

# **EDITAL** UNIGOU EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2024/2025



The Institute of Czech-Brazilian Academic Cooperation (INCBAC Institute) is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the UNIGOU Exchange Program of Academic Training at the universities and research centres of the Czech Republic, with the program period 2024/2025.

The UNIGOU Exchange Program has been tailored to Brazilian undergraduate, masters, and doctoral students who aim to improve their scientific and professional skills within an international environment. The participants of the program actively join the ongoing activities of the hosting university or research centre in the Czech Republic for a period of 2 months.

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## THE INCBAC INSTITUTE

The Institute of Czech-Brazilian Academic Cooperation (INCBAC Institute) focuses on strengthening the bilateral relations between the Czech Republic and Brazil in terms of establishing academic cooperation of excellence. The main objective of the INCBAC Institute is the development of common projects and activities among Czech and Brazilian universities and research centres, as well as the support of cooperation in the research areas and the encouragement of the direct cooperation of students and academic workers from both countries.

The UNIGOU Academic Training Program is sheltered by the INCBAC Institute, with the support of the Embassy of Czech Republic in Brasilia. This program plays a key role in the activities of the INCBAC Institute, as it strengthens scientific relations among the two countries, while promoting the exchange of knowledge among students and enhancing cooperation between Czech and Brazilian researchers.

Following the tradition of the UNIGOU Exchange Program of Academic Trainings, the INCBAC Institute is glad to announce the upcoming 2024/2025 season of the program. The UNIGOU Exchange Program brings Brazilian university students a chance to directly cooperate with Czech researchers on collaborative activities, during a period of two months at some of the hosting Czech academic institutions.

The main goal is to connect motivated students with enthusiastic researchers in order to boost the exchange of knowledge and culture between the two countries and to support international activities among participating universities. It targets effective professional development of all participants, in the context of a multicultural environment, by actively engaging them in the international scientific community, and providing a direct interaction with experts of other nationalities. In addition to professional skills, the UNIGOU Program will also contribute to the personal and cultural growth of all students involved.





É com especial satisfação que saúdo aqui as atividades do Instituto Tcheco-Brasileiro para Cooperação Acadêmica (INCBAC). Estou seguro de que todas as formas de cooperação internacional contribuirão para o desenvolvimento pessoal de cada estudante e de cada uma de nossas Nações.

Vejo de maneira muito positiva a participação de estudantes no Programa UNIGOU de estágios acadêmicos na República Tcheca. Acredito que o intercâmbio acadêmico não só contribuirá para o crescimento pessoal e profissional de cada estudante, como também beneficiará o sistema educacional de forma geral, uma vez que o estudante regressará à sua universidade de origem trazendo a experiência adquirida durante seu período no exterior. Desse modo, espero ver mais estudantes brasileiros na República Tcheca em breve, motivados e entusiasmados por sua cultura, ciência e ambiente acadêmico.

George Monteiro Prata Embaixador do Brasil em Praga (2011 – 2017)

I believe that we have a lot of experience in common, but it is important to share it, to brainstorm it together, no matter if it is online or on a personal basis, so it helps us to enrich our horizons and thus enrich the people around us.

Sandra Lang Linkensenderová Ambassador of the Czech Republic in Brazil (2017 – 2022,





I am sure that it is namely the INCBAC, together with the universities themselves, that displayed the most supportive role in this cooperation process in the bilateral academic field.

Miloš Sklenka Consul General, Consulate General of the Czech Republic in São Paulo (2019 – Present)

I would like to emphasize that in a number of cases the UNIGOU Program has become the impetus for the conclusion of bilateral agreements between Czech and Brazilian universities, and thus a base stone for the start of their cooperation.

Pavla Havrlíková Ambassador of the Czech Republic in Brazil (2023 – Present) Consul General, Consulate General of the Czech Republic in São Paulo (2015 – 2019



# UNIGOU EXCHANGE PROGRAM: GENERAL INFORMATION

The UNIGOU Exchange Program builds on strong links with some of the most prestigious universities in the Czech Republic and Brazil. For over a decade, the UNIGOU has shown excellent results for the involved institutions, participant students and researchers.

