

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – CYCLE 2025-2026
PROGRAM FOR BRAZILIAN CITIZENS
FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA) PROGRAM

The FLTA is a non-degree program designed to increase mutual understanding between the United States and Brazil, fostering Portuguese language proficiency at U.S. colleges and universities. It provides an opportunity for recent graduate Brazilian teachers to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of the cultures and customs of the U.S.

Grantees will engage in non-degree studies while strengthening Portuguese language instruction and Brazil's cultures and traditions at U.S. colleges and universities.

The Commission will award up to **10 grants** for recent graduate Brazilian teachers to get an opportunity to teach the Portuguese language and Brazilian culture to American students in universities and colleges for one academic year (**nine months**), beginning in **August/September 2025** and ending in **May/June 2026**. FLTAs must attend two academic courses per semester: one of the courses will be related to American studies (American history and culture).

1. ELIGIBILITY

The candidate must have received a bachelor's or degree in Languages **after December 31st 2019** and meet the English language requirements indicated below. Applicants cannot cumulate this award with any other similar grant for the same purpose. Dependents cannot accompany candidates during their assistantships and must be able to travel to the U.S. without an escort. Only Brazilian citizens are eligible, and dual Brazilian/U.S. citizens are not.

The candidate must stay in Brazil during the selection and affiliation process, and before the departure to the U.S.

FLTA minimum English language requirement is assessed through standardized test scores, obtained after **July, 2023**: 81 (Internet Based TOEFL - iBT); 6.5 (IELTS); or 110 (Duolingo).

2. FUNDING

The program funds the following:

- Monthly maintenance: to cover living expenses, variable accordingly the host institution;
- International air ticket;
- Book allowance;
- Settling-In allowance;
- Limited health care benefit plan (ASPE - Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges);
- Orientation Seminar; and
- J-1 visa fee.

3. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The candidate must carefully read the Application Instructions and submit the online application form both available at www.fulbright.org.br, including all the following mandatory supporting documents:

- **Brazilian passport ID pages**, if available, or official ID document with photo (ex. RG or CNH).
- **Academic transcripts**: Applicants must submit official, complete and certified diplomas and transcripts **in Portuguese**, covering the entire period of study at universities and other post-secondary institutions;
- **CV in English**, no more than two pages;
- TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo **score report**;

- **Copy of previous DS-2019 forms and visas** on the passport (original document) if the candidate has already received a J-1 visa; and
- **Three letters of reference in English.**

Applicants must also send through the Fulbright Brazil Platform, available at the Commission's website, **a thirty-seconds video clip** in English as part of the selection process, answering the question: **why do you want to be an FLTA?**

Candidates must submit their applications through the online application system and send the video clip by the deadline, **July 28th, 2024**. The Fulbright Commission will not consider applications with inaccurate, insufficient, or inconsistent data or missing supporting documents and video clip.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

The Fulbright Commission will screen and select all valid applications. A peer review panel, nominated by the Commission, will assess candidates' academic and professional qualifications. All selected candidates will be interviewed by videoconference in English. Priority will be given for all qualified individuals; priority will be given to underrepresented groups.

The Fulbright Commission will nominate the pre-selected candidate for approval by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB).

The candidates will then participate in the placement process to be selected by a host. university. Only then the candidates will be confirmed in the Program.

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

5. TIMELINE

- **July 28, 2024:** deadline for online application and video clip submission;
- **October/November, 2024:** videoconference or phone interviews;
- **December, 2024:** results of the selection process;
- **August/September 2025:** start of activities in the U.S.

6. ADDITIONAL 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.

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