

LETTER OF INTENT – EMERGING LEADERS IN THE AMERICAS PROGRAM (ELAP)

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Dear ELAP evaluators,

I intend to teach about healthy aging to a variety of professionals and older adults; preparing the professionals to work with elderly people, making them conscious about their own healthy aging, as well as, to help those already aged people to enjoy their aging the best way possible. Therefore, I am writing this letter to state my strong interest in participating in ELAP Scholarship under the supervision of Dr. NAME OF THE PROFESSOR at the University of Manitoba, in Winnipeg. Dr. XXX is a Researcher Affiliate on the Centre on Aging where healthy aging is her area of interest, subject that I also study in my Cognition and Language Ph.D. course at State University of Northern Rio de Janeiro (UENF), Brazil, supervised by Dr. NAME OF THE PROFESSOR.

I graduated on Pedagogy in 2014 and since the beginning of my Master's degree (2015) I have been researching about education, older adults and healthy aging. The primary focus of my doctoral study is to identify how good is the education for older adults - for their healthy aging – and what is the reason why they get into college; and what makes them stay in there and graduate. I intend to answer questions like “Who are those students?”, “How teacher's, classmates and all university handle with them?”, “What are the benefits of studying for their mental-health?”.

Aging in Brazil is a recent concern, so there are few researches with my approach to this subject here. I'm certain that spending one semester in Canada, specifically at the University of Manitoba, would not only help me with the technical aspects of my thesis but will also give me a broad-based exposure to the educational and social practices in Canada, factors which are essential for my development as one of Brazil's experts in healthy aging.

In addition to the city of Winnipeg being a member of “Age-Friendly Manitoba Initiative” since June,

25, 2009, the University of Manitoba is – since May, 2, 2016 - the first Age-Friendly University in Canada. Besides that, UofM offers a special undergraduate admission process for Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents who are 65 years old or more allowing them to study feeless. Assuring me a unique opportunity to develop my working with healthy aging and older adults skills in a country and in a city where there are public policies and aging acts to support the fully participation of older people in society.

Furthermore, I am convinced that this experience will be crucial for my career as a researcher and an academic. Bringing to Brazil, my city and University the knowledge about older adults, to start helping my University to open a centre on aging too. The Centre on Aging and the Cognition and Language Program at UENF partnership would be a great start to make Brazil age-friendly too.

Sincerely yours,

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