

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026
PROGRAM FOR BRAZILIAN CITIZENS
FULBRIGHT DISTINGUISHED CHAIR AT
RICE UNIVERSITY**

The Fulbright Distinguished Award in Economics at Rice University, Houston, Texas (Rice) will give one award for a Brazilian scholar to spend one academic semester lecturing and researching in the fall term 2025 (September to December 2025) or spring term 2026 (January to May 2026), following RICE academic year calendar.

The award is intended to foster teaching and research in the area of Economics. Candidates for the Award shall submit a detailed proposal for lecturing and/or research related to a field of study to be carried out during the fall 2025 semester or the spring 2026 semester. The ideal candidates are working in areas of economics, to visit Rice University and engage in research collaborations with faculty at Rice University. The selected research scholars will be hosted by faculty in the department of economics at Rice University and will be engaged in collaborative research, engage in pedagogy, give scientific talks/seminars and build long-term inter-institutional connections.

Lecturing proposals should include a detailed syllabus for a three-hour weekly graduate seminar, as conceived within one of the disciplines taught at RICE. Research proposals should consist of a site or laboratory, and proposed RICE affiliation.

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 benefited of 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 Chair will award funding for one visiting scholar based on a four-month stay, as follows:

- US\$ 30,200 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, RICE (US\$ 14,000) and Fulbright (US\$ 16,200);
- 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](#) and submit the online application form, available at <https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2025> indicating **“Chair at Rice University”** 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 and/or Research Project Statement with bibliography.
- Plan of Activities; and
- Two letters of reference.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

The Fulbright Commission will screen and **analyze, by peer review**, all valid applications. A multi-disciplinary faculty review panel at Emory University 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 Emory 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.

5. TIMELINE

- **August 31, 2024:** deadline for online applications submission;
- **December, 2024:** results of the selection process;
- **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, J-1 visa and enter the United States to start the academic program outlined in the grant document.

Additional information about the **“Fulbright Distinguished Chair at RICE University”** at www.fulbright.org.br

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Please find the attachment below:

ATTACHMENT

Welcome to the Department of Economics at Rice University

Located in Houston, Texas's vibrant and dynamic city, [Rice University's Department of Economics](#) is renowned for its rigorous academic programs, distinguished faculty, and impactful research. As one of the leading economics departments in the United States, we offer a stimulating environment that fosters intellectual growth and scholarly excellence.

Our Mission

The Department of Economics, situated within the School of Social Sciences at Rice University, is a center of excellence for research and teaching in economics. Our faculty is committed to advancing knowledge in all theoretical, empirical, and applied economics areas. We aim to foster a better understanding of the importance of economic research in formulating and assessing public policy and to train students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in economic theory and empirical methods and their applications in various fields.

Academic Excellence

The Department of Economics at Rice University provides a comprehensive and challenging curriculum covering various economic theories and applications. Our programs include:

- **Undergraduate Program:** Our undergraduate program offers a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, with options to specialize in areas such as financial economics, managerial economics, and economic policy. Students benefit from small class sizes, personalized advising, and opportunities for research collaboration with faculty.
- **Master of Energy Economics:** This specialized program prepares students for careers in the energy sector, equipping them with the skills to analyze energy markets and policies.
- **Ph.D. Program:** We offer a rigorous Ph.D. program to prepare students for careers in academia, government, and the private sector. Our graduate students engage in cutting-edge research and benefit from close mentorship by our esteemed faculty.

Distinguished Faculty

Our faculty members are recognized leaders in their fields, contributing to advancing economic knowledge through their research, publications, and participation in global economic discussions. They bring a wealth of expertise in diverse areas such as:

- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- Econometrics
- Development Economics
- Labor Economics
- Health Economics
- Energy and Environmental Economics

Research and Collaboration

The department is connected with several research centers and institutes that facilitate collaborative research and provide platforms for scholarly exchange. These include:

- **The Baker Institute for Public Policy:** An influential policy research organization that addresses critical economic and public policy issues, especially in Energy Economics and Health Economics.
- **Kinder Institute for Urban Research:** This institute focuses on urban economics and provides insights into education, economic mobility, housing, public health, and population dynamics.

- **The Texas Policy Lab:** A hub for evidence-based policy research that aims to improve public services and economic outcomes.

We encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and regularly host seminars, workshops, and conferences that bring together leading economists and policymakers worldwide.

Houston: A Thriving Hub

Houston's diverse and robust economy offers a rich economic study and research context. As the fourth-largest city in the United States, Houston is a global hub for energy, healthcare, finance, and technology industries. The city's dynamic business environment provides ample opportunities for practical engagement and real-world applications of economic theory.

Join Us

The Department of Economics at Rice University is a vibrant academic community that fosters scholarly excellence and produces impactful research. We invite scholars who share our commitment to explore the frontiers of economic knowledge. For more information about our programs, faculty, and research initiatives, please visit our website or contact us directly. We look forward to welcoming you to our community of scholars and contributing to your academic and professional growth.