The Program provides Brazilian students (bachelor, masters and doctorate) the opportunity to personally join scientific departments at Czech universities under the supervision of local researchers. The UNIGOU students engage on selected research topics fitting their specialization and interests for a period of two months. The participants have the chance to extend their knowledge and gain new experience in an international environment, which certainly leads to a wider personal and professional development alongside a broadening of horizons.

- Goal: personal and professional development of participating students in an international context
- Duration: 2 months (8 weeks)
- Starting period: January (limited number of places) or September/October or April/May
- Topic of collaboration: following student's interests and study specialization
- Communication: activities are developed solely in English
- Accommodation: possibility to be accommodated at the university dormitories, which is subsidized for students and considerably more affordable than the regular housing market
- Areas of Interest: Engineering, Computation, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Biology, Geography, History, Geology, Psychology, Social Sciences, Health Sciences, Political Science, International Relations, Economics, Marketing, Law, Administration, Architecture, Pedagogy, Journalism, Arts, Music, Linguistics, Literature and others
- Czech universities involved: Czech Technical University in Prague, Charles University in Prague, University of Life Sciences in Prague, University of West Bohemia, Technical University in Liberec, Technical University in Brno, Mendel University in Brno, Masaryk University in Brno, University of Ceske Budejovice, Palacký University of Olomouc, University of Hradec Králové, University of Pardubice, MemBrain Research Center



# REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

- To be at least 18 years old;
- To be fluent in English;
- To be regularly enrolled at a university certified by MEC (bachelor, masters or doctorate programs);
- To have completed at least 2 years of the bachelor program at the home university;
- To be interested and motivated to commit the necessary time and resources to the scheduled activities within the UNIGOU Exchange Program;
- To be independent and mature; to be able to live independently abroad, in a foreign environment;
- To be responsible, good with communication, reliable and able to work independently;
- Possible other specific requirements specified by supervisors according to the selected topics.

## WHAT IS PART OF THE UNIGOU EXCHANGE

- 2-month long Academic Training at some of the most prestigious Czech research institutions;
- Possibility to engage in a selected research topic under the supervision of local researchers;
- Assistance for accommodation registration in the university dormitories (personal choice of each UNIGOU participant – see page 10 for more details);
- Access to the university restaurants with discounted meals;
- Access to the university facilities such as libraries, study and computer rooms, and other common student areas;
- Public Transportation Pass for unlimited access to public transportation in the city where the UNIGOU Program takes place;
- Certificate of Completion of the UNIGOU Exchange Program;
- Final evaluation/recommendation letter from the research topic supervisor.

## WHAT IS NOT PART OF THE UNIGOU EXCHANGE

- Expenses related to the accommodation in the Czech Republic (see page 10 for more details);
- Flight tickets and other travelling related expenses;
- Health insurance;
- Covid-19 related expenses (i.e. Covid-19 tests, etc.).

# FINANCIAL ASPECTS: INSTITUTIONAL FEE, SUMMARY OF EXPENSES, AND FINANCIAL AID

The UNIGOU Program is an independent initiative of Brazilian and Czech researchers with the objective of strengthening academic relations between the two countries. It is not directly funded by any public or governmental institution. The expenses related to the UNIGOU Exchange Program, its organization and all the items this program comprises (see page 7) are covered by the program participants through the Institutional Fee.

Participants of the UNIGOU program will receive the status of student in the Czech Republic, which will guarantee a series of benefits provided exclusively to students enrolled in public institutions of higher education in the country. In this way, the UNIGOU Exchange Program becomes feasible by applying relatively low institutional Fee, given the extent of services and complexity of the Program.

#### Institutional fee

Each student selected for the participation in the UNIGOU Exchange Program is requested to cover the related Institutional Fee of 1,400 Euros (applies to April-June and October-December Program periods) / 1,500 Euros (applies to January-March Program period) to join the activities related to the Program.

The Institutional Fee is covered only once and it is meant to bear the expenses related to the execution of the UNIGOU Exchange Program, such as processing of applications, performance of the selection process, maintenance of servers and staff, expenses related to communication and on-line platforms used within the program, organization of welcome day upon arrival in the Czech Republic, etc. The UNIGOU Program counts with the institutional support and endorsement of both Brazilian and Czech governmental bodies, however it does not receive any means of direct funding. For this reason, the program is kept and sustained by the Institutional Fee.



