INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS: BENEFITS, DOCUMENTATION AND ACADEMIC INTEGRATION

PACAM 2027 — Pan-American Congress of Aerospace Medicine, Urgent and Emergency Care

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5.1. Introduction and commitment to international integration

PACAM 2027 reaffirms its commitment to international scientific cooperation, continuing education, and stronger academic and professional ties among countries in the Americas and other regions.

Holding the congress in Foz do Iguaçu, in the tri-border region shared by Brazil, Paraguay, and Argentina, provides an opportunity to connect universities, healthcare institutions, research centers, rescue organizations, and professionals in aerospace medicine and emergency care.

Recognizing the differing economic and academic circumstances of participating countries, PACAM 2027 proposes an institutional benefits policy to broaden international participation.

The policy aims to improve access to scientific knowledge without compromising rights under Brazilian law or the event's financial sustainability.

5.2. International Academic Benefits Program

PACAM 2027 proposes an International Academic Benefits Program for students duly enrolled at foreign higher education institutions.

The program would offer a 50% institutional discount to participants meeting academic requirements established by the organizers.

Eligible groups may include:

- Undergraduate students;
- Specialization students;
- Master's students;
- Doctoral students;
- Students in professional postgraduate programs;
- Medical residents and participants in equivalent residency or specialized training programs, subject to assessment of valid academic enrollment.

Participation will not be limited to healthcare programs, provided the published eligibility criteria are satisfied.

Eligibility will require evidence of active enrollment in a formal education program and approval of the institutional benefit.

Proposed benefit: 50% off the full price of the corresponding registration category.

5.3. Countries and regions covered

The International Academic Benefits Program is intended to be pan-American in scope and may include students at institutions across different countries.

Countries initially considered include:

South America: Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Guyana, and other countries in the region.

Central America and the Caribbean: Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, and others.

North America: Mexico, United States, and Canada.

Participants from other continents may request the same benefit if they meet the institutional criteria.

This list indicates intended reach and does not confirm participants, delegations, or partner institutions.

Institutional principle: eligible students should receive equivalent treatment regardless of nationality, subject to applicable legal and documentary requirements.

5.4. International undergraduate students

Students duly enrolled in degree programs at foreign institutions legally authorized to offer those programs in their countries may apply for the academic benefit.

Eligible degrees may include Medicine, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Psychology, Pharmacy, Biomedicine, Nutrition, Physical Education, and other fields inside or outside healthcare.

Example 1 — Paraguay

A medical student duly enrolled at a university in Ciudad del Este may request the 50% international academic benefit.

Example 2 — Argentina

A nursing student enrolled at an Argentinian university may request the same benefit.

Example 3 — Chile

A physiotherapy student at a Chilean institution may join the program upon submission of the required academic documentation.

The benefit is subject to approval and implementation of the institutional program.

5.5. International professionals undertaking postgraduate study

Completion of a degree does not prevent professionals from continuing their academic education.

PACAM 2027 therefore proposes extending the international academic benefit to professionals duly enrolled in formal specialization, master's, and doctoral programs.

Example 1 — Paraguayan physician

A physician working in Paraguay and pursuing a specialization in Emergency Medicine may request the 50% institutional academic discount.

Example 2 — Argentinian nurse

An experienced nurse enrolled in a master's program may request the benefit despite having already completed a degree and further qualifications.

Example 3 — Uruguayan physician

A physician pursuing a doctorate may remain in the Physician registration category and select the International Academic Benefit.

Eligibility will be based on current academic enrollment rather than solely on professional qualification.

5.6. Residency and specialized professional training programs

PACAM 2027 recognizes the importance of medical residency and specialist training programs across different countries.

However, residency systems and academic classifications vary under national laws.

International residents may therefore request the academic benefit by demonstrating active affiliation with a formal residency or specialist training program recognized by their country's competent authority.

Documentation will be assessed in light of the nature and validity of the program.

Isolated training, short courses, or professional activity without formal training affiliation will not automatically qualify.

5.7. International professionals who are not studying

PACAM 2027 also seeks to encourage physicians, nurses, physiotherapists, rescue personnel, researchers, and other specialists who have completed their education.

Professional practice alone does not confer a student benefit.

A separate scheme is therefore proposed:

International Professional Cooperation Program

The program may offer institutional discounts of up to 50%, subject to organizer approval and compliance with published criteria.

It may cover professionals associated with partner institutions, universities, hospitals, emergency services, and scientific cooperation organizations.

Participants not eligible under statutory or institutional arrangements must select the available full-price registration.

5.8. Benefits for international universities

PACAM 2027 proposes encouraging foreign universities to participate through academic cooperation agreements.

Interested institutions may apply for accreditation as academic partners of the congress.

