



U.S. Embassy
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Advancing U.S. Priorities in Brazil: Speaker & Specialist Program (FY26BRAPDS0001) Q&A Section

The following Q&A document is intended to clarify common questions from potential applicants. For complete guidance and official requirements, applicants should consult the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and the referenced sections below.

1. Application Structure: Can a foreign institution apply, or is a Brazilian institution required as a co-applicant?

A U.S.-based institution is eligible to apply directly as the prime recipient and is **not required** to have a Brazilian co-applicant. However, the applicant should demonstrate a strong understanding of the Brazilian operating environment, including local institutional, cultural, and logistical considerations.

While only one non-profit, non-governmental entity may serve as the prime recipient, applicants may collaborate with Brazilian organizations, consultants, or vendors through subcontracts or service agreements as necessary for local implementation. The proposal should clearly define the roles and responsibilities of all partner organizations and service providers.

Any sub-recipient or contracted entity must comply with applicable U.S. and Brazilian registration and legal requirements.

Reference: NOFO Page 4 (Section B.1) and Page 16 (Section E.6).

2. Fields of Interest: Is a project focused on Ecotourism eligible?

Priority themes for this program include Energy, Innovation, Technology, Freedom of Expression, Commercial Diplomacy, and Public Safety.

A proposal focused on Ecotourism may be considered if the applicant clearly demonstrates how the project advances broader objectives related to Commercial Diplomacy, Innovation, sustainable economic development, or other U.S. foreign policy priorities identified in the NOFO.

Applicants should explicitly connect the proposed activities to program goals and measurable bilateral engagement outcomes.

Reference: NOFO Pages 4–5 (Sections A.2 and C.1) and Page 17 (Section F.1).

3. Proposal Specifics: What are the expectations regarding engagement and sustained outcomes?

Engagement Requirements

Recipients are expected to organize approximately 15–30 in-person and/or virtual activities, such as lectures, workshops, roundtables, or seminars, reaching at least 500 participants across multiple regions of Brazil.

Sustained Outcomes

The program prioritizes long-term collaboration and continued engagement between U.S. and Brazilian stakeholders. Successful proposals should demonstrate how activities will foster ongoing exchanges, partnerships, or future collaborative initiatives beyond the grant period.

Performance indicators may include participant feedback demonstrating increased knowledge, strengthened professional networks, and identification of future cooperation opportunities.

Reference: NOFO Pages 5–6 (Section C.1).

4. Eligibility & Registration: What are the mandatory requirements?

Eligible Organizations

Eligible applicants include:

- Not-for-profit organizations
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- Think tanks
- Public and private educational institutions

For-profit entities and individuals are not eligible to apply.

Mandatory Registrations

All applicant organizations must obtain:

- A Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
- An active registration in SAM.gov

These registrations must be completed prior to application submission and may take approximately 4–8 weeks to process.

Reference: NOFO Page 4 (Sections B.1 and B.3) and Pages 12–13 (Section E.3).

5. Training & Compliance: What regulations must proposals follow?

To be eligible for funding, proposals must comply with all applicable U.S. federal regulations and Executive Orders referenced in the NOFO, including:

- EO 14173: *Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity*
- EO 14287: *Protecting American Communities from Criminal Aliens*
- EO 14168: *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all proposed activities, staffing, and program implementation comply with current federal requirements.

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Reference: NOFO Page 17 (Section F.1).

6. Budgeting: How should indirect costs be calculated?

Organizations with a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) should use their approved negotiated rate.

Organizations without a NICRA may elect to use the de minimis indirect cost rate of 15% of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC), consistent with federal guidance.

All proposed budgets must be submitted in U.S. Dollars (USD).

Reference: NOFO Page 8 (Section D.1), Page 10 (Section D.3), and Page 23 (Section I).

7. Official Deadline: What is the submission deadline and method?

The application deadline is **June 22, 2026, at 23:59 Brasília Time.**

Applications must be submitted electronically via email to:

BrazilGrants@state.gov

The email subject line should include:

Funding Opportunity Title and Number: FY26BRAPDS0001

Late submissions may not be considered.

Reference: NOFO Page 3 (Section A.1) and Pages 13–14 (Section E.4).