

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – CYCLE 2026-2027
PROGRAMS FOR BRAZILIAN CITIZENS
VISITING SCHOLAR AWARD

The Fulbright Commission is pleased to launch the call for applications for the **Visiting Scholar Award**. This award is part of the Fulbright Program. The Commission offers, in open competition, up to **ten awards** in selected disciplines for Brazilian scholars. Candidates must be faculty members/researchers, working full-time at a Brazilian higher education institution/research institute, interested in conducting research, lecturing, teaching courses, or advanced seminars at higher education institutions or research centers in the United States. The length of the award can be three or four months in fall 2026 (September to December) or spring 2027 (January to May). The Commission will also allow awardees to split the four-month award into two-month in-country visits to the same U.S. host institution (flex award). The two visits must take place over the academic year 2026-2027. The gap between the visits must be of no less than three months.

1. ELIGIBILITY

The candidates must be Brazilian citizens, and faculty members working under a full-time and active contract in a Brazilian higher education institution. They must also have achieved a doctoral degree. English language proficiency compatible with the proposed activities is a requirement. The candidates must hold a Brazilian passport. **Dual Brazilian/U.S. citizens; candidates hired temporarily or as substitute professors, and former Fulbright Visiting Scholars awardees are not eligible.**

Former J-1 visa beneficiaries must have returned to Brazil before August 1st, 2024, to be eligible for the Fulbright Program. Applicants must demonstrate academic qualification along with intellectual production in the proposed area of interest. The candidate must stay in Brazil during the following phases: selection, affiliation, and departure to the U.S.; applicants cannot cumulate this award with any other similar award for the same purpose.

1.1 Eligible Fields of Study

I. Life Sciences

(i) Agricultural Sciences: Agricultural Science, Fisheries Management, Food Science, Veterinary Medicine, and Zootechnics; (ii) Biological Sciences: Biodiversity, and Biology; and (iii) Health Sciences: Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Nutrition, Pharmacy, and Physical Education.

II. Humanities

(i) Applied Social Sciences: Architecture and design; Demography, and Economics; (ii) Human Sciences: Archaeology, Education, History, International Relations, Philosophy, and Psychology; and (iii) Language, Literature and Art: Arts, Language and Literature

III. Earth Science, Technologies and Multidisciplinary Studies

(i) Earth sciences: Astronomy, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth sciences, Mathematics, Physics, and Probability and Statistics; (ii) Engineering; and (iii) Multidisciplinary Studies: Biotechnology, Materials Science, Sciences and Humanities for Basic Education; Teaching and learning

2. FUNDING

The Commission will fund the following items:

- Living-costs and international travel: US\$ 19,200 for continuous four-month stay, US\$ 20,200 for flex award or US\$ 14,400 for three-month stay;
- Limited health care benefit plan (ASPE - Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges); and
- J-1 and J-2 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, all in English**:

- **Brazilian passport ID pages**, if available, or official ID document with photo (ex. CIN, RG or CNH)
- **CV** with no more than three pages
- **Ph.D. certificate or diploma** (original document; translation not required)
- **Project statement and/or course syllabus**, with no more than ten pages
- **Bibliography** of the research project and/or syllabus, with no more than two pages
- **Paystub** (*contra cheque*)
- **Previous DS-2019 forms and visas** on the passport, if the candidate has already received a J-1 visa
- **Letter of support from institution of affiliation**: employer's declaration must indicate the date of admission and the present status of the contract (active and full-time);

- **Invitation Letter** from the U.S. host institution, which must include:
 - o a paragraph confirming that the English proficiency of the candidate is sufficient to undertake the activities in the U.S.
 - o the proposed period of stay in the U.S.
 - o free-of-charge access to the facilities and services of the institution, such as laboratories and libraries
- **Three 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 Commission, will assess candidates' academic and professional qualifications and the relevance of their proposals.

An interview may be required. The Fulbright Commission will nominate the selected candidates for final approval by the *J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board*. Preference will be given to candidates with no significant previous academic experience in the U.S.

Note: plagiarism will result in disqualification from participating in the program.

5. TIMELINE

- **August 3, 2025:** submission deadline;
- **December 2025:** announcement of the selected candidates; and
- **Fall 2026 or Spring 2027:** activities in the U.S.

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.

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