

Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Award in Marine Biology and Oceanography

Award Autogenerated Code

10340-BR

Region

Western Hemisphere

Country

Brazil

Award Type

Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Award

Number of Recipients

1

Stipend

The scholar will receive a fixed sum of US\$ 5,400 per month to cover all expenses but housing. The Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN) will arrange housing for the award period at no additional cost to the scholar. Estimated housing costs at a medium priced hotel or Airbnb in a good location is US\$ 1,200 per month.

Estimated Travel and Relocation Allowance

Scholars who opt for two visits of two months each (Flex award) will receive a total of US\$ 2,400 for two international roundtrip tickets. Scholars on three or four-month awards will receive US\$ 1,500 for an international roundtrip ticket.

Dependent Tuition Allowance

All benefits are for the scholar only; there are no additional benefits for dependents.

Candidate Profile

Distinguished Chair

Activity Type

Research

Application Deadline

Closed

Award Activity

The scholar will be expected to collaborate and interact with faculty, postdocs, graduate, and undergraduate students in the field of Oceanography, Marine Biology, Ecology, and Geology. In addition to performing research, this interaction can include teaching activities in the graduate programs of Ecology, Geology, and Environment and Development. Teaching activities should not exceed three hours per week.

The host institution, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN), supports cutting-edge research that provides novel insights on how the ocean and marine life deal with synergistic impacts of global climate change and local-scale stressors. Such research encompasses a wide range of disciplines from the molecular to the habitat level and includes empirical, experimental, and modeling approaches.

For further information about this award, please visit the [Fulbright Commission website](#) ^[1].

Award Length

Three to four months; for Flex awards see Flex description

Award Dates

First possible start date: July 1, 2022

Last possible end date: September 30, 2023

Be aware that most institutions take a recess between December and January. For Flex awards, please see the Flex Option section.

Locations

[Oceanography and Limnology Department at the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte \(UFRN\), campus of Natal](#) ^[2]

Marine Biology and Oceanography, focusing on Marine Geology, Fisheries, and Biodiversity, are among the research priorities at the **Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN)**, campus of Natal, located on the Northeastern shore of Brazil.

Much of the Southwestern Atlantic Ocean's dynamics and biodiversity remains to be unraveled, likewise its future trajectories facing current threats. Given the climate crisis and its impacts on marine ecosystems and considering the beginning of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, the university aims to strengthen and expand marine research focusing on quality and impact.

Flex Option

Yes

Flex Description

Flex awards allow the stay to be split into two visits of **two months each** between July 1, 2022, and September 30, 2023. There must be a period of at least two months between the two in-country stays.

Discipline Type

Only applications in the following disciplines will be considered

Disciplines

Biology

Oceanography

Areas of Interest

- Marine biology
- Climate change and ocean dynamics
- Experimental and modeling approaches on the impacts of ocean warming and acidification on marine organisms and ecosystems
- Marine pollution: heavy metals, contaminants, sewage, plastic waste
- Molecular ecology of marine organisms: microbiomes, holobionts, population connectivity, evolution, and gene expression
- Patterns and processes in marine community ecology and ecosystem functioning
- Geohabitat mapping and benthic habitats

Special Features

For the award period, UFRN will arrange housing at no additional cost for the scholar. Estimated housing costs at a medium priced hotel or Airbnb in a good location is US\$ 1,200 per month. UFRN will also provide an English speaking student to help the scholar settle in.

Degree Requirements

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required

Additional Qualification Information

Preference for tenured faculty.

Invitation Requirement

A letter of invitation should not be sought.

Helpful Links

[Fulbright Brazil](#) ^[1]

[Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte \(UFRN\)](#) ^[2]

Multi-Country/Area Award

No

Award Length Filter

Flex

Three to five months

Invitation Requirement Additional Information

Candidates are encouraged to contact the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN) to discuss their research projects and plans and explore common interests.

Feel free to direct any project-related questions to [professor Guilherme Longo](#) ^[3] at UFRN Oceanography and Limnology Department. Please copy the [Fulbright Commission](#) ^[4] on your UFRN messages.

You will not be at a disadvantage if you do not communicate with UFRN before applying.

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Special Award Benefits

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During their grant period, Fulbright U.S. Scholars in the Western Hemisphere (WHA) region may apply for a short-term regional travel grant for activities such as workshops, seminars, presentations, lectures, performances, exhibits, curricular advising, and similar projects, at institutions in eligible WHA countries (Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados and Eastern Caribbean, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, México, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay). The Regional Travel Program covers travel to and from the destination; lodging may be offered by the hosting institution. Scholars may only apply for this grant once in country on their Fulbright grant. Scholars who apply for the Flex award are ineligible for the Regional Travel Program. Additional information can be found at the Regional Travel Program website ^[6].

Language Proficiency Requirements

None, English is sufficient.

Career Profile

Mid-Career Academics

Senior Academics

Scholars selected for this award will be required to:

- Conduct a research project of the applicant's choosing

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[1] <https://fulbright.org.br/awards-for-us-citizens/distinguished-scholar-award-in-biological-sciences-in-natal/>

[2] https://sigaa.ufrn.br/sigaa/public/programa/apresentacao.jsf?lc=en_US&id=4846¬icia=

[3] <mailto:guilherme.o.longo@gmail.com?subject=Fulbright%20Award%20in%20Biology%20and%20Oceanography>

[4] <mailto:USScholars@fulbright.org.br>

[5] <https://awards.cies.org/award-years/2022-2023-awards>

[6] <http://www.fulbright.org.uy/regional-travel-program/>