

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026  
PROGRAM FOR BRAZILIAN CITIZENS  
FULBRIGHT BRAZIL DISTINGUISHED CHAIR AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN**

**The Fulbright Brazil Distinguished Chair at The University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin)** will be awarded to a Brazilian scholar to spend an academic term lecturing and researching in the field of **Renewable Energy** during the Fall Semester 2025 (September to December 2025) or Spring Semester 2026 (January to May 2026), following the UT Austin academic calendar.

The award is intended to foster teaching and research collaboration in renewable energy and related fields among scholars at UT Austin and institutions in Brazil. Candidates shall submit a detailed proposal for lecturing and research, including a detailed syllabus for a three-hour weekly seminar and research plan indicating a preference for a particular department, center, laboratory, or other academic unit at UT Austin.

The ideal candidates are experienced in the field of renewable energy with interest in collaborating with faculty at UT Austin. The selected scholar will be hosted by the department that best aligns with the proposed lecture or research topic. In addition to research and teaching, the selected scholar will be expected to present in a forum to be determined in consultation with the host institution, participate in events related to Brazil, and establish long-term inter-institutional connections.

### **About UT Austin**

As a leading research university in Texas, UT Austin welcomes 53,000 students from all 50 states in the United States and 130 countries. The University has 3,500 faculty members and top programs nationwide across 19 colleges and schools. Austin is a city recognized for its creative and entrepreneurial spirit and the university offers countless opportunities for the artists, scientists, athletes, entrepreneurs, and engineers of the future. UT Austin ranks number 9 among the best public universities in the United States in U.S. News & World Report rankings and number 34 worldwide according to the Center for World University Rankings.

### **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 December 31st, 2016. Candidates that have held a J-1 visa in the past must have returned to Brazil before August 1st, 2023, 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 and a record of professional experience along with intellectual production in the proposed area during the last ten years. The candidate must stay in Brazil during the 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 Program will award funding for one visiting scholar based on a four-month stay, as follows:

- US\$ 32,400 for 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, Fulbright (US\$ 16,200) and UT Austin/Texas Global (US\$ 16,200). The income paid by UT Austin is subject to tax, determined under tax accounting rules;
- Limited health coverage through Fulbright's ASPE - Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges;
- Visa J-1 fee; 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](#) and submit the online application form, available at <https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2025> indicating **“Chair at UT Austin”** in the Award Information, cycle 2025-2026, and including the following mandatory documents, **all in English:**

- Brazilian passport ID pages, pages, if available, or photo ID. If the candidate has already received a J-1 visa, copy of the DS-2019 form and the visa page from the passport
- Resume (CV), no more than three pages
- Ph.D. certificate or diploma (original document; translation not required)
- Letter of support from home institution: employer’s declaration must indicate the date of admission and the present status of the contract (active and full-time)
- Pay Stub (*contracheque* original document; translation not required)
- Syllabus for proposed course
- Research project description with bibliography
- Plan of Activities
- Two letters of reference

## 4. SELECTION PROCESS

The Fulbright Commission will screen and **analyze, by peer review**, all valid applications. UT Austin will assess valid candidates’ academic and professional qualifications and the relevance of their proposed courses and research projects. An interview may be required. The Fulbright

Commission and UT Austin 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.

## 5. TIMELINE

- **July 28, 2024:** deadline for online applications submission
- **December 2024:** results of the selection process announced
- **Fall 2025 or Spring 2026:** 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 and a J-1 visa to enter the United States and start the academic program outlined in the grant document.

Additional information about the **Fulbright Brazil Distinguished Chair at UT Austin** at [www.fulbright.org.br](http://www.fulbright.org.br) Camila Menezes ([camila@fulbright.org.br](mailto:camila@fulbright.org.br))