



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: ACADEMIC YEAR 2027-2028
PROGRAM FOR BRAZILIAN CITIZENS
DISTINGUISHED CHAIR J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT-DR. RUTH CARDOSO AT
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY**

The Distinguished Chair J. William Fulbright-Dr. Ruth Cardoso is a partnership between **Georgetown University (GU)** and the Fulbright Brasil with the support of **CAPES** and **FAPESP**. The program will give one award for a Brazilian scholar to spend one academic semester lecturing and researching, or, upon approval, two academic semesters in the fall term 2027 (August to December) or spring 2028 (January to May), following the GU academic year calendar.

The Award honors the memory of the distinguished Prof. Dr. Ruth Corrêa Leite Cardoso, a Fulbright and FAPESP alumna and renowned Brazilian scholar, particularly in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

The Award aims to foster research, teaching, and related scholarly activities at the Center for Latin American Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences. **Preference will be given to candidates in Anthropology, Political Science, Sociology, and Brazilian History, with a focus on contemporary social and political processes.**

Candidates shall submit a detailed research proposal outlining the project to be carried out during the award period. The proposal should include a research plan, a timeline, and an explanation of the resources required to complete the project.

The 2027–2028 awardees will stand out as Fulbright Brazil's 70th cohort, a milestone in the bilateral academic exchange.

1. ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must work under a full-time and active contract in a Brazilian higher education institution. English language proficiency compatible with the proposed activities is a requirement. Candidates must hold a Brazilian passport and must have earned a doctoral degree before July 30th, 2016. Candidates who have benefited from a J-1 visa in the past must have returned to Brazil before August 1st, 2025, to be eligible for the Fulbright Program.

Former Fulbright Chair awardees, dual Brazilian/U.S. citizens, candidates hired temporarily or as substitute professors, are not eligible. Candidates must demonstrate outstanding academic qualifications, a record of professional experience, and intellectual production in the proposed area over the last ten years. The candidate must stay in Brazil during the following phases: selection, affiliation, and departure to the U.S.; this grant cannot be combined with any other similar grant with the same purpose.

2. FUNDING

The Chair will award funding for one visiting scholar, as follows:

- US\$ 66,600 for one academic year or US\$ 32,100 for one academic term, covering all expenses related to the stay in the U.S. (stipend, housing, settling-in allowance, and international round-trip air ticket). The award will be paid by both institutions. For one academic year: GU (US\$ 21,600) and Fulbright (US\$ 45,000); for one academic term: GU (US\$ 9,600) and Fulbright (US\$ 22,500).
- Limited health coverage through Fulbright's ASPE - Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges.
- Visa J-1; and
- Access to the facilities and services of the host institution, such as office space, laboratories, libraries, and any other amenities regularly provided to the academic community, to ensure the success of the teaching and research activities undertaken by the scholar.

3. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The candidate must carefully read the [Application Instructions](https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2027) and submit the online application form, available at <https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2027>, indicating “**Chair J. William Fulbright-Dr. Ruth Cardoso**” in the Award Information, cycle 2027-2028, and including the following mandatory documents, **all in English**:

- **Brazilian passport ID pages**, if available, or official ID document with photo (ex. CIN, RG, or CNH);
- **CV** with no more than three pages;
- **Ph.D. certificate or diploma** (original document; translation not required);
- **Research project statement** with bibliography;
- **Course syllabus**, with no more than ten pages;

- **Plan of Activities;**
- **Paystub** (*contra cheque*);
- **Previous DS-2019 forms and visas** on the passport, if the candidate has already received a J-1 visa;
- **Letter of support from institution of affiliation:** employer's declaration must indicate the date of admission and the present status of the contract (active and full-time); and
- **Two letters of reference.**

4. SELECTION PROCESS

The Fulbright Commission will screen and **analyze, by peer review**, all valid applications. A multidisciplinary faculty review panel at the Host University will assess the academic and professional qualifications of eligible candidates and the relevance of their proposed courses and research projects. An interview may be required. The Fulbright Commission and the University will nominate the selected candidate for final approval by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Preference will be given to candidates with little or no significant previous academic experience in the U.S.

Note: Plagiarism will result in disqualification from participating in the program.

5. TIMELINE

- **November 15, 2026:** deadline for online application submissions;
- **February, 2026:** results of the selection process;
- **Fall 2027 or Spring 2028:** activities at the host institution.

6. INFORMATION

Grantees will be required to complete their Fulbright grant in the academic program specified in the grant document. Grant dates and funding amounts stated in the grant document are subject to change. Prospective Fulbright participants should be aware that public health conditions, availability of consular services and travel, as well as U.S. institutional operating status and policies may affect their ability to travel to the U.S. and participate in academic programs. The grant is activated only if the grantee can obtain a passport, J-1 visa, and enter the United States to start the academic program outlined in the grant document.

Additional information about the **Distinguished Chair J. William Fulbright-Dr. Ruth Cardoso at Georgetown University** can be found at www.fulbright.org.br
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