

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025**FULBRIGHT DISTINGUISHED AWARD AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
M.D. ANDERSON CANCER CENTER (MD ANDERSON)**

The **Fulbright Distinguished Award at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center (MD Anderson)** will give one Award for a Brazilian scholar to spend one academic semester lecturing and researching in the fall term 2024 (September to December 2024) or spring term 2025 (January to May 2025), following MD Anderson academic year calendar. The Award aims to foster teaching, lecturing, and research in cancer research. The ideal candidate might have interdisciplinary research interests and course proposals. Candidates for the Award shall submit a detailed proposal for lecturing and/or research related to the **priority fields** below, during the fall 2024 semester or the spring 2025 semester:

- Population-based Research;
- Genome Biology and Medicine;
- Cancer Biology and Metastasis; and
- Immunology and Immunotherapy.

Lecturing should include a detailed syllabus for a three-hour weekly graduate seminar as conceived within one of the research areas at MD Anderson. Research consists of a detailed research plan, including a timeline, expected resource needs, proposed research site, or laboratory.

Please note that, with the COVID-19 outbreak, all Fulbright programs are contingent upon local restrictions, border controls, sanitary procedures, and the availability of funds. The Fulbright Commission will implement the Award only if those conditions are met.

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, 2015. Candidates that have benefited of J-1 visa in the past must have returned to Brazil before August 1st, 2022, to be eligible for the Fulbright Program. **Former Fulbright Chair awardees, dual Brazilian/U.S. citizens, and candidates hired temporarily or as substitute professors are not eligible.** Candidates must demonstrate outstanding academic qualifications and a record of professional experience, and

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 Award funds one visiting scholar based on a one-semester stay at MD Anderson, 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). MD Anderson and Fulbright Commission will pay the award in equal shares;
- Limited health coverage through ASPE – Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges;
- Visa J-1 and J-2 fee;
- Access to the facilities and services of MD Anderson, such as office space and internet connection; access to collaborative research space, libraries, and any other courtesies and amenities customarily 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/fvsp2024> indicating **"Distinguished Scholar Awards in the University of Texas Cancer Research at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center,"** in the Country Information, cycle 2024-2025, and including the following documents, **all in English:**

- Brazilian passport ID pages, pages, if available, or photo I.D. If the candidate has already received a J-1 visa, copy of the DS-2019 form and the visa page on the passport;
- Resume (C.V.), no more than three pages;
- Ph.D. certificate or diploma (original document; translation not required);
- Pay Stub (*contracheque* original document; translation not needed);
- 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);
- Research Project Statement with bibliography;
- Syllabus;
- Plan of Activities; and
- Two letters of reference.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

The Fulbright Commission will review all applications and select the complete ones from eligible candidates. A peer review panel, nominated by the Fulbright Commission, will assess candidates' academic and professional qualifications and the relevance of proposals. An interview may be required.

The Fulbright Commission will submit the pre-selected candidate by MD Anderson to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for final approval. Candidates from groups underrepresented in the program with no significant previous academic experience in the U.S. will be preferred.

5. TIMELINE

- **August, 30th, 2023:** deadline for online applications submission;
- **December 2023:** final results of the selection process;
- **Fall term 2024 or spring term 2025:** activities at MD Anderson.

6. INFORMATION

Additional information about the "**Fulbright Distinguished Award University of Texas at the MD Anderson Cancer Center,**" at www.fulbright.org.br
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