

# Brasillinois

Brasillinois celebrates a rich history of collaboration between the University of Illinois System and Brazil, uniting deep-rooted connections under a single banner of innovation and partnership. Spearheaded by U of I President Tim Killeen, Brasillinois marks a new chapter in our enduring relationship, leveraging over a century of shared research endeavors and academic exchange.

- ✓ **What is Brasillinois?**
- ✓ **What are the research clusters?**
- ✓ **How will the student mobility program work?**
- ✓ **What are the committee goals and opportunities?**
- ✓ **What are the next steps?**

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# What is Brasillinois?

Brasillinois is a transformative initiative launched by the University of Illinois System to foster dynamic collaboration and knowledge exchange with Brazil. With a focus on student mobility and research clusters, Brasillinois aims to pioneer a model of collaboration between American higher education and the Global South, driving groundbreaking research and fostering cross-cultural understanding.

- ✓ Research
- ✓ Connections & Collaboration
- ✓ Student Mobility
- ✓ Cross Cultural Understanding

# Brasillinois Vision & Mission

## Vision

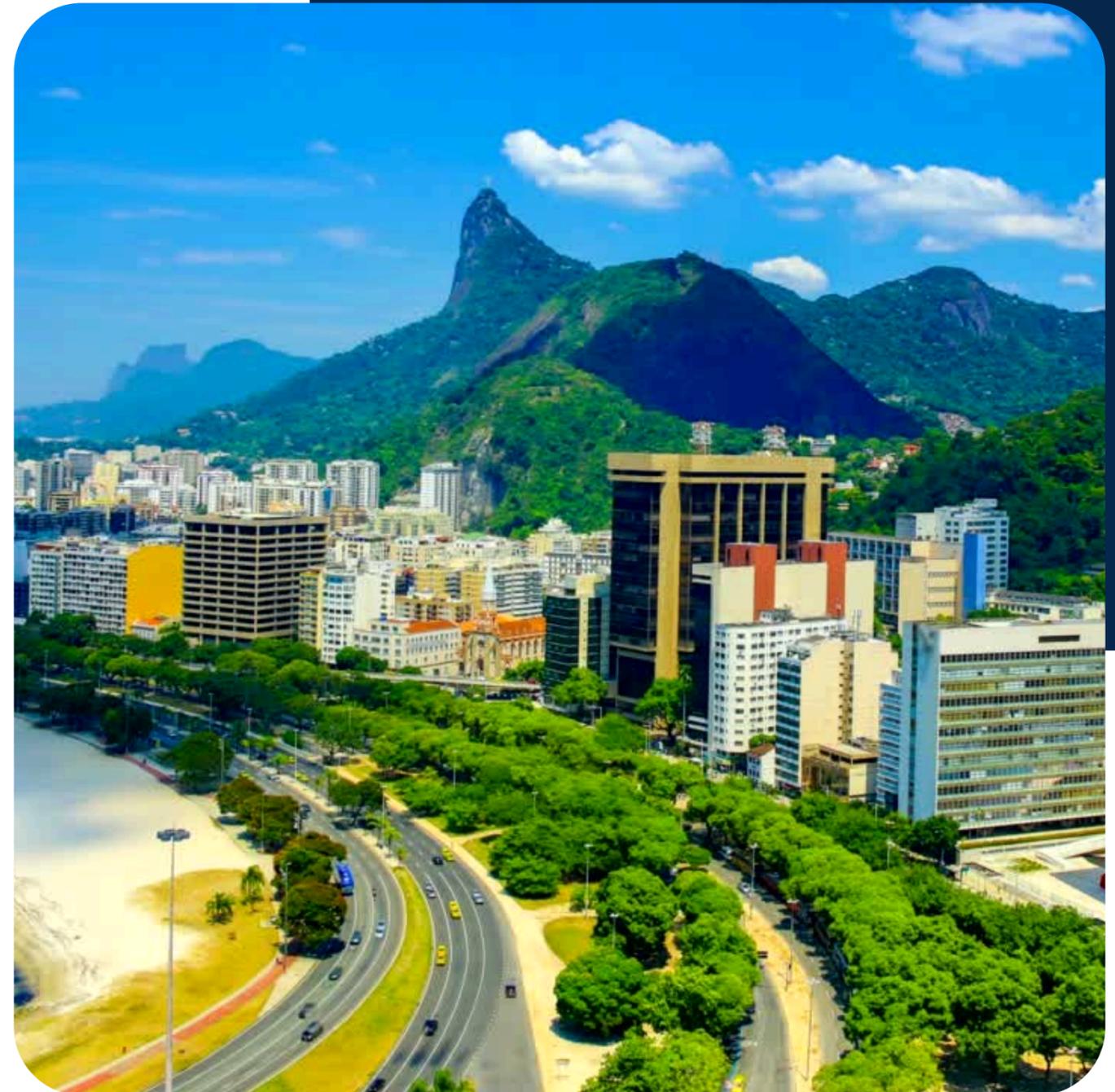
At Brasillinois, our vision is to cultivate a dynamic and inclusive global community, united by a shared commitment to innovation, collaboration, and positive societal impact.