Although my studies at university provided me a strong theoretical baggage for my future career, it was only through the experience with photovoltaic systems and the real-world knowledge that I acquired by working with the CTU team, that I could improve my professional qualifications and CV to finally be able to conquer the job I dreamed about at a research institute in Germany.

Marcelo USP - Czech Technical University, Prague

#### Summary of the main expenses

The Czech Republic is considered affordable, as common expenses in the country are generally lower than in the rest of Europe. When participating in the UNIGOU Program, students should be prepared for the following expenses:

- Flight tickets and other travelling related expenses;
- Health insurance;
- Institutional Fee of 1,40 0 Euros / 1,500 Euros (depending on the selected program period, see the next page for more information; the Fee already covers selection process, registration at the university and unlimited access to the public transportation system);
- Accommodation:
  - The Brazilian students participating in UNIGOU Exchange Program will have the possibility to be accommodated at the university dormitories, which are subsidized by the Czech government and much more affordable than the housing market. However, even if reduced, it will be up to the student to cover the accommodation expenses;
  - The expenses related to accommodation for a period of the two months typically range from 300 to 650 Euros (for the whole period), depending on the dormitories and the city of the Academic Training (see page 10 for more details).
- Alimentation (about 3 Euros per meal in the university restaurants):
  - The Brazilian students participating in UNIGOU Exchange Program will have access to university restaurants, subsidized by the Czech government, in which the price of meal is considerably reduced. However, even if reduced, it will be up to the student to cover the food expenses.

Based on the experience of the previous UNIGOU Exchange participants, the expected expenses for a moderate student should be: \*

Institutional Fee (depending on the selected program period)	<ul> <li>1,400 Euros (applies to April - June and October - December periods)</li> <li>1,500 Euros (applies to January - March period)</li> <li>paid only once, covering:</li> <li>subscription to the UNIGOU Exchange Program</li> <li>registration at the hosting Czech university</li> <li>registration to the student subsidized accommodation (university dormitories)</li> <li>unlimited use of public transportation in the city of stay</li> <li>student status enabling access to discounted subsidized meals</li> </ul>
Meals and daily spending (including leisure)	(university restaurants) 10 - 15 Euros/day (approx. 600 Euros for the whole program period)
Accommodation costs (rent, bills, laundry)	300 – 650 Euros for the whole period of the program (average of 500 Euros for 8 weeks)
In total for the whole UNIGOU Exchange Program	Approx. 2550 Euros for 8 weeks + Flight + Health insurance **

\* This is an average estimation based on the experience of previous participants of the UNIGOU Exchange Program. The students should understand that the exact values may vary in accordance with the city of stay and their personal spending habits. For example, in Prague, the capital city of the Czech Republic, the expenses are typically higher than in smaller cities.

\*\* An estimation for flight tickets and health insurance costs is not provided as they widely vary among different providers. Moreover, many students use miles programs for purchasing flight tickets and/or use the international health insurance services of their credit card providers.



I've been looking for challenges and something that could improve myself. I can say that I found all of it during this amazing experience of working on the project arranged by UNIGOU. Two months passed away and I can clearly notice and feel that I learned a lot during this time.

Alessandro UNICAMP - University of West Bohemia, Pilsen

## ACCOMMODATION

INCBAC is aware that accommodation plays a very important role in any exchange program abroad. At the same time, different students have very different standards; while some prioritize privacy, advanced services and comfort, others prefer social interaction, cultural exchange and seek lower expenses. Therefore, the UNIGOU Exchange Program provides freedom of choice related to the arrangement of the accommodation:

- The participants can request a help of INCBAC with booking a place at a dormitory student accommodation, which is considerably cheaper than private options, as it is provided by the hosting university, subsidized by the Czech government, and it is available to the UNIGOU Exchange participants;
- Alternatively, the participants can arrange their accommodation on their own, without any support from INCBAC, with use of the wide offer of accommodation listed on on-line platforms, such as booking.com.

