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5 exemplos bem-sucedidos que lhe ajudarão a fazer o primeiro contato com seus prováveis orientadores





Template 1

Assunto: Prospective PhD student 2014

Dear Professor Chuck Norris,

My name is Gafanhoto and I am graduated in [seu curso] from [sua universidade], Brazil. I have been involved with sustainable construction methods since my undergraduate studies, specifically with dry construction systems (e.g. steel framing), prefabrication and the use of renewable / reused materials in construction (e.g. OSB panels in steel framing facades).

I am very enthusiastic about green design and sustainable engineering, and in Brazil these themes are used mostly as marketing interests for selling new buildings with the “eco” label. But I wish to go beyond this reality. Towards the end of my undergraduate studies, I have studied about the Lifecycle Thinking (I have read “Fundamentals of Integrated Design for Sustainable Building”, from the authors Bill Burke and Marian Keeler). Since then, I also became very interested in studying how we can possibly apply Lifecycle Analysis Tools that are already used for materials and products directly for buildings.

Apresente-se. Diga o seu nome, de onde você vem, onde você fez sua graduação e em quê.

Fale brevemente sobre seus **interesses de pesquisa** e inclua, se possível, alguma experiência que explique a escolha deste tema por você. De novo, seja sucinto.





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Assunto: Prospective PhD student 2014

Your research themes are directly connected to my future interests as a researcher, and I believe the [nome da universidade] is an excellent option for continuing my studies.

I do not have a Master Degree, but I am applying for a Brazilian Government and LASPAU partnership program (<http://www.laspau.harvard.edu/current-programs/science-without-borders>) that offers PhD scholarships for Brazilians holding bachelor degrees.

Thereby, I am planning to apply to the [nome do curso], and I would like to know if you have vacancies for PhD students in your group for the next year (beginning in August/September) and if you are interested in being my supervisor.

If you wish, I would be glad to tell you more about my goals and interests. Thank you for your attention and time.

Kind regards,

Gafanhoto da Silva.

Fale sobre a **bolsa de estudos** para a qual você se inscreveu, se for o caso. Incluir o link direto para a página sobre o programa é uma boa opção.

Informe a que **curso** você quer se candidatar e pergunte sobre a **existência de vagas** para o período pretendido. Pergunte também se o professor gostaria de te orientar, ou, caso contrário, se ele indicaria um colega que possa se interessar.

Agradeça e se coloque à disposição para maiores esclarecimentos.





Template 2

Assunto: Prospective PhD student

Dear Dr. Chuck Norris,

My name is Gafanhoto and I am a Brazilian student who has been pre-selected for a PhD scholarship in the USA, provided by the Brazilian Government and LASPAU organization.

I have considered applying to [nome da Universidade] and would like to know if the [nome do programa. Ex.: Physical Anthropology] program is accepting students for the fall of 2014 and if you are accepting students as well.

The Brazilian government's Science without Borders program provides scholarships to Brazilian undergraduate and graduate students (in my case, graduate student) in the STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). The program has a partnership with LASPAU: Academic and Professional Programs for the Americas, which is a nonprofit organization affiliated with Harvard University and governed by an independent board of trustees. They both work together and provide outstanding students from Brazil with support regarding required documents, payment of fees and tuition, for up to 4 years of PhD studies in the US.

I am one of the pre-selected students for the scholarship, we are a total of nearly 500 students, thus you can imagine the competition as the program was opened for all Brazilian students.

I hold a Bachelor's degree in [seu curso de formação] and have just returned from a Specialization degree at University of Coimbra, in Portugal, where I studied Forensic Anthropology for a year. I believe my interests most closely match yours.

I would like to discuss the possibility of working with you during the PhD, and to tell you more about what I intent to study. In time, The Equipo Peruano had invited me to work with them in the Summalian field school, however I needed to refuse as I could not afford the costs.

Thank you for your time. Hope to hear from you soon.

Best,

Gafanhoto da Silva.





Template 3

Assunto: Prospective PhD student

Dear Professor Chuck Norris,

I am contacting you because I am applying to the PhD [nome do curso] for next fall, and Professor Macgyver advised me to get in touch with you.

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Gafanhoto, currently a Master's student at Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina - Brazil. I was pre-selected for a scholarship to study abroad. This is contingent on my acceptance to an accredited research institute in the United States and covers full tuition and a monthly stipend according to the cost of living in the city of the university.

I've noticed from your website that we have similar research interests such as health behavior change and online civic participation. This sparked interest in me to possibly work with you in the future.

Recently I worked in a startup developing software for health behavior change. Academically, I have done research in HCI (interaction metaphors) and human collective action through mobile technologies. The possibility of merging my own research interests such as HCI to solve cities problems seemed interesting to me as Brazilian cities have major issues, just like any other developing nation. Due to that, I founded a cross-departmental group inside the university to study more about this. The discussions were presented in two international conferences, mainly on subjects like the impact of mobility in society, civic engagement and new possibilities for informed collective action.

I have interest in learning more about your research methods and also your plans for the next year regarding advising. I am also open to chat via skype, hangout, or whatever you prefer. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Best Wishes,

Gafanhoto da Silva.





Template 4

Assunto: Prospective PhD student - Fall 2014

Dear Professor Chuck Norris,

My name is Gafanhoto and I am a Brazilian physiotherapist.

I hold a postgraduate degree in Cardiopulmonary Physiotherapy and as a testament of my positive academic background and motivation, a pre-selection for a Brazilian scholarship to pursue a PhD abroad was given to me. Administered by LASPAU (<http://migre.me/gnzBq>), this scholarship is contingent on my acceptance to an accredited research institute in the United States and covers tuition, fees and a monthly stipend – beginning Fall 2014.

I am truly interested in continuing with my further studies at your esteemed university, following a line of research on exercise testing and prescription for patients with chronic cardiac and/or pulmonary disease. I was completely intrigued by your work and would love to contribute and develop my scientific understanding at [nome da Universidade].

I do want to have the privilege of working with you. I would be extremely pleased if you shared my confidence and considered being my prospective advisor.

Please find attached a copy of my CV and three letters of recommendation which expand on my experience and achievements.

I greatly appreciate your time and attention,
Gafanhoto da Silva.





Template 5

Assunto: Prospective PhD student, fall 2014

Dear Professor Chuck Norris,

My name is Gafanhoto, I am from Brazil. I have just been pre-selected for a scholarship by the brazilian government (Science without Borders, administered by LASPAU).

I finished my undergraduate studies in telecommunications engineering, and I'm currently studying mobile development. I'm looking for PhD programs that may meet some of my interests. They involve smart cities, wireless sensors networks and mobile computing; mostly because of its potential for prevention/recovery of natural disasters. I'd like to know if I may fit in the [nome do departamento] in [nome da universidade].

Moreover, I was wondering if you are accepting new PhD students, so I can consider your name as my prospective advisor. If it's not possible, I would appreciate if you could share the contact of any other professor whose line of research is similar to mine.

I can send you a copy of my CV, SoP or any other document, if needed.

Sincerely,
Gafanhoto da Silva.





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