



June 9, 2025

### ***Executive Summary***

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

In this edition, this research award will focus on funding women scientists from Brazil performing postdoctoral research in the US. **We will provide one award of US\$ 2,000 and up to 5 honorable mentions.** The candidates must hold an active postdoctoral, research associate, instructor position, or equivalent 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, Medical or Environment Sciences field. The candidates will be evaluated based on scientific merit, innovation, and candidate profile.

Applications for the ScientistA Award open on Monday June 9, 2025 at 12:00 AM ET. Deadline for applications will be on Monday, **August 4, 2025 at 12:00 AM ET**. The Award Ceremony and Networking Event will be held in a **hybrid format** on **Friday, October 17, 2025**, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM ET. Attendees may join virtually or participate in **person at Consulate General in Boston**.

### ***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 4, 2025**;
  - d. Hold a 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, following an independent Ad-Hoc Advisory Board evaluation;
  - b. Benefits to awardees will consist of a **one-time award of US\$ 2,000** 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. Dimensions Sciences and 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;
    - 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;

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- 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. Key Contacts

- a. Oversight and Project Coordination
  - i. [Danielle Brito](#), [Fatima Farias](#) and Raquel Cruz
- b. Scientific Board Oversight, Planning and Coordination
  - i. Raquel da Cruz & [Milene Fontes](#)
- c. Scientific Board Application Review and Processing
  - i. [Jessica Affonso de Oliveira](#), [Livia Goncalves](#) and [Kezya Campos](#)
- d. Candidate evaluation and selection of winners committee
  - i. Members of the Scientific Board
- e. Partnership oversight
  - i. [Danielle Brito](#) and [Fatima Farias](#)

## 7. 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 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.



#### 8. Tentative Timeline

Date	What is happening
June 9, 2025, 12:00 AM ET	Open for application
August 4, 2025, 12:00 Am ET	Application deadline
October 17, 2025	Award ceremony

#### 9. 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.