory	Was the proposal submitted as per requirements of the call?	n/d
Quality of proposal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposal addresses an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field. 2. The proposal adequately contextualises the proposed project. 3. The proposal clearly outlines the aims of the project, as well as its methodology (design, participants, instruments, procedures) with sufficient detail to allow for a meaningful judgement on its value. 4. Is the methodology likely to be feasible? 5. Are the research questions clearly stated? 	30%

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Applicability	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The proposal clearly states its potential to inform policy and practice.2. A dissemination plan is clearly outlined and likely to be feasible.	30%
Resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Match funding allocated to the proposal.2. Clear investment and calculation of required resources in the implementation of the plan.	25%
Expertise	The UK and Brazilian researchers have a proven track record in research and publication in the field of English language related research.	15%

TIMELINE

Call Launch	21 June 2018
Applications open	16 July 2018
Call Closure	21 September 2018
Applications Assessment	24 September – 24 October 2018
Results Announcement	31 October 2018
Implementation period	1 December 2018 – 1 July 2019

THANK YOU!

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