**PROEX (Academic Excellence Program) financial aid for Postgraduate students to participate in Brazilian Congresses**

With a view to encouraging scientific production by postgraduate students at the Master and Doctorate levels, the PROEX Managing Commission of the Postgraduate Studies Program in Chemistry, Ribeirão Preto, announces that regularly enrolled postgraduate students wishing to participate in Congresses in the Brazilian territory can apply for financial aid. The Project will grant up to R$ 800.00/student, provided that the registration fee is no more than R$ 400.00, and that the remaining amount be used to cover accommodation and transport expenses. The regularly enrolled postgraduate student is entitled to this aid once at the Master level and once at the Doctorate level as long as they do not receive this kind of financial aid from FAPESP or CNPq. Payments will be made via reimbursement. To this end, the postgraduate student must fill in and forward the Form “Model A” available at the Program website to the Office of the Department of Chemistry together with the transport tickets and any other proof of expenses during the congress. Presentation of a scientific work at the event is mandatory, and the student must also hand in a Copy of the Certificate of Work Presentation at the Office of the Department of Chemistry.

**PROEX (Academic Excellence Program) contest for Postgraduate students’ participation in International Congresses**

The PROEX Managing Commission of the Postgraduate Studies Program in Chemistry, Ribeirão Preto, announces that it is receiving applications for a research productivity contest that will grant the 03 winning contestants financial aid to participate in international congresses. The grant will be up to R$ 7,000.00/winning student, provided that the registration fee is no more than USD 400.00, and that the remaining amount be used to cover accommodation and transport expenses (proof of all the expenses must be presented). To enter the contest, the postgraduate student must co-author an article that has been accepted for publication or has been published in A1 or A2 journal no sooner than July/2017. Presentation of a scientific work at the event is mandatory, and at the time of the congress the postgraduate student must be regularly enrolled in the Program and must not receive this kind of financial aid from FAPESP or CNPq. Only one prize will be granted to articles co-authored by two or more regularly enrolled postgraduate students entitled to run for the prize. Preference will be given to the postgraduate student that has been selected for oral presentation and who has been enrolled in the program for the longest time. In case of a draw, the authors will decide on the best way to distribute the money. If there is a larger number of enrollments and a tie arises, the journal impact factor and oral presentation will be considered.