

UKRAINE AND ARAUCÁRIA/SETI

On February, 24, 2022. Russia initiated a military invasion against Ukraine, leading to an enormous number of Ukrainians leaving their country, seeking assistance from neighbouring countries and countries willing to receive them. Until now, the United Nations (UN) estimates that more than 2,8 million of Ukrainians are leaving their country and, according to the International Rescue Committee, a humanitarian non-governmental organization, around 14 million people needed some type of humanitarian help, the equivalent of more than 25% of the country's population.

Faced with such a context, according to Press Release No. 30/2022, published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Federal Government (MFA), the Brazilian Government has been accompanying the outbreak of military operations by the Russian Federation against targets on the territory of Ukraine with grave concern, Brazil calls for the hostilities immediate cessation and the negotiations initiation that leads to a diplomatic solution to the issue, considering the legitimate security interests of all parties involved and the protection of the civilian population.

According to Press Release above mentioned, as a member of the United Nations Security Council, Brazil remains engaged in multilateral discussions regarding a peaceful solution that is aligned with the Brazilian diplomatic tradition and in the defence of solutions guided by the United Nations Charter and international law, chiefly the non-intervention principles, sovereignty and States territorial integrity, and the peaceful disputes settlement.

In view of the deflagrate conflict, the Brazilian Government has opened service stations for Brazilians in Ukraine and Moldova, in order to improve the assistance emergency mechanisms to Brazilian citizens who seek to leave the country. Furthermore, it has the support of local Embassy staff in Poland, Romania, Hungary and Slovakia, who continue to operate support centers for Brazilians who are leaving Ukraine.

On the contrary, regarding the reception of the Ukrainian ones who leave the country, the Federal Government Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice and Public Security issued an Interministerial Ordinance MJPS/MFA No. 28, of March 3, 2022,

regulating the granting of temporary visas and residence permits for humanitarian reception purposes for Ukrainian nationals and stateless people who have been affected or displaced by events on the Ukrainian territory.

In view of the above, it is expected that many Ukrainians will come to Brazil, mainly to the State of Paraná, in view of the concentration of about 80% of all immigrants from Brazil. It is also worth mentioning that Ukrainian immigration is concentrated mainly in the southern central region of the state, and the percentage of immigrants can reach 75% of the population living in the localities that make up this region. Thus, the State of Paraná is intertwined with Ukraine, not only because of the number of immigrants, but also because of all the linguistic and cultural elements brought by this community and which today are symbols of Paraná.

In the context of Paraná State, the Araucaria Foundation, agency of support to Scientific and Technological Development from the State of Paraná, supported by the General Superintendence of Science, Technology and Higher Education (SETI), releases the "Program for Hosting the Ukrainian Scientists" as its main action of emergency humanitarian support with, as its main objective, the recruitment of scientists from the Ukrainian universities, in order to develop their research in the Universities based in Paraná for a period of up to 02 (two) years.

Lastly, it is expected that this action not only results in the integration of scientists in the Paraná community, but also in future joint collaborations to the reconstruction and strengthening of the Ukrainian economy via science and innovation in partnership with the Government of Paraná State.

Concerning the Ukrainian Researchers

It is expected to receive 50 researchers, who have the Doctor title, and that are, or were, acting at Universities bases in Ukraine for the development of research projects and, complementarity, teaching and extension projects at Universities in Paraná, Brazil.

Concerning the registration, selection and reception

Interested applicants shall forward their proposals up to two pages length, in Ukrainian, Portuguese or English, containing their research interest. The proposals must explain the knowledge area and goals. Besides, they will have to submit a video of 5 minutes maximum explaining what they would like to develop.

The selection will be done by the Dean's Offices for Research and Graduate Studies of the Universities in Paraná that are able to receive the researchers. The Araucária Foundation and SETI will ensure the hosting policy.

Concerning the scholarships and benefits

The researchers will receive a R\$10.000,00 scholarship, in the Special Visitor Professor category (SVP). In addition to it, a supplement of R\$1.000,00 for each dependent under the age of eighteen (18) and/or ancestor above sixty (60) years old, having, a maximum of three (03) complements of R\$1.000,00 to each selected researcher.

Besides the SVP scholarship, Araucaria Foundation will include the selected candidate and their dependents, if any, air tickets to Brazil and back to Ukraine

As support to the linguistic communication for interaction with Paraná community, the Paraná Speaks Languages program (SETI/ Fundo Paraná) will offer, for free, Portuguese courses as additional language, in order to assist in the linguistic and cultural insertion of the researchers and respective dependants.

Subscriptions and information:

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<https://www.fappr.pr.gov.br/>

Deadline: continuous flow

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