

# Crafting impactful narratives and outputs on climate and housing in Brazil

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## Call for participants

### *A British Academy International Writing Workshop for Early Career Researchers*

We are pleased to invite applications for a British Academy-funded international writing workshop from early career researchers (ECRs) based in Brazil working at the intersection of **climate change, housing, architecture** and the **construction management**. This initiative aims to strengthen academic writing skills, support international collaboration, and promote the global visibility of research led from Brazil.

## About the workshop

This hands-on workshop will bring together a cohort of 24 Brazilian ECRs to develop publishable research outputs and collaborative research ideas focused on urgent challenges of climate and housing. It will provide a supportive environment for writing, peer exchange, and mentoring, led by experienced researchers and journal editors from Brazil and the UK.

Through a combination of online sessions and an in-person workshop in Porto Alegre, Brazil, participants will receive guidance on writing for international journals, preparing grant applications, and framing interdisciplinary work for wider academic and policy audiences.

## Core themes

- Climate responsive design and housing policy
- Sustainable and climate resilient housing
- Lean construction
- Value Generation
- Sustainable construction sites
- Affordable social housing, including modular and prefabricated solutions
- Net-zero and carbon neutral solutions
- Urban resilience in climate-vulnerable areas
- Housing heat resilience
- Relocation, rebuilding and planning in response to climate-related disasters

- Circular economy in construction
- Community driven participatory solutions
- Digital tools and technologies for resilient buildings, infrastructures and communities
- Health, wellbeing and climate responsive buildings
- Sustainable behaviour in the built environment
- Green economy within the construction industry

## Workshop Format and Support

- Pre-workshop online writing and peer exchange session
- A 3-day in-person residential writing workshop in Porto Alegre, RS.
- The workshop will be followed by the SIBRAGEC conference, happening from the 24th - 26th of September - (see <https://eventos.antac.org.br/index.php/sibragec>)
- Post-workshop online seminars and mentoring support to develop outputs
- Participants will receive mentoring from senior researchers and academic journal editors.
- Funding is available to support travel (up to the equivalent of £270pp), 3 nights hotel accommodation if required, subsistence support (up to £80pp) and childcare support, where needed.

## Key dates

- **Application Deadline: 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025**
- **Notification of acceptance and request for draft papers: 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2025**
- **Online introductory meeting: TBC**
- **Workshop Dates: 21<sup>st</sup> of September (welcome dinner), 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of September**

## Eligibility

We welcome applications from Early Career Researchers:

- Based in Brazil, affiliated to a university or Research Institution
- ECRs are defined as near PhD completion of within 8 years post PhD
- Working within the fields of architecture, construction management, urban studies, environmental design, or closely related fields
- Submission of an abstract, which will be evaluated for its academic quality and alignment to the workshop themes
- With a demonstrated interest in writing for publication and engaging internationally

The workshop will be conducted in English, therefore ability to communicate and write in English is essential.

Applications will be prioritized with a basis on the following: (i) those with disabilities; (ii) those coming from minority or disadvantaged backgrounds; (iii) those coming from institutions based

on the least economically developed Brazilian states; (iv) those with less journal publication experience; (v) those coming from institutions with a lower overall number of publications.

We believe that the diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives that each participant brings can enrich the learning process. By fostering inclusivity, the workshop encourages collaboration and dialogue, allowing individuals from different racial, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds to share insights. This will empower participants by validating their voices and experience.

## How to apply

Please submit:

- A statement (max 500 words) outlining your current research, how it relates to climate and housing, and what you hope to gain from the workshop
- A short academic CV (maximum 2 pages)
- One abstract – this should be of a journal paper you wish to submit. It should be 300 words max and also include the title of the paper, authors, affiliations, and a targeted international journal for publication.

Applications must be submitted via email to [patricia.tzortzopoulos@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:patricia.tzortzopoulos@ntu.ac.uk)

## Contact

For questions about the workshop or application process, please contact Prof Patricia Tzortzopoulos - [patricia.tzortzopoulos@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:patricia.tzortzopoulos@ntu.ac.uk)

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