

GRANTS FOR BRAZILIANS

SCHOLARS, GRADUATE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

The Fulbright Commission is pleased to launch the call for applications to Brazilian citizens to develop academic activities in the U.S. These awards are part of the Fulbright Program and promote mutual understanding between peoples from the United States and others countries.

The Commission will award, in open competition, the grants below to Brazilian citizens living in the country: faculty members, graduate students and recently graduated language teachers.

Fulbright Program	Up to
All Disciplines Scholar Award	10
Junior Faculty Member Award	10
Doctoral Dissertation Research Award - Doutorado-Sanduíche	30
Foreign Language Teaching Assistantship - FLTA	15
Fulbright Chair at Purdue University	1
Fulbright Chair at Emory University	1
Fulbright Chair in Brazilian Studies at University of Massachusetts, Amherst	1

In the coming weeks, another six Chairs will be launched in the following institutions: Georgetown University; University of California, Davis; University of Texas, Austin; University of New Jersey, Rutgers; the City University of New York and Indiana University, Bloomington.

The grants will be awarded over the U.S academic year 2021-2022 from **August/ September 2021** to **May/ June 2022.** The duration is variable, going from four months to scholars and nine months to students and teachers.

A broader information package for each grant is available at <u>www.fulbright.org.br</u>. **Applications must be submitted by August 2nd, 2020.**

It is a unique opportunity to participate in the U.S. flagship educational exchange program and become a *Fulbrighter* for life.

Sincerely,

Luiz Valcov Loureiro, PhD

Executive Director Fulbright Commission in Brazil



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - CYCLE 2021-2022

FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAM (FLTA)

The FLTA is a non-degree program designed to increase mutual understanding between the United States and Brazil fostering Portuguese language proficiency at U.S. colleges and universities. It provides an opportunity for recent graduate Brazilian teachers to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of the cultures and customs of the U.S. by engaging in non-degree studies while strengthening the instruction of the Portuguese language and of the cultures and customs of Brazil at U.S. colleges and universities.

The Commission will award up to **15 grants** for recent graduate Brazilian teachers to get an opportunity to teach Portuguese language and Brazilian culture to American students in universities and colleges for one academic year (**9 months**), usually beginning in **August/September 2021** and ending in **May/June 2022**. FLTAs are required to attend two academic courses per semester, in which, one must be related to American studies (American history and culture).

1. ELIGIBILITY

The candidate must have received a bachelor's degree in English and/or Portuguese Languages **after December 31**st, **2015** and meet English language requirements indicated below. This grant cannot be cumulated with any other similar grant with the same purpose. **Candidates cannot be accompanied by dependents** during their assistantships and must be able to travel to the U.S. without an escort. Only Brazilians citizens are eligible and dual Brazilian/U.S. citizens are not.

FLTA minimum English language requirement are assessed through standard test scores, obtained after **July 27th, 2017**: no less than 550 (TOEFL-ITP); 79 (Internet Based TOEFL - iBT); or 6.0 (IELTS). The pre-selected candidates, without a standard test scores valid in August 2021, will be required to retake the test in November 2020. A pre-selected candidate must achieve the minimum scores as indicate above in order to get the award.

Note: The candidate must live in Brazil from the submission of the application through the departure to the U.S.

2. FUNDING

The program funds:

- Monthly maintenance: to cover living expenses, variable accordingly the host institution;
- International air ticket;
- Book allowance;
- Settling-In allowance;
- Health care plan;
- Orientation Seminar;
- Mid-term Enhancement Seminar in the U.S.; and
- J-1 visa fee.

3. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The candidate must carefully read the Application Instructions and submit the online application form both available at <u>https://apply.iie.org/flta2021</u>, **including all the following mandatory supporting documents**:



- **Brazilian passport ID pages**, if available, or official ID document with photo (ex. RG or CNH). If the candidate has already received a J-1 visa, copy of the DS-2019 form and the visa on the passport;
- Academic transcripts: Applicants must submit official, complete and certified diplomas and transcripts in Portuguese, covering the entire period of study at universities and other post-secondary institutions;
- CV in English, no more than three pages;
- TOEFL or IELTS Score report; and
- Three letters of reference in English.

Applicants must also send through the Fulbright Brazil Platform, available at the Commission's website, **a thirty-seconds video clip** in English as part of the selection process, answering the question: **why do you want to be an FLTA?**

Candidates must submit their applications through the online application system and send the video clip until the deadline, **August 2nd 2020**. The Fulbright Commission will not consider applications with inaccurate, insufficient or inconsistent data or missing supporting documents and video clip.

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

4. SELECTION PROCESS

The Fulbright Commission will screen and select all valid applications. A peer review panel, nominated by the Commission, will assess candidates' academic and professional qualifications. An interview will be required, by videoconference or phone. The Fulbright Commission will nominate the selected candidate for final approval by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB). The program will place the selected candidates at U.S. universities that have been chosen to host FLTA fellows. Priority will be given for all qualified individuals; priority will be given to underrepresented groups.

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, contingent upon the institution's operating status, availability of the academic program, changes in the institution's academic program start date, travel availability, and evolving travel or health advisories. 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

5. TIMELINE

- August 2nd, 2020: deadline for online application and video clip submission;
- August/September, 2020: videoconference or phone interviews;
- October, 2020: results of the selection process;
- August/September 2021: start of activities in the U.S.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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