





# Brazil Grand Challenges Scholar Program workshop



### FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF UBERLÂNDIA

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#### Where is located Uberlândia?

In the state of Minas Gerais. It is a medium-size city (700,000 inhabitants)



UFU - Uberlândia - MG - Brazil













### WHO WE ARE

#### Federal University of Uberlândia

- Founded in 1969; Incorporated to the Brazilian federal university system in 1978
- 7 Campuses
- 32 Academic units
- 9 Libraries
- 3 Hospitals (Clinical, Dentistry, Veterinarian)
- 81 Undergraduate Courses
- 73 Graduate Programs
- 2068 Faculty members
- 29.274 Students (about 5 thousand engineering students)
- Total area
- 22.421.609,99 m<sup>2</sup>



## PROFILE EXPECTED FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY ENGINEERS



#### 1. Critical thinking.

Ability to analyze and evaluate available sources of information.

#### 2. Creativity.

Ability to imagine, participate, find their own expression and motivation in the engineering work.

#### 3. Cooperation.

It is not just about working in groups, but taking into account political aspects, find common interests, create solidarity networks (e.g issues of inequality, climate change, migratory flows, etc.).

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## 4. Understand and make responsible use of state-of-the-art technological tools: data, algorithms, social network.



#### 5. Development of emotional intelligence.

Capacity of maintaining self equilibrium and well-being of the group. Understand how emotions work and how to construct emphaty.

#### 6. To be independent and make responsible choices.

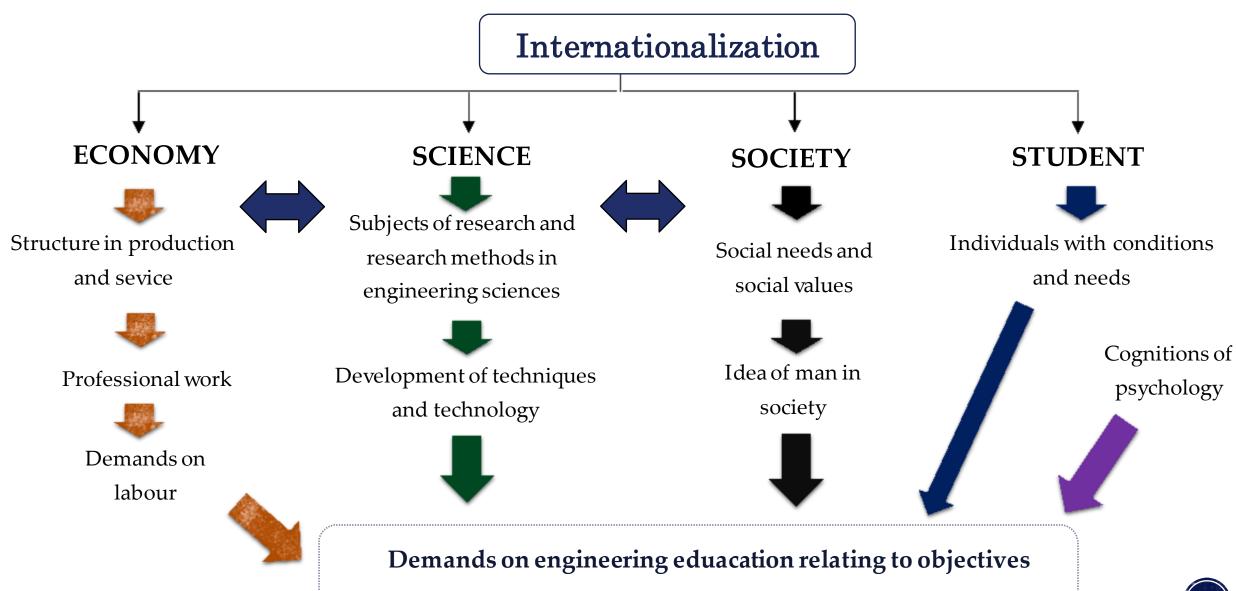
Face the world and professional challenges with confidence and courage. Believe in a better world for the society...and work for it!

#### 7. Be ready to work in the international context.

Ex. Simultaneous engineering (Engineering projects involving various partners along the world)

#### INFLUENCE FACTORS OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION





Credits: Kersten et al., 2011

and organisation

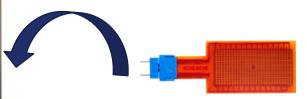
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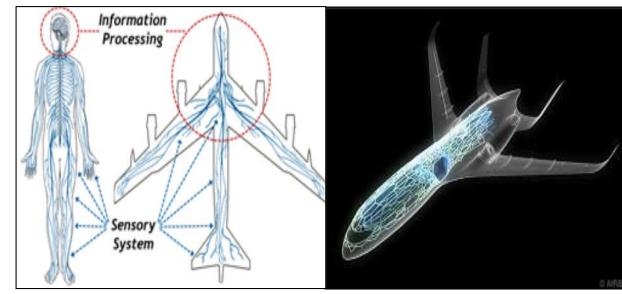
## SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLES FROM UFU





## **SHM System**





(Adapted from: Aerospace manufacturing website,



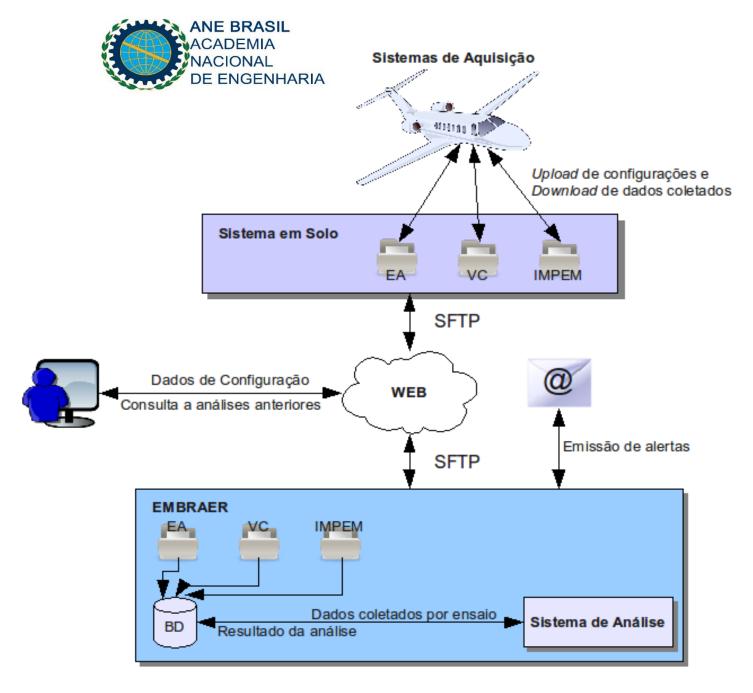
















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#### (57) ABSTRACT

A method to acquire the structural health state of an aircraft mechanical component performs measurements at each frequency point of interest by using a network of transducers and









## THANKYOU!









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