



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: ACADEMIC YEAR 2027-2028
PROGRAM FOR BRAZILIAN CITIZENS
FULBRIGHT DISTINGUISHED CHAIR AT
PURDUE UNIVERSITY, WEST LAFAYETTE**

The Fulbright Chair in **Interdisciplinary Studies at Purdue University, West Lafayette** is given a new emphasis each year, and for 2026-2027 Academic Year it is **digital agriculture, including artificial intelligence (AI) applications in agriculture**. Purdue's John Martinson Honors College, which hosts the Fulbright Chair, emphasizes interdisciplinary learning and serves undergraduates pursuing disciplines from all areas of the university. Purdue's College of Agriculture will collaborate with the Honors College to give one award for a Brazilian scholar. The scholar will spend one academic semester researching and lecturing in the fall term 2026 or the spring term 2027, in accordance with the host institution's calendar.

Applications must include a Syllabus and a Research Project Statement related to Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis on **digital agriculture, including artificial intelligence (AI) applications in agriculture**. In addition, the scholar will be expected to meet the challenges of their area in a future in which interdisciplinary approaches from traditionally disparate areas such as liberal arts, sciences, agriculture, and engineering necessarily perform together. For academic year 2026-2027, preference will be given to candidates who are using **interdisciplinary approaches** in their research and teaching.

The visiting scholar will be affiliated with Purdue's John Martinson Honors College and the College of Agriculture. The visiting scholar will teach a single three-credit interdisciplinary Honors College course (typically capped at 20 undergraduate students) of the scholar's design and conduct research in digital agriculture, including artificial intelligence (AI) applications in agriculture.

The 2027–2028 awardees will stand out as Fulbright Brazil's 70th 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\$ 28,000 (twenty-eight thousand U.S. dollars), for maintenance, housing, settling-in allowance, and international round-trip air ticket;
- 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/fvsp2027> indicating "**Distinguished Chair at Purdue 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);
- **Previous DS-2019 forms and visas** on the passport, if the candidate has already received a J-1 visa;
- **CV** with no more than three pages;

- **Ph.D. certificate or diploma** (original document; translation not required);
- **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
- **Paystub** (*contra cheque*);
- **Syllabus** for an interdisciplinary course accessible to Purdue undergraduate students with a minimum 3.0 GPA and varied disciplinary backgrounds;
- **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 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 applications submission;
- **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 Purdue University"** at www.fulbright.org.br.
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