

Homestay Programme

VI OPORTO BIOMEDICAL SUMMIT



HOMESTAY PROGRAMME

Chapter I - Preamble

1. The Homestay Programme is a component of the Oporto Biomedical Summit - OBS - which consists of an **agreement between a Host Student and a Guest Student**, both willing to participate in the VI OBS and to partake in the Homestay Programme.
2. This programme aims to provide students with an opportunity to exchange sociocultural and academic knowledge, while providing **low-cost housing for international students and Azores and Madeira universities' students**, and also a **more affordable registration for the University of Porto students**.
3. The following regulations are applicable to the students interested in participating in the Homestay Programme during the VI Oporto Biomedical Summit.

Chapter II - The Host Student

Article 1 - Eligibility Criteria

1. The Host Student must be an **ICBAS student**, an **ERASMUS student at ICBAS** or a **non-ICBAS University of Porto student** who is interested in registering as a participant for the VI Oporto Biomedical Summit.
2. The Host Student must agree to the Terms and Regulations.

Article 2 - Responsibilities

1. The Host Student must agree to accommodate the Guest Student in their home **for at least four nights** (from Thursday, March 19th, to Monday, March 23rd) if necessary.
2. Accommodation is defined as a **bed** and access to a **bathroom** and a **kitchen**, with all **basic needs for accommodation ensured**:
 - a. The bed must include a pillow and bed sheets.
 - b. The bathroom must include towels.
 - c. The kitchen must include all necessary basic utensils.
3. The Host Student has the responsibility to **guide and help** the Guest Student to **reach ICBAS** during the VI OBS days.
 - a. All costs related with transportation between the house and the congress location are not of the Host Student's responsibility.
4. The Host Student is not obligated to welcome the Guest Student at the airport.
 - a. All costs related with transportation between the Oporto centre and the airport are not of the Host Student's responsibility.
5. The Host Student is expected to **contact the Guest Student immediately** after taking knowledge of the Guest Student paired.

Article 3 - Benefits and Payment

1. By being a part of the Homestay Programme, the Host Student will have a **Late Bird vacancy** assured for the VI OBS.
2. By providing housing to a Guest Student, the Host Student will be entitled to **50% of the Full Ticket fees** or to **100% of the Partial Ticket fees**, which will be **reimbursed after the congress**.
 - a. The fees mentioned above correspond to the Late Bird fees.
 - b. The same does not apply to the activities included on the Social Programme.
3. By being a part of the Homestay Programme, the Host Student will have priority registration for the Gala included on the Social Programme.
 - a. This benefit aims to provide an environment of socialisation between the Host Student and the Guest Student.
4. The Host Student will only be entitled to these benefits if they indeed receive and provide suitable housing to the international student.
5. **If the Host Student gives up their vacancy, they shall not be refunded.** In that case, the Logistics Department of the VI OBS shall select another student from the list of applicants for the Call for Hosts.

Article 4 - Host Student Registration and Selection

1. The programme involves a Call for Host Students with a **maximum of 7 vacancies**.
 - a. In the event that fewer than 7 Guest Students are enrolled in the Homestay Programme, the number of vacancies available for Host Students will be decreased to match the number of Guest Students applications.
 - b. The vacancies will be allocated **following the registration order** of the Host Students.
 - c. The first 7 students to register as a Host Student will have a Late Bird vacancy assured despite the number of international students.
2. The registration will **open on December 27th and stay open until February 28th**, which will be accordingly shared on the OBS social networks.
3. The registration will be in the online form format.
4. The Host Students selected should still register for the VI OBS.
 - a. If selected, the Host Student has **two days** after being notified to register for the VI OBS.
5. The vacancy is **personal** and **non-transmittable**.

Chapter III - The Guest Student

Article 1 - Eligibility Criteria

1. The Guest Student can be an **international student**, a **student of the University of Azores** or a **student of the University of Madeira** who is interested in registering as a participant for the VI Oporto Biomedical Summit.
2. The Guest Student must agree to the Terms and Regulations.

Article 2 - Responsibilities

1. The Guest Student is responsible for their **transport between the airport and the host's house** and its costs.
2. The Guest Student is responsible for their **transport between the host's house and the congress location** and its costs.
 - a. The Host Student has the responsibility to help on this matter without covering any costs associated.
3. The Guest Student is responsible for the **meals which are not included in their VI OBS ticket** (the full ticket includes two lunches, one brunch and three coffee-breaks/snacks).
4. The Guest Student is fully responsible for **any damage caused at the host's residence**.

Article 3 - Benefits and Payment

1. By being a part of the Homestay Programme, the Guest Student will have a **Late Bird vacancy** assured for the VI OBS.
2. By being a part of the Homestay Programme, the Guest Student will have priority registration for the Gala included on the Social Programme.
 - a. This benefit aims to provide an environment of socialisation between the Guest Student and the Host Student.
3. By enrolling in the Homestay Programme, the Guest Student will have **free accommodation at a Host Student house**. Accommodation is defined as a **bed** and access to a **bathroom** and a **kitchen**.
 - a. The bed includes a pillow and bed sheets.
 - b. The bathroom includes towels.
 - c. The kitchen includes all necessary basic utensils.
4. The Guest Student will only be entitled to these benefits if they register for the VI OBS.

Article 4 - Guest Student Registration and Selection

1. The programme involves a Call for Guest Students with a **maximum of 7 vacancies**.
 - a. In the event that fewer than 7 Host Students are enrolled in the Homestay Programme, the number of vacancies available for Guest Students will be decreased to match the number of Host Students applications.

- b. The vacancies will be allocated **following the registration order** of the Guest Students.
- c. The first 7 students to register as a Guest Student will have a Late Bird vacancy assured despite the number of Host Students.
- 2. The registration will **open on December 27th and stay open until February 28th**, which will be accordingly shared on the OBS social networks.
- 3. The registration will be in the online form format.
- 4. The Guest Students selected should still register for the VI OBS.
 - a. If selected, the Guest Student has **two days** after being notified to register for the VI OBS.
- 5. The vacancy is **personal** and **non-transmittable**.

Chapter IV - Host Student and Guest Student Pairing

- 1. When applying for this programme, the Host Student will be able to **state clearly if they want to host a female or male student**.
- 2. When applying for this programme, the Guest Student will be able to **state clearly if they want to be lodged with a female or male student**.
- 3. When applying for this programme, the Guest Student will be able to **state clearly their housing preferences**, namely whether they are comfortable sharing accommodation with their host's family and/or other housemates.
- 4. The selection of the candidates will respect the conditions mentioned above. If the aforementioned is not possible, candidates will be individually contacted by the Organizing Committee.
- 5. The Guest Student and the Host Student shall be paired based on **shared interests**, which will be accessed through an online form.

Chapter V - Omissions

- 1. All the omissive situations in the present regulation shall be deliberated by the acting OBS Organising Committee, whose decision will be final.
- 2. Any questions should be directed to the Organizing Committee of the VI Oporto Biomedical Summit, via email at **logisticss.obs@gmail.com**.

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