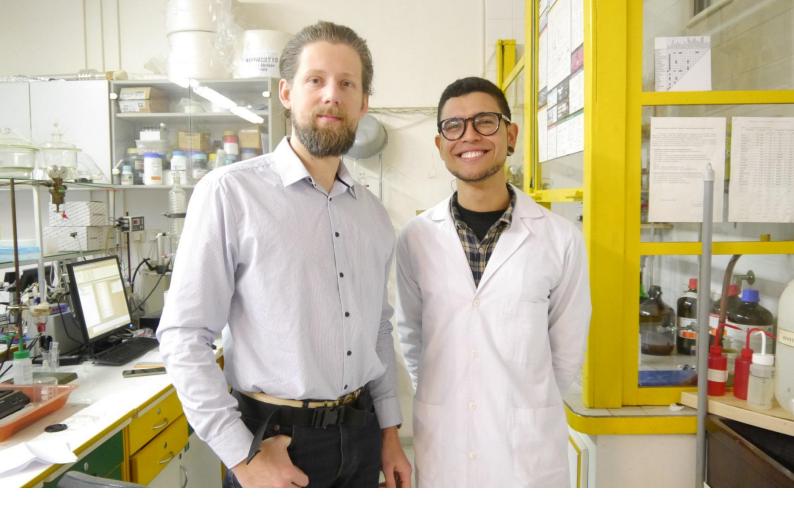
The goal of the INCBAC Institute is always to provide the most comprehensive experience within the UNIGOU Exchange Program, keeping in mind the wide range of expectations of different students. In this scenario, INCBAC especially focuses on the students who are tighter on budget, as the main idea is to make the program as inclusive as possible, taking into account the fact that INCBAC currently operates without any financial funding from any governmental agency.

For this reason, INCBAC commits to use the best knowledge and connections to help all the students who prefer to stay at the university dormitory with the reservation of a dormitory room (the students are accommodated in shared rooms, typically double or triple rooms). Accommodation expenses are covered by the program participants themselves; each student will be instructed in detail by the INCBAC team on how to cover accommodation expenses, so he/she does not miss any deadlines.

Students accommodated at the University dormitories will also be assisted upon their arrival in the Czech Republic, during their registration to the dormitories. INCBAC assistants will help them with all the necessary arrangements and initial orientation. However, it is important to note that the INCBAC assistance consists strictly in helping the students to book a dormitory room, registration to the facility and their initial orientation. The INCBAC cannot and will not be involved in any matters after the student is accommodated in the halls of residence because this is completely out of the scope of the INCBAC activities.

INCBAC believes that dormitory life and the student accommodation culture are a valuable international experience for UNIGOU Exchange participants. The dormitory life is very strong in the Czech and European culture, and every year thousands of Czech and foreign students are accommodated in the dormitories. However, it is very important to keep in mind that this is a student-type accommodation.

Given the high demand for dormitories and considerably lower price compared to other types of accommodation, dormitories do not offer any advanced services. The students sharing the rooms are responsible for organizing their living arrangements in the shared spaces and keeping their own premises clean (there is no cleaning service or external people taking care of the rooms). The booking and payment systems are straightforward and do not tolerate delays, as there is usually a waiting list for the rooms. The receptionists follow the dormitory rules (regarding safety, cleaning, and noise policies, etc.) and the students staying in the dormitories should not expect any kind of special or personal treatment nor personnel services.



#### If I wish to be accommodated in the dormitories, does the INCBAC guarantee that I will have a room?

Every university is in charge of their accommodation system and the INCBAC Institute does not have the power of decision over the rooms. However, the INCBAC staff is well familiar with the accommodation system and will help you the best way to get you a room.

#### What are my chances of getting a dormitory room?

So far, the INCBAC has 100% success rate of getting a dormitory accommodation for all the Unigouers over 10 years of the program duration and more than 700 participants. INCBAC has always managed to get a room for all the UNIGOU Exchange students; yet, it needs to be stated that the full guarantee is not possible, as the accommodation systems are run independently.

#### How much will I spend with my dormitory room?

For the whole period of your participation in the UNIGOU Exchange Program, the dormitory accommodation expenses should range between 300 – 400 EUR in all the cities, except of Prague, where the expenses may be up to 650 Euros. This is an estimation based on a wide range of dormitory rooms, facilities and cities that are involved in the program; it is based on many years of experience, yet it serves as a preliminary indication.

We are sorry that we cannot give a narrower estimation of the value, but the dormitories vary immensely among each other. The more exact information regarding the accommodation expenses will be provided to each student during the selection process for the UNIGOU Exchange participation.

