#### **UFMG** wins British Council Funding

UFMG was one of the few Brazilian universities to have been awarded a grant under British Council's Capacity Building and Internationalisation for Higher Education Call - Universities for the World Programme. Along with the University of Southampton, UFMG will run a project on 'Capacity building through e-learning' which mobilizes personnel from both the International Office (DRI) and the Faculty of Letters/Liberal Arts (FALE). It is a great opportunity to move forward with the digitization of UFMG's internationalization and profit from the University of Southampton's vast expertise in the field.

Speaking of UFMG's L'image contient peut-être : texte
British partners,
another recent
initiative jointly
developed by DRI and
their counterparts in
the UK just started
bearing fruit: UFMGUniversity of Sheffield
Pump-Priming Awards

- a call targeting exclusively UFMG researchers who collaborate with colleagues from Sheffield - has had a surprisingly high number of applications, which are now under evaluation. This call will benefit UFMG researchers with individual grants (worth 7,000 pounds) which allow funding travel, networking, meetings and research projects that will lead to further applications to external funding.

### UFMG and UNAM to set up 2030 SDG Chair

The Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) and The Autonomous National University of Mexico (UNAM) have reached a new stage in this long history of cooperation, as their International Offices started setting up a Brazil-Mexico Chair for 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) studies, an academic mechanism which intends to stimulate exchanges in the fields of Mexican and Brazilian studies and connect faculty members from both institutions on a permanent basis, not to mention students, who will largely benefit from an increased flux of undergraduate and graduate mobility between the two countries.

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UNAM's Central Library

UFMG and UNAM are two leading national universities in Latin America that constantly grab the first positions in regional rankings. They are prone to invest in a deeper bilateral relationship and look forward to becoming sister HEIs. The first steps taken in this direction were the participation of Ms Karla Mariana Rivas Salas from UNAM's School of Letters in 2019 UFMG Summer School on Brazilian Studies and the visit paid this October by Prof Aziz Saliba, UFMG's Dean for International Affairs, to UNAM for the celebration of UNAM/DGECI-Dirección General de Cooperación Internacional's 10th anniversary.



Dean Aziz Saliba (center) with UNAM representatives

# Mobility Scheme between UFMG and African countries

In collaboration with members of UFMG Center for African Studies, a new institutional agreement to regulate the mobility of Brazilian and African traditional masters



and professors is being brought to life.

The photo above shows the third round of discussions that took place in October and was held at UFMG's Office of International Affairs. Faculty members, spiritual leaders and representatives of the black movement in Belo Horizonte participated in and gave the first steps towards the building of a stronger network between two regions with such deep similarities and an intertwined history.

### At the Hamburg Networking Conference



Participants of the HNC, held at the Hamburg University

Over the last month, various initiatives involving the Federal Republic of Germany and UFMG have been carried out, in and outside our campus, helping to improve the internationalization of Brazil's higher education and research. From September 17 to 19, Hamburg University was home to a networking conference aimed to gather decision-makers from 20 universities spread across the 5 continents. UFMG was one of the three representatives from Latin America and could definitely profit from this great event. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, Belo Horizonte and UFMG held for the first time an edition of DWIH-sponsored Falling Walls Lab, Germany's flagship program for innovation and entrepreneurialism on campus. It has been a very successful encounter of minds which placed UFMG on the map. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of September, it was time for His Excellency the Consul of Germany in Belo Horizonte, Mr Viktor Sterzik, and the representative of Germany's DAAD at UFMG, Ms Charlotte Steinke, to meet with their compatriots who are taking the academic term in UFMG.

## **Featured Country: New Zealand**

Stemming from a decision to redefine and expand the scope of UFMG Center for East Asian Studies in order to properly cover Oceania and Southeast Asia, New Zealand now strikes as one of UFMG's most promising partners in the region. After receiving a full-fledged delegation comprising high-level representatives from 8 higher education institutions and governmental authorities in November 2018, we have recently had the chance to welcome on campus His Excellency Mr Christopher Langley, New Zealand's Ambassador to Brazil.



Mr Langley with UFMG President Sandra Regina Almeida

In association with Study in New Zealand, we look forward to enhancing this academic exchange with a country that features as a top 10 study destination in the world at undergraduate mobility.

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