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Spotlight on Brazil: Opportunities with the US Fulbright Scholar Program

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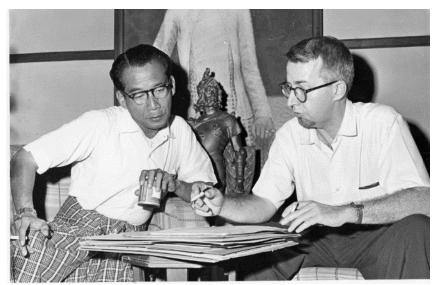
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- Established 1946 to expand and strengthen the relationships between the people of the United States and citizens of the rest of the world
- Sponsored by U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education's Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)







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380,000+Fulbrights awarded since 1946



59Nobel
Laureates



800U.S. Scholar grants annually



84Pulitzer Prize recipients



160Participants countries



71 MacArthur Fellows



37Heads of State or Government



16
Presidential Medal of
Freedom recipients

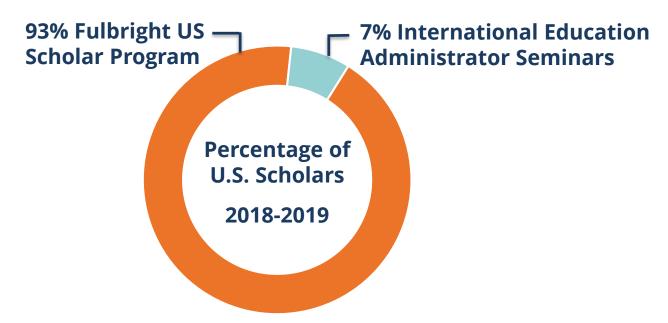






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Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Programs

- U.S. citizenship
- Degree as required by award
 - Ph.D. or other terminal degree may be required
 - Many awards are open to applicants with a Masters and professional or academic experience
- Open to professionals and artists outside academia with recognized standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- New policies on previous Fulbright Scholar grants and waiting periods between grants







Scholar Alum Insights

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Host institutionState University of Ponta Grossa

Project Title: Socio-Emotional Well-Being of Vulnerable Youth in Rural Brazil: Examining Individual and Contextual







Scholar Alum Insights

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Host institutionFederal University of Pernambuco

Project Title: Class in Crisis: An Anthropological Study of Elite Perspectives on Class Mobility in Brazil









10398-BR All Disciplines

- 30 Grants available
- Teaching, Research, or combination Teaching/Research
- Applicants must have affiliation in the US
- Applicants should have a minimum of 5 years experience beyond the doctoral degree; preference is for 8 or more years
- Any academic discipline
- Anywhere in Brazil, though a preference for institutions outside of Rio De Janeiro and Sao Paulo
- Host institution must indicate in the letter of invitation that applicant's Portuguese is sufficient for activities; or that English will suffice
- Four month grant; flex available









10400-BR Postdoctoral Award in the Natural and Applied Sciences

- Up to five grants
- Applicants should apply within five years of the PhD
- Preference for candidates without significant prior experience in Brazil
- Projects sought in a wide variety of natural and applied sciences
- Most institution must indicate in the letter of invitation that applicant's Portuguese is sufficient for activities; or that English will suffice
- Four- to nine-month grant; no flex option









- <u>10397-BR</u> Fulbright Distinguished Chair in International Relations at University of Sao Paulo (USP)
 - The candidate is expected to apply no earlier than ten years after having obtained his or her Ph.D. degree.
 - Preference will be given to candidates with ample knowledge of U.S. economics, history, law, politics, and society, as well as international relations.
 - All activities conducted in English
 - A letter of invitation should not be sought, but candidates may be in touch with our established contacts at USP (see award requirements)
 - Four month grant; flex available









- 10401-BR Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Public Policy at the Joaquim Nabuco Foundation
 - Projects are to be carried out in Recife, the capital city of Pernambuco.
 - The candidate is expected to apply no earlier than ten years after having obtained his or her Ph.D. degree.
 - All activities conducted in English
 - A letter of invitation should not be sought, but candidates may be in touch with our established contacts at FUNDAJ (see award requirements)
 - Four month grant; flex available









- 10530-BR Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Studies at the Federal University of Minas Gerais
 - Host institution- UFMG
 - Letter of invitation should not be sought, but we have an established contact at UFMG.
 - The candidate is expected to apply no earlier than ten years after having obtained his or her Ph.D. degree.
 - All activities conducted in English
 - Four month grant; flex available
 - Focus areas:
 - American Literature
 - American Studies
 - Biological Sciences







Special Considerations for Brazil

Language Requirements

- For many some awards, the host institution must indicate in its letter of invitation whether the candidate's language skills will be sufficient to carry out the proposed project in Brazil.
- For some awards, there are no particular Portuguese language requirements.

Project location

Projects are encouraged in all parts of Brazil, not only in large cities. Priority will be given to applicants who locate their projects outside of the urban areas of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, unless the award specifies an institution.

Regional Travel Award

- During their grant period, Fulbright U.S. Scholars in the Western Hemisphere region may apply for a short-term regional travel grant in eligible WHA countries.
- The Regional Travel Program covers travel to and from the destination; lodging may be offered by the hosting institution.
- Scholars apply for this grant once in country on their Fulbright grant.







Special Considerations for Brazil

- Applicants are encouraged to contact the potential host institution to discuss research interests and project feasibility. If you need assistance to facilitate the initial contact, you can reach out to the <u>Fulbright Commission</u> in Brazil.
- Projects involving field research among indigenous populations or in nature reserves must have authorization from the Brazilian government. Please contact your host for information on potential research clearance well ahead of time and allow at least 10 months for the entire process.





Application Resources

- Fulbright Scholar Program website and Catalog of Awards
- Apply
 - Application and Application Instructions
 - Application Guidelines, Project Statement Guidance and Samples
- Learn
 - Webinars
 - The Fulbright Scholar Blog
- Connect
 - MyFulbright









Application Components

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Letters of Reference
- Additional components, depending on award
 - Course Outlines or Syllabi (for teaching awards)
 - Select Bibliography (for research awards)
 - Language Proficiency Report
 - Letter of Invitation
 - Supplemental materials for applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism







Project Statement

Your opportunity to lay out your proposed project specifics in as much detail as possible

- Why Fulbright and why this country/institution/organizations?
- Focus on what you plan to **do**; the specific courses you plan to teach/the methods and goals of your research
- Outcomes from the grant impact on hosts, home institution and you
- Mow adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations?









Affiliations and Invitations

Host Institution:

- If a host is identified, it will be found under Location in the Catalog
- When a host is not identified, there are several resources to help find an affiliation:
 - International office on your campus
 - U.S. and Visiting <u>Fulbright Scholar Directory</u>
 - Review award description for suggested hosts or resources

Letter of Invitation:

- Non-binding expression of interest from proposed host abroad
- Should come from person with whom you will be collaborating
- Should be on host institution letterhead







Submitting a Competitive Application

- Address the Fulbright goal of promoting mutual understanding
- Why you are interested in a Fulbright and why in your proposed host country
- Professional expertise and skills you can offer; benefits to the host institution and host country; exchange of knowledge and experience
- Cultural diplomacy; demonstrated flexibility, adaptability
- Outcomes, impact, and multiplier effect
 - for your professional development, home campus, students, field at large; for your host institution
 - future collaborations; linkages: personal, professional, institutional; plans for sustaining relationships
 - internationalizing campus and curriculum







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