## ALIMENTATION AND UNIVERSITY RESTAURANTS

As a part of the UNIGOU Exchange Program, all Brazilian participating students gain access to the student restaurants and canteens of the Czech hosting university, which will certainly reduce their food expenses.

University restaurants offer several options of main courses to choose from every working day. Additionally, a wide variety of salads, soups, desserts, and drinks can be added to the meal. The price of the meal varies according to the choice of the main course and additional complements (drinks, desserts, salads, etc.). The average student price for a main course including a drink is about 3.00 Euros.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

All major Czech cities have an efficient and well-organized public transportation system that covers the entire city, operates 24 hours a day, and certainly makes it possible to reach any destination within the city. A dense network of trams and buses is available in each city, in Prague you can also count on several subway lines.

All the UNIGOU Exchange participants receive a public transportation card valid in the city of their UNIGOU Program, which allows unlimited use during their entire stay.

## FINANCIAL HELP

INCBAC has no direct means of financial aid for students involved in the UNIGOU Exchange Program as it is not funded by any public or governmental institution. Students are, however, strongly encouraged to seek financial aid and scholarships to support exchange activities in the Czech Republic. INCBAC will assist program participants with documents and applications required by funding agencies, but the search for such opportunities is left to each student.



## UNIGOU EXCHANGE CALENDAR

Please note that the selection process for the topics of academic collaboration is continuous, and positions are filled as suitable candidates are selected, on the 'first come, first served' basis. The topics will be filled when suitable candidates apply for them and pass all the steps of the selection process.

#### PERIOD 2024 – Autumn

01/03 - 31/05 2024	Applications for the UNIGOU Exchange Winter 2024; Online Assessment tests $^{**}$
01/04 - 30/06 2024	Processing of Applications
30/04 - 15/07 2024	Results of the Selection Process
08/10 - 29/11 2024	UNIGOU Exchange Autumn 2024 program participation period – for Prague, Brno, Olomouc and Hradec Králové ***
15/10 - 06/12 2024	UNIGOU Exchange Autumn 2024 program participation period – for Pilsen, Liberec and České Budějovice ***

### PERIOD 2025 – Winter (limited number of placements) \*

01/04 - 30/08 2024	Applications for the UNIGOU Exchange Winter 2025; Online Assessment tests $^{**}$
01/05 - 20/10 2024	Processing of Applications
15/05 - 01/11 2024	Results of the Selection Process
14/01 - 07/03 2025	UNIGOU Exchange Winter 2025 program participation period – for Prague, Brno, Olomouc and Hradec Králové ***
21/01 - 14/03 2025	UNIGOU Exchange Winter 2025 program participation period – for Pilsen, Liberec and České Budějovice ***

#### PERIOD 2025 – Spring

01/04 - 30/08 2024	Applications for the UNIGOU Exchange Spring 2024; Online Assessment tests <b>**</b>
01/05 - 30/11 2024	Processing of Applications
30/06 - 15/12 2024	Results of the Selection Process
01/04 - 23/05 2025	UNIGOU Exchange Spring 2025 program participation period – for Prague, Brno, Olomouc and Hradec Králové ***
08/04 - 30/05 2025	UNIGOU Exchange Spring 2025 program participation period – for Pilsen, Liberec and České Budějovice ***

\* Please mind that there is only restricted number of 10 placements within the 2025 Winter period.

**\*\*** Applications made after this period will be accepted, considering the remaining available topics.

**\*\*\*** Please note that the duration of the UNIGOU Exchange Program is 2 months.



I was able to carry out a study on gas membrane separations with the attentive guidance of two supervisors and gained much practical experience besides a network that can help me in the future to possibly continue my work in this field. The program and its partners offer much more than an internship. I would say it's a lifetime opportunity that could lead to a wide range of study and work choices and help us to build our academic and professional careers. My sincerest gratitude and best wishes for UNIGOU, MemBrain and all the Brazilian colleagues.

#### Marília

UNICAMP – MemBrain Reseach Centre, Stráž pod Ralskem

## SELECTION PROCESS

Due to the limited number of the available topics for the UNIGOU Exchange Academic Training, all the applying students undergo an on-line assessment process evaluating their language abilities, previous experience, skills, and motivation. Selected applicants are chosen for participation in the UNIGOU Exchange program.

