



GRANTS FOR SCHOLARS, GRADUATE STUDENTS AND ENGLISH TEACHERS

The Fulbright Commission is pleased to launch the call for applications for awards to Brazilian citizens to develop academic activities in the U.S. These awards are part of the Fulbright Program and aims to promote mutual understanding between peoples from the United States and from other countries.

The Commission will award up to **77** grants in open competition for Brazilian citizens that are faculty members, graduate students and recent graduates English teachers in Brazil.

| Fulbright Program | Up to |
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| Visiting Professor Award | 10 |
| Junior Faculty Member Award | 10 |
| Fulbright Chair in Music at Indiana University, Bloomington | 1 |
| Fulbright Chair in Brazilian Studies at University of Texas, Austin | 1 |
| Fulbright Chair in Agricultural Sciences at University of Nebraska, Lincoln | 1 |
| Fulbright Chair in Brazilian Studies at University of Massachusetts, Amherst | 1 |
| Fulbright Chair in Global Health University of New Jersey, Rutgers | 1 |
| Fulbright Chair in Global Cities at the City University of New York | 1 |
| Fulbright Chair in Brazilian Studies at Emory University | 1 |
| Doctoral Dissertation Research Award - <i>Doutorado-Sanduiche</i> | 30 |
| Foreign Language Teaching Assistantship | 20 |

The grants are awarded over the U.S academic year 2019/2020 **August/ September 2019** to **May/ June 2020**. The duration is variable going from four months to scholars and nine months to students.

A general instruction package for each award is available at www.fulbright.org.br. **Applications must be submitted online before September 23, 2018, 08:00 p.m. Brasilia time.**

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 in Brazil



ANNOUNCEMENT

THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH AWARD (DDRA)

Updated in August 3, 2018

The Commission will award up to **30** grants in open competition for Brazilian citizens currently enrolled in doctoral programs at Brazilian universities to develop part of their dissertation in the U.S. The DDRA 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 2019** and ending in **May/ June 2020**.

1. ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must be Brazilians citizens, without U.S. dual citizenship; be regular students enrolled at a Brazilian PhD program; meet English language requirements indicated below; stay in Brazil during the selection process, affiliation and depart to the U.S. It is not allowed to cumulate this award with any other similar grant.

DDRA minimum language requirements are assessed through standard tests scores, obtained after August 1, 2017, as follows: 71 TOEFL iBT, 527 TOEFL ITP or 6.0 IELTS. The Commission, at its own discretion and expenses, can offer to candidates with scores ranging from 71 to 79 TOEFL iBT or 527 to 550 TOEFL ITP or or 6.0 to 7.0 IELTS a Pre-Academic English Programs.

Pre-academic programs include intensive English instruction, English language refinement, field-of-study instruction (if required) and orientation to U.S. society, culture and institutions of higher education. During this period of adjustment to life and study in the U.S. Fulbright students are also introduced to the Fulbright community, as well as the benefits and responsibilities of their Fulbright grants. It is an opportunity to the grantees to immediately begin networking and become part of the Fulbright community.

2. FUNDING

The Commission will fund:

- Monthly Stipend: living expenses, exclusively for the grantee, variable with the host institution campus, following the U.S State Department Monthly Maintenance Rate (MMR);
- International air ticket;
- Settle-in allowance: US\$ 2,000;
- Financial support to participate in academic events in the U.S, upon prior approval: up to US\$ 2,000;
- Pre-Academic English Language Program: from four to six weeks of English language course in the U.S.; mandatory for the awardees selected to participate by the Fulbright Commission according to proficiency level, host institution and research field;
- Orientation seminar and visa procedures in São Paulo;
- Limited health insurance coverage: ASPE - Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges and, if necessary, the Commission can fund the host institution mandatory health coverage limited to US\$ 3,000 per academic year; and,
- J-1 visa fee for exchange students and J-2 visa fee for dependents of J-1 visa holders;

3. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1) The candidate must carefully read the Call for Applications and the Frequently Asked Questions before submitting the online application form, following the Application Instructions, including **all** the following supporting documents. All information is available at

<https://fulbright.org.br/edital/doutorado-nos-eua/>:

- Brazilian Official ID: preferably passport identification pages or national ID card (RG) or driver's license (CNH); If the candidate has already received a J-1 and/ or a J-2 visa, it is necessary to include a copy of the DS-2019 form and of the visa page on the passport;
- Two Essays **in English**: Study/ Research Objectives and Personal Statement;
- Academic transcripts in Portuguese: transcripts of master's degree including the transcript of the current doctorate program indicating the date of enrollment;
- Candidate's CV **in English**, limited to three pages;
- Letter of support from the Brazilian academic advisor in Portuguese: the letter must specifically address in what extent the award will impact the candidate's dissertation project as the consequences if the grant is not awarded;
- Brazilian academic advisor's CV **in English**, limited to three pages;
- Letter of support from the academic coordinator of the Brazilian PhD program in Portuguese, confirming the graduate program approves the proposed mobility of the candidate.
- Letter of acceptance from the U.S advisor **in English**;
- Two letters of reference **in English**;
- Signature Form;
- TOEFL iBT, TOEFL ITP or IELTS score report;
- Research project **in English** - ten pages, 11 pt. font, 1.5 line spacing - not including the bibliography. It must present a clear and detailed description of the activities, including the following items:
 - Title, Background and Relevance: explaining how relevant the project is for the research field, your own professional development, and home country. Whenever possible, situate the project in academic and/or professional contexts referring to the major contributions by other scholars on the topic.
 - Objective: defining clearly the aims of the project.
 - Methodology: describing the project and explaining the approach and methodology to be followed.
 - Activity Timetable: explaining how the project can be completed within the time period requested.
 - U.S. host institution preferences: indicate and justify the U.S. host institution preferences.
 - Bibliography: including the citation or quote as original resources to support the application.

2) Applicants must also record a **thirty-seconds video in English** in MP4 format and send to ddra@fulbright.org.br as part of the application materials. The video must explain **why you are applying for Fulbright and in which way do you plan to make this opportunity different from other international mobility of student's programs**. The video must be sent no later than **08:00 p.m. Brasilia time, September 23, 2018**.

Candidates must submit their applications through the online application system until the deadline. Candidates are responsible for ensuring that the application form is fully filled in English, that all supporting documents are attached to the online application and that the video is sent according the specifications outlined here above. The Fulbright Commission will not consider applications with inaccurate, insufficient or inconsistent data, missing supporting documents and video.

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 applications. An interview will be required by videoconference or phone for candidates approved by the review panel. The Fulbright Commission will nominate the selected candidates for final approval by the *J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board*.

Priority will be given for all qualified individuals, including underrepresented populations. This may include, but is not limited to, members of racial and ethnic minorities, women, LGBTI persons, persons with disabilities, persons of lower socioeconomic status, members of religious minorities, and individuals from underserved geographic locations and regions.

5. TIMETABLE

- **September 23, 2018:** deadline for submitting applications;
- **October 2018:** review of applications;
- **November 2018:** interviews of candidates approved by the review panel;
- **December 2018:** announcement of selected candidates; and
- **August/September 2019:** start of academic program in the U.S.

6. INFORMATION

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

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