

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)
DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH AWARD (DDRA)**

General Information

1. Is there an instruction manual for the application?

Yes. Fulbright has prepared a specific guide for Brazilian applicants available on its official website.

2. What is the DDRA program?

DDRA is a scholarship program that allows PhD students enrolled at Brazilian universities to conduct part of their research in the United States.

3. Does Fulbright provide a list of universities?

No. Applicants must independently select and contact their host institution and obtain an acceptance letter.

4. Is the program open to all fields?

No. Eligible fields are listed in the official call.

5. Program duration?

The program must last exactly 9 months and begin in August/September 2027.

6. Who is eligible?

Only Brazilian citizens (native or naturalized) enrolled in a PhD program in Brazil.

Application Documents

1. Do I need a passport?

No. A valid government-issued photo ID is sufficient.

2. Do documents need translation?

No. Documents must be submitted in their original language.

3. What if I do not have my master's diploma yet?

Submit an official certificate or declaration of completion.

4. Is the acceptance letter required?

Yes. It is mandatory and must be submitted at the time of application.

5. What should the acceptance letter include?

Official letterhead, contact details, host institution info, start/end dates, research description, and signature.

Academic Requirements

6. What transcripts are required?

Applicants must submit academic records according to their background, including current PhD enrollment.

7. Personal statement requirements?

Maximum one page, font size 11, must not mention U.S. institutions, and should describe academic and professional trajectory.

8. CV requirements?

Both applicant and advisor CVs must be in English.

9. Research project length?

Maximum 10 pages, excluding bibliography.

Additional Documents

1. Study plan format?

No fixed format, but must follow the call guidelines. Mentioning the host institution is mandatory.

2. Home institution letter?

Must confirm enrollment, institutional support, and expected PhD completion date.

3. Recommendation letters?

Three letters in English (one advisor, two referees), all required by the deadline.

English Proficiency

1. Is it required?

Yes. A valid test score must be submitted at the time of application.

2. Minimum score?

Applicants must meet the minimum score specified in the call.

3. Other tests accepted?

No. Only those listed in the call are accepted.

Submission Process

1. How to submit documents?

All documents must be submitted through the online platform.

2. Can I send documents by email or mail?

No. Only online submissions are accepted.

Video Requirement

1. How to submit?

Upload via the Fulbright platform. The link for submitting the video is available on our official program webpage, along with the call for applications. Please note that the video must be submitted through a platform different from the online application submission platform.

2. Format?

MP4 format only.

Financial Information

1. Scholarship amount?

Varies by location and follows U.S. Department of State MMR rates. The funding amounts are provided annually by the U.S. Department of State to Fulbright, and these amounts are communicated to the selected grantees for the academic program.

2. Dependents?

Allowed, but no additional funding is provided. All costs must be covered by the grantee.

3. Tuition fees?

Not covered by Fulbright. Applicants must verify directly with institutions.

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