The selection process is continuous, and positions will be filled as suitable candidates are selected, on the 'first come, first served' basis. The topics will be filled when suitable candidates apply for them and pass all the steps of the selection process. Candidates will be selected based on the analysis of their resumes and motivation letters. Fluency in English will be certified through an UNIGOU dedicated online assessment test, so it is not necessary to present language proficiency certificates.

The candidates must have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies at their Brazilian university of origin at the time they wish to begin the Academic Training in the Czech Republic. That is, applicants who have not yet completed two years of undergraduate studies at the time of application may apply to the UNIGOU Program, as long as they meet this requirement at the time when they arrive in the Czech Republic to join the UNIGOU Exchange Program.

Applicants who wish to apply for the UNIGOU Exchange Academic Training in fields other than their current studies are encouraged to do so. However, they may properly support their application with additional information and experience that would justify the academic collaboration in another field.

When joining the UNIGOU Exchange Program, the students will need to go through the following steps (each student will be instructed on how to do each step after submitting the online Application Form for the UNIGOU Exchange Program):

- Verify that you fulfil all the requirements of the program;
- Select up to 3 Topics of interest for the Academic Training, from the list of available topics;
- Submit your online Application Form at the INCBAC webpage;

- Upon approval of your Application Form, you will receive by email detailed instructions on how to conclude the following steps to register for the UNIGOU Exchange Selection Process:
  - Fill-in and submit the Registration Form to join the UNIGOU Exchange Selection Process (online form, link will be provided). The Registration Form contains a section to specify three topics of interest for the UNIGOU Exchange Program. A section to write a short motivation text is included as well;
  - Submit CV in English, by e-mail (e-mail address will be provided);
  - Undertake English proficiency and general skills assessment tests (links will be provided, the tests scores will not be public – they will be accessed only by the INCBAC team).

All done! Just wait for the results of the selection process and for all the activities to begin, following the calendar of the UNIGOU Exchange Program.



## THE TOPIC OF ACADEMIC TRAINING

The UNIGOU Exchange Program offers to Brazilian students a wide range of Academic Training topics, in various fields of specialization. If you wish to increase your chances of selection, it is recommended to apply for topics in areas similar to those of your current studies. However, nothing prevents students from applying for a topic in an area other than their study specialization, as long as the application is supported by previous curricular or extracurricular activities, experience, knowledge and good motivation.

# OUTCOMES OF THE UNIGOU EXCHANGE: POSTER, EVALUATION LETTER AND CERTIFICATE

At the end of the UNIGOU Exchange Program, all the participants prepare a poster summarizing their activities and outcomes of their academic collaboration. The posters are displayed at INCBAC official media and they are freely available for wider public and for further referencing by their authors.

Upon concluding all the program activities, the UNIGOU Exchange participants receive a final evaluation letter summarizing their activities during the exchange program and evaluating their performance. The letter is composed directly by the topic supervisor who was cooperating with the student.

Each participant receives a Certificate of Completion of the UNIGOU Exchange Program.

## COOPERATING UNIVERSITIES AND ACADEMIC TRAINING VALIDATION

The UNIGOU Exchange Program operates at a national bilateral level (Brazil - Czech Republic), with the support of the Ministry of Education of the Czech Republic, the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Brasilia, and the Embassy of Brazil in Prague; so that it does not require direct links between universities. Therefore, all Brazilian students are welcome to apply for participation in the program. However, INCBAC typically addresses top-rated universities with higher positions in international rankings of education and scientific contributions.

Some Brazilian universities allow the validation of the academic activities developed during the UNIGOU Exchange Program as internship, final graduation work, scientific initiation, etc. However, such recognition is exclusively subject to the educational rules of the home Brazilian institution of each participant. Similarly, in the Czech Republic, supervisors, departments, and faculties are entitled to confirm and recognize only those documents they deem appropriate. INCBAC will mediate the valid requests for such recognitions but will not intervene in the academic rules neither of the home Brazilian nor the hosting Czech universities.



## CITIES TO STAY

#### PRAGUE

Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic, considered one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Historical, cultural and cosmopolitan, Prague is located in the centre of Europe and it is an excellent starting point for trips to the surrounding countries as well as the whole continent.

