

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – CYCLE 2023-2024
PROGRAMS FOR BRAZILIAN CITIZENS

JUNIOR FACULTY MEMBER AWARD

The Fulbright Commission is pleased to launch the call for applications for the **Junior Faculty Member Award**. This award is part of the Fulbright Program, which aims to promote mutual understanding between peoples from the United States and other countries.

The Commission offers, in open competition, up to **ten awards** in all disciplines for Brazilian scholars. Candidates must be recently tenured 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 2023 (September to December) or spring 2024 (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. The first visit must start in August/September 2023 or January/February 2024. The gap between the two visits must be of no less than two months. No visits are allowed during the summer (June-August).

1. ELIGIBILITY

The candidates must be Brazilian citizens, faculty members working under a full-time contract in a Brazilian higher education institution. They must also have achieved the doctoral degree after **December 31st, 2015**. 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 are not eligible.

Former J-1 visa beneficiaries must have returned to Brazil before August 1st, 2021, to be eligible for the Fulbright Program. Former Fulbright grantees must have returned from their grant before August 1st, 2016.

Applicants must demonstrate academic qualification along with intellectual production in the proposed area of interest. The candidates 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.

2. FUNDING

The Commission will fund:

- Living-costs and international travel: US\$ 15,600 for a continuous four-month stay, US\$16,600 for a split one, or US\$ 11,700 for a three-month stay;
- Limited health care benefit plan (ASPE - Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges); and
- J-1 visa fee.

3. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The candidates 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:

- **Brazilian passport ID pages**, if available, or official ID document with photo (ex. RG or CNH);
- **Ph.D. certificate or diploma** (original document; translation not required);
- **CV in English**, no more than three pages;
- **Project statement or course syllabus**;
- **Bibliography** of the research project or syllabus;
- **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);
- **Paystub** (*contra cheque*, original document - translation not required);
- **Invitation Letter** from the U.S. host institution, which must include:
 - a paragraph confirming that the English proficiency of the candidate is sufficient to undertake the activities in the U.S.;
 - the proposed period of stay in the U.S.; and
 - free-of-charge access to the facilities and services of the institution, such as laboratories and libraries;
- **Previous DS-2019 forms and visas** on the passport, if the candidate has already received a J-1 visa; and
- **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. Priority will be provided for underrepresented groups.

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

5. TIMELINE

- **August 1st, 2022**: submission deadline;
- **December 2022**: announcement of the selected candidates; and
- **Fall 2023 or spring 2024**: activities in the U.S.

6. ADDITIONAL 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, and 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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