

Sr. Décio Sperandio Secretary of State for Science, Technology and Higher Education (SETI) State of Paraná, Brazil

Dr. Eliane Segati Rios Registro State Coordinator, *Paraná Fala Idiomas* program State of Paraná, Brazil

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Re: Paraná Speaks English – Languages Canada scholarship winners

Dear Secretary Sperandio and Dr. Segati Rios Registrio;

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to share the results of the 2018 co-funded Paraná Speaks English – Languages Canada scholarship competition, which will allow twelve students and two professors from the state universities of Paraná to participate in short-term intensive English classes and immersion experiences across Canada this July – August 2018.

This scholarship program has been developed in support of the objectives of the Cooperation Agreement signed between SETI and Languages Canada in March 2017. Languages Canada is the national association representing over 215 accredited English and French, public and private language education programs across Canada.

The scholarship offers from Languages Canada members include:

- 3-4 weeks of intensive English for Academic or General Purposes classes (25-30 hours / week);
- Course materials;
- Homestay accommodation with 3 meals per day;
- Airport transfer;
- Options for extra-curricular immersion activities. (This will vary depending on the hosting Languages Canada program.)

The criteria for selecting the scholarship winners was at the discretion of the six hosting Languages Canada member schools, keeping in mind the need to ensure a balance of the number of scholarships awarded to each of the seven Paraná state universities (two scholarships per university.) Priority was given to those candidates that have neither previously participated in a mobility experience or indicated plans to participate in a mobility experience in the near future.

Each of the hosting Languages Canada schools were autonomous in identifying the candidates that they wished to interview, based on the motivation letters and supporting information provided for the top 28 candidates. Hosting schools were asked to identify up to three candidates to interview for each scholarship available, but in some cases chose to interview fewer candidates. Based on the results of those interviews, the six Languages Canada member schools identified the candidates that they felt were the best fit for their respective programs.

Languages Canada and its hosting member schools wish to thank all candidates for their interest and effort in this scholarship program. The selection process was competitive, due to the high caliber of candidates.

We are pleased to announce the following fourteen scholarship winners:

Académie linguistique internationale (Montreal, Quebec) - One scholarship:

1. Thiago Augusto Rodrigues Lima, UEM

Canadian College of English Language (Vancouver, British Columbia) - Three scholarships:

- 1. Bárbara Luciana Grigoletto Mrowska, UNIOESTE
- 2. Carla Ramos, UNESPAR
- 3. José Henrique Ricordi Cruz, UENP

East Coast Language College (Halifax, Nova Scotia) - One scholarship:

1. Gerson Anschau Poleze, UNICENTRO

English School of Canada, in partnership with The Canada Homestay Network (Toronto, Ontario) - Six scholarships:

- 1. Julia Natsumi Hashimoto, UNIOESTE
- 2. Daniel dos Santos Kaster, UEL
- 3. Ana Claudia Calixto, UENP
- 4. Thayná Schleider de Matos, UNICENTRO
- 5. Kevin Keller dos Santos, UEPG
- 6. Nilo Massaru Okuno, UEPG

Global Village Calgary, in partnership with The Canada Homestay Network (Calgary, Alberta) - One scholarship:

1. Brandon de Oliveira de Figueiredo, UNESPAR

University of Toronto English Language Program, in partnership with The Canada Homestay Network (Toronto, Ontario) - Two scholarships:

- 1. Beatriz Janny Vanzeto, UEL
- 2. Thatiane Rodrigues Motta, UEM

Individual letters of offer will be provided to each of the scholarship recipients. We look forward to welcoming these Paraná Speaks English students and faculty to Canada this summer!

Please direct all queries regarding this program to Rachel Lindsey, Director of International Affairs and Operations: rlindsey@languagescanada.ca / +1-613-794-7224.

Sincerely,

Gonzalo Peralta

Executive Director