

**UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CRUZ DO SUL
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**

**PUBLIC CALL No. 2 OF 2015 OPENING OF VACANCIES FOR THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM
IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE PROGRAM - PIEC**

The International Affairs Office from the University of Santa Cruz do Sul, an institution maintained by the *Associação Pró-Ensino em Santa Cruz do Sul – APESC*, with its headquarters situated in the city of Santa Cruz do Sul, Rio Grande do Sul state, Brazil, in use of its legal powers, makes public the opening of registration for vacancies in the International Community Experience Program – PIEC, in the following terms:

1. THE PROGRAM

1.1 The objectives and characteristics of the International Community Experience Program – PIEC

The International Community Experience Program – PIEC is designed to students of UNISC's partner universities from all areas of knowledge that wish to have a community experience, in a period of two or three months, taking part in programs developed by UNISC in the local community.

The PIEC has as main objective to have an offer of international academic mobility, which aims to internationalize the character of Brazilian Communitarian University of UNISC and also, widen the global citizenship education of the participants through activities and daily participation in programs from different areas of knowledge.

1.2 Open Programs and vacancies and period:

The PIEC opens vacancies for the following programs:

Program	Vacancies per group	Exchange program period per group
Catadores	1	A- April to June B- September to November
EFASC	1	A- March to May B- September to November
Inserção Comunitária	4	A- March to August B- September to November
Terceira Idade	1	A- April to June B- August to November
UNISC Escola	2	A- April to June B- September to November

1.3 Programs description:

Catadores (Management assessorly to the Collectors and Recyclers Cooperative- It's an extension program of UNISC that seeks to strengthen the development of the *Cooperativa de Catadores e Recicladores - Collectors and Recyclers Cooperative of Santa Cruz do Sul - (COOMCAT)* which is part of a national movement. The work is done through advice in several areas, such as management and accounting, among others the cooperative might need, and also, training and monitoring the 72 *Cooperative* members .

EFASC (Escola Família Agrícola) – It is a technical and high school with emphasis in agriculture which develops its activities based on the Pedagogy of Alternation. Using an educational experience model in which 8 (eight) students alternate one week period, one week at home, dealing with practical activities with their families in their own farm area, and another week at school learning from theoretical and practical activities coordinated by their teachers. These are some of the pedagogical approaches used: researches, study trips, visits to student's families, among others. The daily routine at EFASC starts on Monday at 8 a.m. with the arrival of the students for the family meeting. Classes occur in the morning and in the afternoon. At night, pedagogical and living activities take place. Students stay at school in a boarding system during the week, returning to their houses on Friday to have another family meeting.

Inserção Comunitária – It is a program which integrates learning and extension activities at UNISC with another 25 partner institutions from all areas of knowledge that offer space to students perform social and communitarian activities. This program gives opportunity for students to enter a universe other than the class room as a tool for social and citizenship development and, also to evolve the humanist vision approaching the academic training with the social reality. The current partner institutions are: cooperatives, native Brazilian communities, retirement homes, elementary schools, hospitals, urban and rural communities, city secretaries (Education, Health, Environment, Social Assistance and Economic Development).

Terceira Idade – It is an extension program from the University that seeks to strengthen the purposes of UNISC while Communitarian University, through a teaching, research and extension, linking them to education for aging. For this, the program develops projects in order to promote aging with quality of life and giving opportunities to the elderly to enter or to return to a continuing education process through educational, organizational, social and cultural activities and of communitarian action. Currently, the program offers educational activities to people that are over 60 years old, like, German Language and Culture meetings, workshops in Photography, support to Social Medias use, local radio program, movie time, and moments to talk about spirituality and university, and space for researching about the aging topic.

UNISC Escola - It is an extension program from UNISC that seeks to develop enhancement to the demands of schools from the university region, enabling the qualification of students and teachers. Beyond that, it puts into practice the UNISC's commitment to the education by action that enables the construction of knowledge and citizenship. Currently, this program acts on the motivation of young people to hold a life project, environmental protection, promoting the spirit of solidarity and promoting learning.

Note: the candidate can have further information about each of these programs by writing to aai@unisc.br .