Through transformative research, meaningful academic exchange, and cross-cultural understanding, we aspire to forge enduring partnerships that transcend geographical boundaries and drive positive change in Brazil, the United States, and beyond.

## Mission

Building upon our esteemed legacy of partnership, Brasillinois focuses on three key themes:

- **Climate and Sustainability:** Championing initiatives such as FAPESP, Amazon+10 and Fulbright Amazonia programs, Brasillinois is committed to addressing pressing environmental challenges and promoting sustainable practices in agriculture, water resources, and atmospheric sciences.
- **Public Health and Medicine:** Through data-driven strategies and community engagement, Brasillinois endeavors to enhance life expectancy in urban and rural communities, establishing longitudinal health datasets and fostering collaboration with esteemed institutions like Fiocruz and FAPESP.
- **Democracy and Inclusion:** Facilitating student exchange programs and collaborative research projects, Brasillinois promotes global awareness and fosters social inclusion, exploring historical and contemporary aspects of democracy and societal transformation.



# Brasillinois Objectives

Brasillinois aims to create a new model of collaboration between American and Brazilian institutions by facilitating research connections, increasing student and faculty exchanges, and building institutional partnerships. It seeks to address various global challenges, including those related to climate change, healthcare, and social equity.



# Brasillinois Strategies

- **Research Collaboration**
- **Student and Faculty Mobility Programs**
- **Capacity Building**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Knowledge Sharing and Dissemination**



# Brasillinois Research Clusters



## Democracy & Inclusion

We will pursue collaborative projects to increase global awareness among students from Illinois and Brazil through exchange and mobility programs and focus on research on historical and contemporary areas of social inclusion in the two largest democracies of the Americas



## Climate & Sustainability

This cluster also develops areas including food security, water resources, bioeconomy, and atmospheric sciences. Efforts building on longstanding research collaborations in crop sciences, sustainability, water resources, and environmental sciences have been foundational for Illinois' relationship with Brazil.



## Public Health & Medicine

We will pursue initiatives focused on increasing life expectancy based upon data and community initiatives that combine experiences and practices in Illinois and Brazil with pilot programs in urban and rural communities, and establishing cohort studies in Illinois and Brazil that build longitudinal health data sets.



# Student Mobility

The student mobility program will bring over 100 Brazilian undergraduates and doctoral students to the University of Illinois System's universities over the next few years. Undergraduates will spend a semester in Illinois, while doctoral students will be classified as visiting scholars for a period ranging from three to 10 months. Additionally, faculty members participating in the program will have opportunities to visit Brazilian partner universities to strengthen academic collaboration. They will apply through Capes to be involved.



# Upcoming Brasillinois Opportunities

- **Brasillinois course buyout opportunities to focus on research:** likely call to be issued in spring semester.
- **Call for collaborative research funding with FAPESP:** likely be issued in October
- **Call for collaborative research funding with Fiocruz National Public Health Institute:** likely be open early 2025, the range of activities of Fiocruz definitely connects with the cluster areas such as education, equity, social science research, and history.
- **FAPESP welcomes proposals for schools of advanced science:** Faculty in the clusters are encouraged to submit proposals.



# Democracy & Inclusion

## Draft Committee Goals

- **Increase Student Exchange Programs:** Expand the number of student exchange opportunities between the University of Illinois System and Brazilian universities.
- **Develop Collaborative Research Projects:** Initiate and support interdisciplinary research projects focused on democracy and inclusion with Brazilian institutions.
- **Promote Cross-Cultural Understanding and Global Awareness:** Facilitate workshops, seminars, and events that promote global awareness and cross-cultural understanding among students, faculty, and community members.
- **Enhance Academic and Cultural Partnerships:** Strengthen partnerships with key Brazilian institutions to support joint academic programs and cultural initiatives.
- **Expand Curriculum on Democracy and Inclusion:** Integrate content on democracy, inclusion, and cross-cultural engagement into existing courses and create new interdisciplinary courses.
- **Foster Community Engagement and Social Impact:** Collaborate with community organizations and local stakeholders in both Illinois and Brazil to promote civic engagement and social inclusion.



# Committee Next Steps

- **Finalize Committee Goals**
- **Establish Committee Roles and Responsibilities**
- **Develop a Regular Meeting Schedule and Timeline**
- **Secure Initial Resources and Support**
- **Develop a Communication Strategy**
- **Identify Immediate Priorities and Quick Wins**





# Questions & Discussion

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**Thank you!**

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