



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: ACADEMIC YEAR 2027-2028  
PROGRAM FOR BRAZILIAN CITIZENS  
FULBRIGHT DISTINGUISHED CHAIR AT  
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN**

The Fulbright Distinguished Chair Award at University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) will give one award for a Brazilian scholar to spend one academic semester lecturing and researching in the fall term 2027 (September to December) or spring term 2028 (January to May), following UT Austin academic year calendar.

The award is intended to foster teaching and research in areas including **quantum science & engineering, AI, machine learning, cybersecurity, distributed systems & cloud computing, data science and analytics**. 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 2027 semester or the spring 2028 semester. The ideal candidates are working in areas of **quantum science & engineering, AI, machine learning, cybersecurity, distributed systems & cloud computing, data science and analytics**, visiting UT Austin University, and engaging in research collaborations with faculty at the University. The selected research scholars will be hosted by faculty in a corresponding research area at UT Austin 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 UT Austin. Research proposals should consist of a site or laboratory, and proposed UT Austin affiliation.

***The 2027–2028 awardees will stand out as Fulbright Brazil's 70<sup>th</sup> cohort, a milestone in the bilateral academic exchange.***

## **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, 2018. Candidates that have benefited of J-1 visa in the past must have returned to Brazil before August 1st, 2025, 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 following phases: 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\$ 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 (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; 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 GUIDELINE**

The candidate must carefully read the [Application Instructions](https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2027) and submit the online application form, available at <https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2027>, indicating **"Chair at UT Austin University"** in the Award Information, cycle 2027-2028, and including the following mandatory 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);
- **Research project statement** with bibliography;
- **Course syllabus**, with no more than ten pages;
- **Plan of Activities**;

- **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); 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 the Host 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 the 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.

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

#### 5. TIMELINE

- **August 2, 2026:** deadline for online application submissions;
- **December, 2026:** results of the selection process;
- **Fall 2027 or Spring 2028:** 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 UT Austin"** at [www.fulbright.org.br](http://www.fulbright.org.br)  
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