



March 1, 2021

### ***Executive Summary***

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

This research Award will focus on funding women scientists from Brazil performing postdoctoral research in the US. We will provide at least 1 award of US\$2,000 and up to 5 honorable mentions. The candidates must hold an active postdoctoral position in a 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 life sciences and healthcare. The candidates will be evaluated based on scientific merit, innovation, and candidate profile.

Applications for the ScientistA Award open on **Monday, March 1, 2021 at 9:00 AM ET**. Deadline for applications will be on **Friday, March 12, 2021 at 9:00 PM ET**. The Award Ceremony and networking event will take place virtually on **Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 1:00 - 4:00 PM (ET)**.

### ***Program description***

1. Goals:
  - a. Support the inclusion of women in 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 scientists generating relevant knowledge in science and technology.
  - e. Enhance scientific production in the U.S. and abroad.
  - f. Generate a qualified diverse work force in sciences and technology in the U.S. and abroad.
  
2. Who is eligible:
  - a. Identify gender as women.
  - b. Hold Brazilian or dual citizenship.
  - c. Received a PhD degree in the past 10 years, counting from March 1, 2021.
  - d. Hold postdoctoral, research associate, or instructor position in a research institution in the US.
  - 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 Dimensions Sciences.



- b. Benefits to awardees will consist of one-time award of US\$2000 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 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. Dimensions Sciences:
      - i. will make final decision on candidate selection and approval of awardee and honorable mentions
      - ii. will be responsible for providing the funds for selected awards
      - iii. will survey the awardees to quantify impact of award for a period of up to 5 years after the award.
    - b. The awardee:
      - i. must be a Brazilian citizen or dual citizen Brazil-USA.
      - ii. must be performing research as a postdoc, research associate, or instructor in an accredited research institution in academia or industry in the US.
      - iii. must hold a doctoral degree for no longer than 10 years.
      - iv. must be accountable for responsibilities under their award agreement with 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, jobs, and salaries for a period of up to 5 years after the award.
      - vii. permits the use of pictures, videos, and biographies in marketing and fundraising materials of Dimensions Sciences.
  6. Candidate evaluation by Dimensions Sciences' Scientific committee
    - a. Curriculum vitae of the candidate.
    - b. Copy of the PhD 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.
  7. Program approval and launch



- a. Selection final candidates for the award and honorable mentions.
- b. Announcement to individuals granted awards.
- c. Execution of award agreement.

8. Upon completion of award

- a. Awardees agree to respond to surveys for a period of 5 years after ScientistA Award ceremony.

9. Tentative Timeline

<b>Date</b>	<b>What is happening</b>
<b>February 15</b>	Release request for applications
<b>March 1</b>	Open for application
<b>March 12</b>	Application deadline
<b>April 10</b>	Award ceremony

10. Projected benefits\*

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

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