WHAT IS MLAB?

The Harvard Mentoring and Language Acquisition in Brazil (MLAB) program aims to help reduce barriers for talented Brazilian youth with tremendous potential and a strong desire to study in the world’s best universities.
WHY MLAB?

High-need, high-potential Brazilian students often lack sufficient English language skills and direct contact with role models who understand what it takes to make it to a place like Harvard.
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Harvard mentors with incredible life stories will prepare and inspire Brazilian mentees to apply for college prep programs in Brazil and to top universities in the U.S.
HOW DOES IT WORK?

• 1:1 mentor-mentee ratio

• Training for mentors and mentees before the program starts

• 7-month virtual mentoring curriculum (October 2016 – April 2017)

• English immersion for mentees to engage with their mentors face to face in São Paulo (January 2017)
THE MLAB MENTEE

• Brazilian student
• First or second year of high school
• Interested in attending a top university in the United States
• Academic results above average
• From low-income family and/or receiving a scholarship (*)
THE MLAB MENTEE

• Strong English skills
• Committed to their mentor and to the program’s values
• Eager to learn more about college life in the U.S. through cultural exchange and direct interaction with Harvard students
• Desire to impact the World
THE MLAB MENTOR

• Harvard College student
• From low-income family and/or receiving a scholarship (*)
• Beginner or early-intermediate in Portuguese language
• Previous mentoring experience
THE MLAB MENTOR

• Similar background to Brazilian students: Receiving a scholarship, first generation student, etc.
• Committed to their mentee and to the program’s values
• Strong interest in learning more about Brazil through cultural exchange and direct interaction with Brazilians
• Availability to be fully engaged in all MLAB activities, including training and check-ins
WHO CAN APPLY?

Mentorss

Harvard College students that fit the requirements of MLAB, willing to commit to the program goals and guidelines and available to participate in a weekly mentoring program.
APPLICATION PROCESS

Mentees

• Application Deadline
  Sep 14th, midnight
• Interview via Skype
  Sep 19th – 21st, 2016
• Final Decision
  Sep 23rd
• Mentor to confirm participation
  Sep 30th

12 Students
Up to 15 participants

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PROGRAM DATES 2016-2017

• MLAB Training
  September, 2016

• Welcome to MLAB!
  October, 2016

• Weekly Mentoring
  Oct, 2016 – May, 2017

• Monthly Group Meetings

• Trip to São Paulo*
  Jan 5th – 18th, 2016
  *Estimated

• Join the MLAB Alumni
  May, 2017
RESULTADOS GERAIS

Victor Domene
Harvard University
Class of 2018

Leticia Souza
Stanford University
Class of 2020

Gustavo Silva
Dartmouth University
Class of 2020

Wander Nobre
Babson College
Class of 2020

Beatriz Arruda
Brown University,
Class of 2019

Rodrigo Ferreira
EMIS, Israel,
Class of 2016

Summer Program: Victor Bartholomeu, Yale, Summer 2016 (Full Scholarship); Barbara Nakamuta, Georgetown, Summer 2016; Wander Nobre, Syracuse University, Summer 2015 (Full Scholarship).
Questions?

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Application Deadline:  
Sunday, February 5th, 2017 at 11:59PM

Interviews:  February 13 – 17, 2017

Program Dates:  June 5th to July 28th, 2017

Orientation in São Paulo:  June 5th & 6th, 2017

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