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### ***Executive Summary***

Dimensions Sciences in partnership with Silicon Valley's Chapter of *Grupo Mulheres Brasil* is calling for applications to the second edition of the ScientistA Award.

In this edition, this research Award will focus on funding (i) women scientists from Brazil performing postdoctoral research in the US. We will provide at least 2 awards of US\$2,000 and up to 5 honorable mentions. The candidates must hold an active postdoctoral position in an academic or industry US research institution. We are specifically seeking highly motivated applicants from a diverse racial and socio-economic background working in projects focused on the Life or Medical Sciences field. The candidates will be evaluated based on scientific merit, innovation, and candidate profile.

Applications for the ScientistA Award **open** on Monday **August 7th, 2023 at 9 am PT**. **Deadline** for applications will be on Monday, **September 28, 2023 at 12:00 AM PT**. The **Award Ceremony** and networking event will take place virtually/hybrid on **March 9th, 2024**.

### ***Program description***

#### 1. Main Goals:

- a. Support the inclusion of Brazilian women in the science and technology field;
- b. Accelerate research exchange between Brazil and the US;
- c. Support inclusion of international scientists in science and technology fields in the US;
- d. Recognize Brazilian women scientists generating relevant knowledge in science and technology;
- e. Increase scientific production in the U.S. and abroad; and
- f. Promote a qualified diverse workforce in sciences and technology in the U.S. and abroad.

#### 2. Who is eligible:

- a. Identify as a woman;
- b. Hold Brazilian citizenship;

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- c. Received a PhD degree in the past 10 years, counting from August 1, 2023. Paused time due maternity or sick leave do not count toward the sum of years post PhD requirements. Add the this time information to the CV or statement ;
  - d. Hold a postdoctoral, research associate, or instructor position in academic or industry US research institution;
  - e. Conduct research in the Life or Medical Sciences area.
3. General rules:
- a. Selection of candidates will be decided by the scientific committee of Grupo Mulheres do Brasil- Núcleo Vale do Silício and Dimensions Sciences, following an independent Ad-Hoc Advisory Board evaluation;
  - b. Benefits up to 2 awardees will consist of a one-time award of US\$2000 for each and up to 5 honorable mentions;
  - c. This is a one-time award given to an individual awardee. Organizations are not eligible.
4. Award:
- a. The funds will be disbursed using the individual's bank account in the sole name of the individual awardee. Awardee must hold a valid bank account in the US.
5. Roles and responsibilities:
- a. Grupo Mulheres do Brasil - Núcleo Vale do Silício:
    - i. will make final decision on candidate selection and approval of awardee and honorable mentions;
    - ii. will survey the awardees to quantify impact of award for a period of up to 5 years after the award.
  - b. Dimensions Sciences:
    - i. will be responsible for providing the funds for selected awardees.
  - c. The awardee:
    - i. must be a Brazilian woman living in the US;
    - ii. must be performing research as a postdoc, research associate, or instructor in an accredited research institution in academia or industry in the US;

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- iii. must hold a doctoral degree for no longer than 10 years, exceptions wrote above;
  - iv. must be accountable for responsibilities under their award agreement with Grupo Mulheres do Brasil - Núcleo Vale do Silício and Dimensions Sciences;
  - v. must be present at the Award ceremony;
  - vi. agrees to participate in annual surveys including but not limited to research activities, research grants, scholarships, scientific production, and jobs for a period of up to 5 years after the award;
  - vii. allows the use of pictures, videos, and biographies in marketing and fundraising materials of Grupo Mulheres do Brasil and Dimension Sciences.
6. Candidate evaluation by the Grupo Mulheres do Brasil - Núcleo Vale do Silício' Scientific committee:
- a. Curriculum vitae of the candidate, highlighting the five most relevant publications and/or scientific achievements;
  - b. Copy of the PhD or MD diploma;
  - c. Institutional letter confirming the role of the candidate as a postdoc, research associate or instructor in a research institution in the US;
  - d. Recommendation letter from a colleague performing scientific research in the US;
  - e. Candidate statement of impact;
  - f. Candidate video up to 3 minutes, English or Portuguese with subtitles in English.

## 7. Tentative Timeline

Date	What is happening
<b>July 24</b>	Release request for applications
<b>August 7</b>	Open for application
<b>September 28</b>	Application deadline
<b>March 9 2024</b>	Award ceremony



8. Projected benefits\*

	Award in dollars	
One-time lump sum	US\$	2,000.00

\*Benefits amounts are based on funds available for the program and may change due to changes in fund availability.