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Dear NumFOCUS,

The Software Carpentry Steering Committee is pleased to support the Small Development Grant proposal from Raniere Silva to expand Carpentries activities in Brazil. This proposal aims to provide additional opportunities for Brazilian students and researchers to interact with Software Carpentry and Data Carpentry through the following activities: instructor training, lesson translation to Portuguese, development of a Data Carpentry lesson, and hosting of workshops (one of which will be targeted towards women in science and engineering).

Software Carpentry is pleased to support this proposal by committing one of our instructor trainers, Aleksandra Pawlik, to teach the proposed two-day instructor training workshop in Florianópolis, Brazil. Aleksandra has experience teaching instructor training in multiple countries around the world, and we are confident in her ability to succeed in this new venture. Availability of additional trained instructors in Brazil will allow development of a more robust community of participants in the broader Carpentries community, ensuring continued community support for lesson translations and workshop hosting.

Software Carpentry is keenly interested in allowing scientists around the world to access our training materials and workshops, even if they live and work in geographic locations where formalizing institutional memberships may be challenging or impossible. This proposal would promote those goals by providing additional infrastructure to Brazilian and other Portuguese-speaking scientists. Additionally, we are excited by continuing collaborations with Data Carpentry, such as described in this proposal. Please let us know if there is any additional information we can provide to assist in your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate L. Hertweck".

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