1.4 Steps and Program schedule per group

The participation at PIEC must follow the present schedule:

Activity	Period
- Application period for Exchange period Group A (from March 2016)	Until December 30, 2015.
- Application period for Exchange period Group B (from September 2016)	Until June 30, 2016.
- Sending of the Letter of Acceptance to those selected by UNISC- Group A	Until January 15, 2016.
- Sending of the Letter of Acceptance to those selected by UNISC- Group B	Until July 15, 2016.

- Arrival period at UNISC- Group A	Until March 15, 2016.
- Arrival period at UNISC – Group B	Until September 15, 2016.
- Exchange Activities	September 28, 2015 to November 30, 2015.
*During the period the International Affairs Office from UNISC (AAII) will send the Letter of Acceptance, will also send the information about logistics, cultural aspects, accommodation and activities schedule to each candidate selected.	

1.5 Application

The applications are open from June 24, 2015 to July 7, 2015. It will be accepted only one application per student.

The documents requested for the application process must be sent, via digital file, to the e-mail cmueller@unisc.br and aai@unisc.br (under the subject “Inscrição PIEC”). The application form is available on <http://www.unisc.br/internacional>.

2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Requirements

Candidates from partner universities that are over 18 years old can apply to PIEC in order to join the activities of the program that follows, as presented in the items 1.2 and 1.3 from this Public Call. Please, see below the Program requirement list:

Program	Knowledge Area	Language requirements	Skills
Catadores	- Business Administration - Accounting - Environmental Engineering - Social Communication (Journalism, Public Relations, Advertising, TV and Radio Production)	- Basic Portuguese or Spanish	- Teamwork - Pro activity - Computer user
EFASC	All areas	Any language	- Teamwork - Adaptability - Living in groups
Inserção Comunitária	All areas	Any language	- communication, - good interpersonal relationship - Teamwork
Terceira Idade	All areas	Any language	- have interest in the subject of aging
UNISC Escola	- Education -Health - Environmental - Technological	- Basic Portuguese or Spanish	- Ability to work with children and teenagers - Pro activity - Computer knowledge

2.2 Documents for the application process

The candidate is fully responsible for delivering all the documents of his/her application to the International Affairs Office at UNISC (AAII), as well as, other documents that may be

asked to supplement the application. The validity, legality and on-time delivery of documents are the candidates' responsibility, once they are personal and not transferable.

The basic documentation to be submitted, to apply to PIEC is as follows:

- a) Application form, completely filled out and it must indicate which program is being applied for;
- b) Copy of passport;
- c) Academic Transcript, to prove academic enrollment;
- d) Curriculum vitae / Résumé;
- e) Motivation Letter written in the native language showing the interest in participating at PIEC (Free format and between 10 and 30 lines)

* The International Affairs Office at UNISC (AII) will confirm by e-mail to the candidate the receiving of the documents up to 2 business days.

3. SELECTION PROCESS

3.1 The selection criteria - as criteria, will be observed:

- a) Cumulative GPA from the courses/subjects proved by the academic transcript;
- b) Motivation aspects presented on the personal letter;
- c) Activities in social projects proved by the Curriculum Vitae;
- d) Knowledge in the language indicated and in accordance to the requirements presented on the item 2.1 of this Public Call.

The selection will take into consideration the analysis of the documents presented with the application and the vacancies available in the program according to what is written in the items 1.2 and 1.3 of this Public Call.

The results will be announced by e-mail to the candidates and to the home Institution international office.

If any of the selected candidates quits the vacancy will be occupied by the next ranked candidate.

4. EXPENSES

It is on to the selected candidate for the PIEC - UNISC the following expenses:

- a. International air ticket for round trip;
- b. International Health Insurance, valid in Brazil for the whole period of staying;
- c. Homestay accommodation to be indicated by UNISC - monthly amount of \$450.00 (BRL – Brazilian Real).
- d. Meals for the whole period of staying – approximately \$15.00 each (BRL – Brazilian Real)
- e. Visa Fee – the International Affairs Office of UNISC (AII) will help the selected candidates with the Visa procedures.

5. OMITTED CASES

The omitted cases or not foreseen herein shall be decided by the International Affairs Office of UNISC (AII), in accordance to the Rectory of UNISC.

Santa Cruz do Sul, December 8, 2015



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