

GRANTS FOR SCHOLARS, GRADUATE STUDENTS AND ENGLISH TEACHERS

The Fulbright Commission is pleased to announce that, starting on **August 1st, 2017**, it will be receiving applications from Brazilian citizens to develop academic activities in the U.S. These awards are part Fulbright program and aims to promote mutual understanding between peoples from the United States and from other countries.

The Commission will award up to **80** grants in open competition for Brazilian citizens that are faculty members, graduate students and recent graduates English teachers in Brazil.

The grants are awarded over the U.S academic year 2018/2019 **August/ September 2018** to **May/ June 2019**. The duration is variable going from four months to Scholars to nine months to the Students and the English teachers.

Fulbright Program	Up to
Chair	10
Doctoral Dissertation Research Award (DDRA)	30
Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program (FLTA)	20
Junior Faculty Member Award	10
Visiting Professor Award	10

A general instruction package for each program is available through the www.fulbright.org.br. Applications must be submitted in the online application system by **October 1st, 2017**.

It is a unique opportunity to participate in the U.S. flagship educational exchange program and become a *Fulbrighter* for life.

Sincerely,



Luiz Valcov Loureiro, PhD
 Executive Director
 Fulbright Commission

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH AWARD PROGRAM (DDR) *Bolsa de Doutorado Sanduíche em todas as áreas do conhecimento* *(version 2 - published on September 27th, 2017,* *with a minor change in item 2)*

The Commission will award up to **30** grants in open competition for Brazilian citizens currently enrolled in doctoral programs universities in Brazil to develop their dissertation research in the U.S.

The DDR Program provides opportunities to doctoral candidates to engage in nine-months dissertation research in the U.S. The grant is awarded for one academic year (**9 months**), beginning in **August/ September 2018** and ending in **May/ June 2019**.

A pre-academic program may be offered to selected candidates for improving language skills at the Commission's sole discretion. Candidates can be accompanied by dependents only during their research program, although the award does not support expenses related to relatives, spouse, or children.

1. ELIGIBILITY

The candidate must be a regular student enrolled on a Brazilian PhD program and meet the English language requirement as indicated in item 3. This grant cannot be cumulated with any other similar grant with the same purpose. Only Brazilians citizens are eligible, dual Brazilian/U.S. citizens are not.

Note: The candidate must stay in Brazil during the selection, affiliation and depart to the U.S.

2. FUNDING

The Commission will fund:

- Monthly Stipend: Living expenses variable (U.S State Department Monthly Maintenance Rate (MMR), accordingly to the campus;
- International air ticket¹;
- Settle-in allowance: US\$ 2,000;
- Financial support for academic events in the U.S, upon approval: up to US\$ 2,000;
- Pre-Academic Long Term English Program: up to six-months of English language course, depending on the language proficiency level of the grantee;

¹ The Commission changed this item. In a previous version, there was an international travel allowance.

- Orientation Seminar in Sao Paulo.
- Limited health insurance coverage: ASPE - Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges and, if necessary, host institution mandatory health coverage; and,
- J-1/J-2 visa fee.

3. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1) The candidate must read carefully the Application Instructions and submit the online **application form in English**, available at <http://fulbright.org.br/edital/doutorado-sanduiche-nos-eua>, including **all** the following documents and information that are mandatory:

- Copy of one of these official documents: Brazilian passport ID pages, if available, ID card or driver's license;
- If the candidate has already received a J-1 visa, it is necessary to include a copy of the DS-2019 form and of the visa page from the passport;
- Academic transcripts in Portuguese: diplomas and transcripts of post-secondary institutions including the transcript of the current doctorate program indicating the date of enrollment;
- CV in English, no more than three pages;
- TOEFL or IELTS Score Report - DDR minimum language requirements, accomplished after August 1, 2016 (TOEFL iBT minimum requirement of 71; TOEFL ITP of 527; and IELTS of 6.0);
- Letter of support from the Brazilian academic advisor in Portuguese: the letter must specifically address in what extent the grant will impact in the candidate's dissertation project as the negative impact if the grant is not awarded;
- Brazilian academic advisor's CV in English, no more than three pages;
- Letter of acceptance from the U.S advisor in English;
- Two letters of reference;
- Research project in English: write the Research Project in English at maximum of ten pages, it should be prepared using 11 pt. font, 1.5 line spaced and contain a clear and detailed description of your research proposal or proposed activity including the following items:
 - Research Title;
 - Background and Significance: explain the significance of the project for the field, your own professional development, and home country. When possible, place the project in academic or professional context by referring to the major work by others on the topic. In some cases this can be aided by use of a select bibliography.
 - Objective: define clearly the aims of the project.
 - Methodology: describe the project and explain the approach and methods you will follow
 - Activity Timetable: explain how your project can be completed within the time period requested.
 - U.S. Host Institution preferences: indicate and justify the U.S. Host Institution preference and why residence in the United States is necessary for the accomplishment of the project.
 - Bibliography: include the citation or quote as original resources to support your research proposal.

Candidates must submit their applications through the online application system until the deadline. Candidates are responsible for ensuring that all supporting documents are attached to the online application, as outlined here above. The Fulbright Commission will not consider applications with inaccurate, insufficient or inconsistent data or missing supporting documents.

2) Applicants must also record a **thirty-seconds video in English** and send to ddr@fulbright.org.br as part of the application process, explaining the importance of his/her research to the field and why going to the United States is necessary for the accomplishment of the research project? The video must be sent before October 6th, 2017.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

The Fulbright Commission will review and select the valid applications. A peer review panel, nominated by the Commission, will assess candidates' academic and professional qualifications and the relevance of their research projects. An interview will be required, by videoconference or phone. The Fulbright Commission will nominate the selected candidate for final approval by the *J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board*. Preference will be given to candidates with no significant previous academic experience in the U.S and or for all qualified individuals from underrepresented groups.

5. TIMETABLE

- **October 6th, 2017:** deadline for online applications submission;
- **November, 2017:** videoconference or phone interviews;
- **December, 2017:** announcement of the selected candidates; and
- **August/September, 2018:** start of academic program in the U.S.

6. INFORMATION

Additional information about the “**Doctoral Dissertation Research Award**”

Fulbright Commission - www.fulbright.org.br

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