Cooperating institutions: Czech Technical University, Charles University in Prague, Czech University of Life Sciences, Czech Academy of Sciences, Metropolitan University in Prague

Areas of Specialization: Engineering, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Geography, Geology, Arts, History, Architecture, International Relations

#### BRNO

Brno is the second largest city in the Czech Republic. It is a major academic, cultural and historical centre. Due to its proximity, Brno is an excellent starting point for travels to cities in Austria, Hungary or Slovakia and also for low-cost flying to many destinations of Europe.

Cooperating institutions: Brno University of Technology, Mendel University in Brno, Masaryk University in Brno

Areas of Specialization: Engineering, Chemistry, Biology, Economics, Pedagogy, Social Sciences and Agronomy

### PILSEN

Pilsen is one of the most historical cities of the Czech Republic, famous for the beer of the same name. The ancient centre of the city is protected as an important UNESCO World Heritage Site. Pilsen is located in the vicinity of Prague (1 hour by bus) and close to other surrounding cities, such as Dresden and Munich in Germany.

Cooperating institutions: University of West Bohemia in Pilsen

Areas of Specialization: Engineering, Music, Social Sciences, Economics, Law and Pedagogy, History

#### LIBEREC

Liberec is the fifth largest city of the Czech Republic, located near Prague (1 hour by bus). It is the perfect location for skiing, as it situated in a mountainous region. It is also the coldest place to stay within the UNIGOU Exchange Program, with the most snow during the winter.

Cooperating institutions: Technical University Liberec

Areas of Specialization: Engineering and Economics

## HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ

Hradec Králové is a real student city, with 100,000 inhabitants and 3 large active universities. It is located east of Prague (1 hour by bus) at the confluence of the Elbe and Orlice rivers. With a large historical center and beautiful surrounding nature, it is considered to be one of the most beautiful cities in the Czech Republic.

Cooperating institutions: University of Hradec Králové

Areas of Specialization: Physics



## OLOMOUC

Olomouc is the sixth largest city in the Czech Republic. Situated on the banks of the Morava River, it is the historical and ecclesiastical capital of the region. Olomouc has always been among the most important cities of the Kingdom of Bohemia. With its convenient location, ancient university, and spiritual, cultural, and craft traditions, the city has remained for centuries a natural centre of Moravian region, attractive to artists and intellectuals.

Cooperating institutions: Palacky University of Olomouc

Areas of Specialization: Philosophy, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Music, Law

## ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE

České Budějovice is the largest city in the South Bohemian region, as well as its political and commercial capital. Founded in 1265, the city is home to the University of South Bohemia and the Academy of Sciences. It is located in the center of a valley of the Vltava River and is famous for its beautiful historical centre, fortifications, and the production of well know Budweiser Budvar beer.

Cooperating institutions: University of South Bohemia

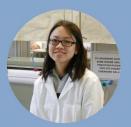
Areas of Specialization: Economics, Zoology, Medicine, Biology, Agriculture

#### STRÁŽ POD RALSKEM

Straz pod Ralskem is a small town near the border with Germany, surrounded by rich nature and with good access to the neighbouring towns.

Cooperating institutions: Membrane Research Center

Areas of Specialization: Chemistry, Chemical Engineering and Process Engineering



I Developing a project sheltered by the oldest Czech university was an unforgettable academic experience that every scholar would like to have, even for a short period.

Gabriela USP – Charles University, Prague

## APPLICATIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Brazilian students interested in participating in the UNIGOU Exchange Program can find the online application form at www.incbac.org.

For more information, do not hesitate to contact: <u>unigou@incbac.org</u>



It was a pleasure sharing knowledge, researching and working with my supervisor and colleagues, a unique experience. It's incredible how much you can learn, and teach as well.

*Vinicius UNICAMP - Technical University in Liberec* 



My experience with the program taught me many things. The UNIGOU Program provides the kind of experience that we do not expect to have in life so soon. Initially, I have to admit that I was a little scared to try an exchange program outside the 'standard places' that people usually go, but now I can say for sure that this program is the kind of opportunity that makes you grow a lot as a person and learn how to 'think outside the box' (it may sound cliché, but it is true).

Cintia Denise UNICAMP – University of Economics, Prague

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