

Panel: Covid-19: Brazilian Universities Challenges and responses

Abstract:

The spreading of COVID-19 in Brazil occurred at a time when universities and scientific and technological institutions, professors, researchers and students were under considerable constraints, with significant budget cuts, reduced research grants and a certain disdain for activities within the realm of R&D. This panel presents the analysis significant initiatives introduced by Brazilian universities that enabled the identification of an effective response to the pandemic, highlighting the impact and adaptation to the adverse scenario, the rapid responses, the ability to establish forms of interaction that augmented the possibilities for intervention and collaboration with government, business and society in a time of crisis.

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Title: Analysis of Actions and Internal Context of Brazilian Universities in face of COVID-19

Abstract: The analysis, from the perspective of the triple helix model of significant initiatives introduced by Brazilian universities that enabled the identification of an

effective response to the pandemic caused by COVID-19, highlighting the impact and adaptation to the adverse scenario, the rapid responses, the ability to establish forms of interaction that augmented the possibilities for intervention and collaboration with government, business and society in a time of crisis. The effectiveness of the triple helix (university-government-industry) movement, the spaces for consensus, knowledge and innovation during the COVID-19 pandemic, is presented in three case studies from the leading universities in the country; São Paulo University and Federal University of Minas Gerais.



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Title: Brazilian universities: Challenges and Answers: The UFMG

Abstract: The Federal University of Minas Gerais is contextualized, as well as its innovative and entrepreneurial ecosystem. A several university initiatives in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic is presented, which were possible with public resources departing from university knowledge and research base. In particular, the efforts of Coolab, the Laboratory Cooperative Program of UFMG, will be presented, as well as initiatives of university collaboration with companies to Pandemic crises.



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