



ERC RUTTER project - Internship program 2020

**A critical edition of the *Philosophical Voyage* of Alexandre Rodrigues Ferreira**

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**Context:** The *Philosophical Voyage* of Alexandre Rodrigues Ferreira (1756-1815) from Portugal to the interior of Brazil is one of the most interesting scientific expeditions of the Enlightenment. From 1783 to 1792, it covered a vast territorial extension, first in the Atlantic and after between Belém do Grão-Pará and Cuiabá. Its rutters and travel diaries written by Ferreira are essential historical documentation to get to know the Brazilian natural and anthropological world, as well as how science was put to the service of the Portuguese Empire. However, a complete critical edition of these rutters is still lacking, despite these documents being digitized and available for consultation in several archives.

**Keywords:** Rutters; History of Science; Scientific Expeditions; Brazil; Alexandre Rodrigues Ferreira.

**Tasks of the intern:** A complete collection, transcription, and annotation of the rutters of the *Philosophical Voyage* of Alexandre Rodrigues Ferreira.

**Area of expertise; knowledge/skills requested to develop the work:**

- History of Science
- Digital archival research
- Portuguese
- Paleography

**Expected output:** A critical edition of all the rutters of the *Philosophical Voyage* of Alexandre Rodrigues Ferreira.

**Duration of the work:** 3 months