



Dimensions Sciences – ScientistA Award 2026 Call for Applications

Executive Summary

Dimensions Sciences and the Grupo Mulheres do Brasil – Silicon Valley Chapter, co-organizers of the ScientistA Award, invite applications for the **ScientistA Award 2026**. This year's edition is presented in partnership with the Brazilian-American Life Sciences Association (BALSA), the Innovation Diplomacy Program (PDI), the Embassy of Brazil in Washington, and the Consulate General of Brazil in San Francisco, which will serve as the institutional partner and host of this year's official ceremony in the Bay Area.

This award recognizes and supports **Brazilian women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)** who are conducting research or applied scientific work in the United States across academia, industry, government, non-profit organizations, research institutes, and other science- and technology-driven organizations.

The program will grant:

- **One (1) award of USD \$2,000**
 - Funds will be disbursed directly to the selected awardee (organizations are not eligible)
 - Awardee must hold a valid U.S. bank account in their name
- **Five (5) honorable mentions**

Note: Award amounts are subject to funding availability and may be adjusted accordingly.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be a Brazilian woman residing in the United States
- Hold a Ph.D. degree awarded within the past 10 years, calculated from the original application deadline date.
 - Extensions to the deadline do not affect eligibility criteria.
 - Career breaks (e.g., parental leave) may be considered upon request.



- Hold a position in a U.S.-based organization engaged in research, development, innovation, or applied STEM activities across academic, public, private, or non-profit sectors

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit:

*Note: All documents must be submitted in PDF format using the following file name::
LastName_FirstName_DocumentName.pdf*

- **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**, including a brief **lay summary** of key achievements (non-technical language)
- Copy of a **valid Brazilian passport**
- Copy of **Ph.D. diploma**
- **Official institutional letter** (on official letterhead, signed) confirming the candidate holds a postdoctoral, research associate, instructor, or equivalent position in academia, industry, non-profits or government in the United States
- **Letter of recommendation** from a senior scientist, supervisor, or professional reference in the USA
- **Impact Statement.** Applicants must submit a written statement addressing the three sections below. Maximum of 500 words per section (total 1500 words)

A. Project Overview

Provide a clear description of your work, including context, objectives, and approach.

Depending on your field, this may include (as applicable):

- Background or problem context
- Methodology, design, or technical approach
- Development process (e.g., experimental, computational, engineering, artistic, or applied)
- Key findings, outputs, or expected outcomes

B. Impact

Describe the significance of your work and its broader impact.

This may include:

- The problem or need being addressed
- The proposed solution or contribution
- Impact on society, industry, environment, or communities
- Evidence of impact (e.g., data, implementation, adoption, scalability, or measurable outcomes)

C. Innovation

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Describe what makes your work innovative.

This may include:

- Novel concepts, methods, technologies, or approaches
 - Creative or interdisciplinary aspects
 - Advancement beyond the current state-of-the-art or practice
 - Potential to transform or influence your field or application area
- **Video Submission.** Applicants must submit a video including:
 - A. Personal trajectory
 - B. Presentation of the project
 - C. Expected impact on the candidate's career and future

Video Requirements:

- The candidate must appear in the video (narrated slides or animations alone will not be accepted)
- Language: English
- Maximum duration: 3:00 minutes (videos exceeding this limit will not be accepted)
- Format: Public link (Google Drive or YouTube with access enabled).
Note: Ensure the video is recorded in clear HD quality with good lighting, a stable camera, and minimal background noise so both visuals and audio are easy to understand.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated holistically based on all submitted materials by the **Scientific Committee of Dimensions Sciences**, with support from an independent subject matter expert review panel.

Assessment will consider:

- **Originality and innovation**
- **Scientific or technical rigor** (appropriate to the field)
- **Societal, industrial, or community impact**
- **Clarity and effectiveness of communication**
- **Candidate profile**, including background, experience, career trajectory, and future potential



Program Timeline

Date	Milestone
May 11, 2026	Applications open
July 31, 2026	Application deadline
October 5, 2026	Announcement of Finalists
October 13, 2026	Career Dev. Workshop for Finalists
November 6, 2026	Award ceremony (hybrid format)

Finalist Workshop (attendance is optional):

- Virtual Career development workshop with Duda Krauss: Tuesday, Oct 13, 2026 at 5-6 PM ET

Award Ceremony:

- November 6, 2026 (Hybrid format)
- In-person location: Consulate General of Brazil in San Francisco
- Virtual participation available via webinar.

Awardee Responsibilities

The selected awardee must:

- Participate in follow-up surveys to assess career progression and impact
- Authorize the use of name, image, and professional information for program-related communications

Dimensions Sciences & Partners Responsibilities

- Oversee the selection process and final approval of awardees
- Monitor and evaluate the long-term impact of the award (up to 5 years)
- Dimensions Sciences provides funding for the award

Additional Notes

- All dates are subject to change at the discretion of the organizing committee
- Final award decisions are at the sole discretion of Dimensions Sciences and its partners

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- By applying, candidates agree to comply with all program requirements and conditions
- Applicants may submit questions regarding any aspect of the process via email to **scientista@dimensionssciences.org**