

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in Brazil

Webinar Q&A Box Questions and Answers

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Question	Answer
My research seeks to combine Brazil with other countries in the Western Hemisphere and Europe. Could you please talk about possible research support for this case?	Hello! This sounds like a project for the Global Scholar Award. For more information about that award and what support they can give, please email globalaward@iie.org .
Two questions. Any special considerations if considering Brazil as one country for a Global Scholar award? Any obstacles if I was a Fulbrighter in Brazil in 1992 as a grad student? Obrigado!	Hello! There is no obstacle if you have received a Fulbright Student award in the past. As for your first questions, please email globalaward@iie.org for any questions surrounding the Global Scholar Award.
Hi there. I saw that dual citizens are not eligible to apply for Fullbright Brazil. Does this also apply to people who were born in Brazil but who have not lived there since childhood?	Hello! If the award that most interests you says on its "Award Requirements" tab that "Dual Citizens are not eligible," then that does unfortunately mean that if you hold the citizenships, you are ineligible. I encourage you to consider other countries in the region, however!
I am a biologist, and my research project is highly specialized. Will my application be peer-reviewed by specialists in my field?	Hello! We can guarantee that at the U.S. Peer Review stage you will be reviewed by other biologists. However, once it gets to Brazil, it is better to assume the application will also be read by those outside of your field.
I've inquired and there are no Global Scholar awards. So I feel like it's a bit hard to understand things like having an institutional affiliation demonstrated in each and what is the same or different than the expectations for say a Brazil-only award. Thanks!	Hello! I recommend you attend the specific Global Award office hours, which you can find on our website fulbrightscholars.org > Connect > Office Hours. I suggest this because my colleague who runs those is best positioned to answer your questions.
Sorry I mean there are no Global Scholar *webinars*!	Hello! There are no Global Scholar Award webinars, but they are office hours, and you can email them at globalaward@iie.org .
I am a naturalized U.S.-citizen (I was born in Brazil and had most of my schooling there, except from M.A. and PhD) and would like to know if I am alegible to apply for the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program in Brazil.	Hello! For Brazil, dual citizens and permanent residents of the award country are not eligible to apply for their awards.
i am a professional artist, have enjoyed a Sacatar Institute fellowship there and wish to return and continue research into local spiritual practices and manifestations	Great! I think given your field and location, you will most likely be looking at the All Disciplines Award in Brazil, which allows for location and discipline flexibility.

<p>There are only 11 Distinguished Scholar Awards. If my application is not successful, will my application be considered for the General Research awards? It seems it is highly competitive with only 11 awards and hence I am little reluctant to apply.</p>	<p>Hello! I urge you to keep in mind that the Distinguished level can often cause people to self-select out because they do not realize they have the years of experience required. Therefore, while the "11" may seem daunting, if you qualify, I urge you to consider it! You can, however, only apply to and be considered for that one award.</p>
<p>Can one apply to both All Disciplines and Distinguished Awards?</p>	<p>Hello! No, you can only apply to one award per competition cycle.</p>
<p>I am likely not qualified for the distinguished scholar award (I expect to finish my PhD by the time of starting the grant), but the intent of the award seems to be much more aligned with what I'd propose to study. Could I apply for this, as well as an early career award at the same time?</p>	<p>Hello! Unfortunately, no. The years of experience are critical across the Fulbright Program. I recommend you propose the project under the All Disciplines award, though, knowing the type of project is of interest to Fulbright Brazil more generally.</p>
<p>Yes, I am interested in the Global Scholar Award, and have applied for it last year. I was a semifinalist, but didn't make it as a finalist. My question is how the Global Scholar Award fits in the general scheme of Brazil's Fulbright Awards.</p>	<p>I applied for Global Scholar the first years as well, and was a semifinalist, but did not make it as a finalist as well. I think the Global Scholar program is the most competitive program. So, I decided to apply to Brazil only and received the award.</p>
<p>Is Portuguese considered in the application selection process, even though it's not required? In other words, if you do speak Portuguese will you have an advantage?</p>	<p>Hello! If language is not required, it will not be a disadvantage or advantage. For more, please see the review criteria here: https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards#review-process</p>
<p>I am a naturalized U.S.-citizen (I was born in Brazil and had most of my schooling there, except from M.A. and PhD) and would like to know if I am eligible to apply for the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program in Brazil. — I am an assistant professor in a U.S. university and have links to Brazilian universities.</p>	<p>Hello! If you retain Brazilian citizenship, that may make you ineligible. Please check each award's "Award Requirements" tab to see if Dual Citizens can apply. If you do not retain that citizenship, then you will be eligible as a naturalized U.S. citizen.</p>
<p>Hi Julia! Am I eligible to apply for the distinguished scholar award in Brazil being Argentine and US citizen?</p>	<p>Hello! Yes, that is no issue. You just cannot, depending on the award, be a dual citizen of Brazil. But being an Argentinian citizen is no issue.</p>
<p>Hi Julia, the Distinguished Scholar award says 'tenured faculty' but no minimum number of years of experience is mentioned. Am I correct?</p>	<p>Hello! Distinguished Scholar Awards are viewed as the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. Awards are open to scholars who have more than seven years of experience in their discipline or area of expertise, though some awards may further restrict eligibility. All awards are open to academics and a limited number are also open to artists and professionals. Distinguished Scholars are expected to actively engage host institutions in a spirit of promoting mutual understanding and sharing knowledge. Awards may involve limited teaching, not to exceed more than one course per term, or three-hours of teaching per week. Check award descriptions for institutional affiliation requirements.</p>

<p>Is it possible to travel before July 2025 and if so, what is the cutoff month ? Could March or April work ?</p>	<p>Hello! You could, but this would have to be with your own funding, as the award periods we set are strict. The start date listed on the award is pretty firm because before that date, we are working with grantees from the previous award period.</p>
<p>I'm a professional writer and I also teach creative writing as an adjunct. Any thoughts on which kind of award I should apply for?</p>	<p>Hello! We have over 400 awards. We suggest you start of with picking a region or country you're interested in along with filtering on discipline and project activity. Office hours are also a great tool to ask these questions and speak live with IIE staff.</p>
<p>Is there anyway to use the stipend for research (supplies etc)</p>	<p>Hello! The stipend is yours to use as you see fit. It is intended to cover the full cost of your presence in the country, though, so this is at your discretion.</p>
<p>Can a private university host? For instance PUCPR</p>	<p>Christiane said "yes."</p>
<p>Is this webinar for undergraduates?</p>	<p>Hello! It is not. For the Fulbright Student Program, please visit their website.</p>
<p>Again, how can I contact Julia? Via the scholars@iie.org?</p>	<p>Hello! If you have questions that are specific to Brazil, contact westhem@iie.org.</p>
<p>Are two letters of invitation required for applications to Distinguished Scholars awards?</p>	<p>Hello! Only if you have two institutions in mind.</p>
<p>Distinguished Scholars awards do not need a host institution? Can I go for research or a teaching component is mandatory?</p>	<p>Hello! You do need a host institution, but they are named on the Distinguished Awards, so the institution is already chosen.</p>
<p>Can you please explain how the Global Scholar Award fits in the Brazil Fulbright selection? Much appreciated!</p>	<p>Hello! I recommend you attend the Global Award office hours for this question. Fulbrightscholars.org > Connect > Office Hours</p>

