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UF Signs new Cooperative Agreement with CAPES-Brazil

Gainesville, FL: Philip Williams, Director of the Center for Latin American Studies, and David Sammons, Dean of the International Center, represented UF at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. to sign a new cooperative agreement between the University of Florida and CAPES, the Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education. The new agreement formalizes UF's participation in Brazil's new "Science without Borders" initiative, which will send 100,000 Brazilian students in the STEM fields to study abroad over the next four years. UF will admit up to twenty CAPES-funded undergraduate students a year as well as PhD students and post-doctoral researchers. In addition to promoting student exchanges, the agreement also will promote faculty exchanges, collaborative research projects, and workshops and seminars between UF and Brazilian researchers.

"UF is a natural destination for Brazil's top STEM students," said Emilio Bruna, Director of UF's Florida-Brazil Institute. "We have had decades of productive research and education exchanges with Brazil, as well as internationally recognized programs in many of the disciplines that are priority areas for the Science without Borders program. This agreement builds on our historic partnerships to expand the opportunities to work with Brazil available to the UF community."

The CAPES-UF Partnership will be administered by the Florida-Brazil Institute, which was created by the Florida Legislature to help strengthen the state's foreign relations and to promote business, educational, cultural and scientific exchange between Florida and its largest international trading partner. The Institute is part of the UF Center for Latin American Studies, which was founded in 1930 and whose mission is to advance knowledge about Latin America and the Caribbean and its peoples throughout the hemisphere. With over 170 faculty from colleges across UF, the Center is one of the largest institutions for interdisciplinary research, teaching and outreach on Latin America, Caribbean, and Latino Studies.

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