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About Sesc

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Why participate?

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Reach out for more information on how to organize your camp in Pantanal and its respective costs.

Program steps

Your task

You & Swissnex

You, Swissnex, & Sesc Pantanal

Contact Swissnex

Definition of Research Design

Joint Definition of Activities & Program

Trip to Pantanal

Field Research

Optional: Wrap up in Rio or São Paulo
Who can participate?
Researchers, Master, and Ph.D. students from universities or research institutions based in Switzerland. Bachelor students groups can also participate if accompanied by a senior researcher or professor leading the expedition.

When does it take place?
The camps can be organized throughout the year and will be scheduled individually, depending on the facilities’ availability, length of the trip, planned activities, and other conditions. Contact us for further details.

Costs and services
The cost for a group of up to 5 people for a one-week program is CHF 6’000. For bigger groups, additional locations, or extended stays, please get in touch with us. Consult the following table to see what is included in the prize. Although travel-related expenses are not included you can count on our assistance for your travel preparations.

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The Swissnex team in Brazil will be glad to provide you with further information about the program, customize and organize your expedition to Pantanal and support you in expanding your network and partnerships.

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