Agreements may include:

- Institutional promotion of the congress;
- Participation by students and faculty;
- Encouraging scientific paper presentations;
- Organizing academic delegations;
- Scientific and professional exchange;
- Previously agreed registration benefits;
- Participation in educational and scientific activities;
- Cooperation on future projects.

University accreditation does not automatically establish a partnership, sponsorship, complimentary admission, or eligibility for discounts.

Conditions will depend on institutional approval and formal agreement.

5.9. Benefits for healthcare and emergency response institutions

The International Institutional Cooperation Program may include public and private organizations involved in prehospital care, emergency response, operational safety, and aeromedical transport.

The following may request partnership assessment:

- Hospitals and healthcare centers;
- Emergency medical services;
- Fire departments;
- Rescue and lifesaving services;
- Aeromedical services;
- Military and public safety institutions;
- Research centers;
- Scientific societies and associations;
- Educational and professional organizations.

Proposed benefit: institutional discounts of up to 50% under an approved cooperation agreement.

Institutions must formally identify nominated participants and comply with limits and criteria in the agreement.

The institutional discount must not be presented as an automatic statutory entitlement.

5.10. Documentation for international students

Academic documentation must establish the participant's identity, institution, program, and current enrollment.

The following may be accepted under the institutional policy:

A. Personal identification

Valid national identity document or passport, depending on nationality and applicable requirements.

B. Academic proof

At least one suitable document establishing enrollment:

- Current enrollment certificate;
- Certificate of good student standing;
- Institutional proof of enrollment;
- Verifiable electronic academic document;
- Valid student ID with sufficient information;
- Formal statement from the program coordinator.

Preferably, the document should state the student's name, institution, course, and period of validity or academic affiliation.

C. Language of documents

The proposal is to accept documents originally issued in Portuguese and Spanish.

Documents in English may be reviewed by the responsible team.

Clarification or translation may be requested for other languages or insufficient documentation, proportionate to the verification need.

Documentation for institutional benefits does not replace documents required by Brazilian law for statutory half-price admission.

5.11. Documents for professionals and partner institutions

Participants in the International Professional Cooperation Program may provide:

- Valid identity document;
- Professional identification issued by a competent authority or body;
- Proof of institutional affiliation where required;
- Nomination letter issued by a partner institution;
- Partnership code, if available.

For academic and professional delegations, an institution may send a list of named participants using a secure channel and a suitable legal basis for data sharing.

Institutional codes do not remove documentation requirements where eligibility proof is mandatory.

Documentation must be used solely for lawful purposes relating to registration and the requested benefit.

5.12. How to request the international benefit

The proposed registration platform process is as follows:

Step 1 — Participant identification

Select the country of residence and provide the required personal details.

Step 2 — Professional or academic category

Select the category matching training or professional activity.

Step 3 — Benefit category

Select an appropriate option, such as:

- International Academic Benefit — 50%;
- International Institutional Cooperation — subject to agreement;
- Full-price registration;
- Statutory half-price admission, where conditions are met.

Step 4 — Supporting documentation

Submit documents required for the selected category, preferably through the platform's secure process.

Step 5 — Validation

The responsible team will review documents and confirm eligibility for the requested institutional discount.

Step 6 — Payment confirmation

After validation and payment, the participant will receive registration confirmation.

Step 7 — On-site check-in

The participant must present identification and, where needed, proof of the benefit used.

The platform must provide suitable identification options for participants without a Brazilian CPF number, subject to relevant tax and operational rules.

5.13. International prices, discounts, and coupons

International benefits are proposed to apply to the registration category corresponding to the participant's professional or academic status.

Illustrative example:

Category	HYPOTHETICAL FULL PRICE	Proposed discount	Discounted price
Medicine	R$ 600	50%	R$ 300
Nursing	R$ 400	50%	R$ 200
Physiotherapy	R$ 400	50%	R$ 200
Academic	R$ 250	50%	R$ 125

These figures are calculation examples and do not represent official PACAM 2027 prices.

Institutional codes may be used to facilitate application of discounts.

Examples of proposed administrative code names:

- PACAM-INT-ACA — International Academic;
- PACAM-INT-POS — International Postgraduate;
- PACAM-INT-RES — International Residency;
- PACAM-INT-UNI — Partner University;
- PACAM-INT-INST — Partner Institution.

These codes are suggestions only and are not active coupons.

Prices, periods, conditions, and limits must be approved and published before availability.

Institutional benefits cannot be combined unless expressly permitted by the organizers.

Voluntary discounts must not undermine legally eligible participants' half-price admission rights.

5.14. Conditions of participation and academic integration

International participants may attend scientific and educational PACAM 2027 activities according to their registration and activity-specific requirements.

Activities may include:

- Conferences and lectures;
- Roundtable discussions;
- Scientific discussions;
- Presentations of approved papers;
- International academic activities;

- Visits to the exhibition area;
- Practical activities and workshops, where included or separately purchased.

Practical activities are subject to safety, supervision, qualification, and capacity requirements.

Congress registration does not authorize the practice of regulated professions in Brazil, clinical procedures on patients, or activities reserved by law for licensed professionals.

Scientific participation does not itself imply degree recognition, recognition of specialties, or professional registration.

5.15. Immigration documents and entry into Brazil

International participants must check entry and stay requirements based on nationality, residency, travel purpose, and other applicable conditions.

Brazil's Ministry of Foreign Affairs advises that attendance at congresses, conferences, seminars, and meetings may constitute a permitted purpose of visit.

Visa requirements depend on the travel document and participant's nationality.

For citizens of Mercosur states and associated states, certain identity documents may be accepted for international travel under current agreements and Brazilian admission rules.

Recommendations:

- Check travel document validity in advance;
- Confirm visa requirements;
- Consult the relevant immigration and consular authorities;
- Comply with rules for minors;
- Meet Brazilian entry and exit requirements;
- Check health documentation that may be required at the time of travel.

PACAM 2027 may issue registration confirmations and institutional letters, where appropriate, to help demonstrate the academic purpose of travel.

Documents issued by the congress do not guarantee a visa or permission to enter Brazil.

Foreign speakers or guests who receive remuneration or perform specific professional activities must check the corresponding immigration rules in advance.

5.16. Personal data protection and international documentation

Collection, storage, validation, and processing of documents must comply with Federal Law No. 13,709/2018 — Brazilian General Data Protection Law (LGPD).

The following principles, among others, must be observed:

- Purpose limitation;
- Appropriateness;
- Necessity;
- Transparency;
- Security;
- Prevention;
- Non-discrimination;
- Accountability.

The organizers must request only data needed for each lawful purpose and adopt appropriate safeguards.

Personal data processing may rely on relevant lawful bases identified for each activity.

Any international transfer of personal data must comply with Articles 33–36 of the LGPD and CD/ANPD Resolution No. 19/2024.

Participants must receive clear information on data processing and how to exercise their rights.

5.17. Legal basis and official references

1. Federal Law No. 12,933/2013 — Half-price admission

Article 1 and applicable paragraphs.

https://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/_ato2011-2014/2013/lei/l12933.htm

2. Federal Decree No. 8,537/2015

Half-price admission regulations, including documentation and proof requirements.

https://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/_ato2015-2018/2015/decreto/d8537.htm

3. Federal Law No. 9,394/1996 — LDB

Article 44(III), on higher and postgraduate education.

https://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/leis/l9394.htm

4. Paraná State Law No. 22,130/2024

Particularly Articles 275, 276, 290, and 291.

https://www.legislacao.pr.gov.br/legislacao/listarAtosAno.do?action=exibir&codAto=337687&codItemAto=2135530

5. Federal Law No. 13,709/2018 — LGPD

Articles 6, 7, and 33–36, among other applicable provisions.

https://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/_ato2015-2018/2018/lei/l13709.htm

6. CD/ANPD Resolution No. 19/2024

Regulation on International Transfers of Personal Data.

https://www.gov.br/anpd/pt-br/acesso-a-informacao/institucional/atos-normativos/regulamentacoes_anpd/resolucao-cd-anpd-no-19-de-23-de-agosto-de-2024

7. Ministry of Foreign Affairs — Visitor Visa (VIVIS)

Guidance on entry into Brazil for congresses, seminars, and scientific events.

https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/embaixada-berlim/consular/paginas/visa/vivis

8. Federal Government — Visa application service

Information on visas for entry into Brazil.

https://www.gov.br/pt-br/servicos/obter-visto-para-viajar-ao-brasil

9. Mercosur — Travel documents

Guidance on documents accepted for travel between member and associated states.

https://migraciones.gov.py/documentos-de-viaje-validos-del-mercosur/

5.18. Final provisions

PACAM 2027 recognizes international integration as essential to progress in science, education, and institutional cooperation.

The international benefits policy will be guided by equality of opportunity, transparency, continuing education, and respect for applicable laws.

Final conditions, eligibility criteria, approved percentages, documents, and registration procedures will be officially published after organizer deliberation.

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Annex — Administrative guidance for management

Management must verify the application of half-price admission laws to congress access categories, distinguishing statutory benefits from proposed voluntary discounts.

As preliminary guidance, approval of the 50% International Academic Benefit for eligible formal-program students is recommended, alongside consideration of up to 50% for non-student professionals affiliated with universities, hospitals, and partner organizations.

Eligibility criteria, documents, limits, and validity periods for any discounts must appear in approved, published regulations before sales begin.