

Open Call

FLAD – Visiting Professor at Georgetown University 2026/2027

The Luso-American Foundation for Development (FLAD) and the Department of Government at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., USA, announce the opening of a Visiting Professorship at that University for the 2026/2027 academic year.

MAIN OBJECTIVE

The competition aims to select one or up to two visiting professors in the field of Political Science or International Relations to teach at Georgetown University for one or two semesters during the 2026/2027 academic year. Candidates who can stay for two semesters will be given preference.

Candidates whose career path and/or objectives include government experience and/or policy-based research will be given preference over candidates whose background is exclusively academic.

FLAD expects the Visiting Professor to make use of the unique environment of Washington, DC, developing frequent contacts with think tanks, foundations, and/or other institutions within and outside the walls of Georgetown University. Furthermore, Georgetown has two campuses, including the Downtown Campus, located next to the most prestigious governance institutions in the US, and the candidate may, if desired, teach at both the Hilltop and Downtown campuses.

Nevertheless, a successful candidate must demonstrate experience teaching in higher education and have positive student evaluations in courses relevant to this position. Academic publications and professional publications will be equally important in the ranking of applications.

The selected professor will teach one course per semester. The final decision on the program of the course(s) to be taught will be subject to agreement between FLAD, Georgetown University, and the selected candidate. The selected candidate must actively participate in the academic life of the Department; develop initiatives in Washington D.C in partnership with FLAD; and collaborate with FLAD's work, whether at that University or in relationships with institutions based in the Washington D.C area, including think tanks, foundations, embassies, other universities, and various local contacts.

LENGTH OF STAY

A Visiting Professor will be selected for each semester, unless a single candidate is appointed to serve for the full academic year:

- Fall Semester (September-December) of 2026.
- Spring Semester (January-May) of 2027.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Portuguese nationality or residence in Portugal;
- Completed PhD at the time of the application;
- Affiliation with a higher education institution in Portugal and/or be an integrated member or collaborator of an R&D unit recognized by the [Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology](#);
- Teaching experience in English at higher education institutions.
- Publications in their academic or professional field;
- Teaching experience in English.

HOW TO APPLY

- Applications are required to be submitted via the following link, [here](#).

Individual applications (in English) will be accepted according to the following requirements:

- Motivation letter;
- CV (including academic publications and teaching experience in English);
- Copy of PhD certificate;
- Two letters of recommendation from professionals in the academic and/or professional fields (faculty or researcher);
- Course proposal/syllabus intended to be offered at Georgetown University;
- Semester preference (if any);
- Consent under the General Data Protection Regulation.

Note: Both recommendation letters can be submitted in Portuguese or English. All other documents should be submitted in English.

If necessary, the jury will conduct interviews with the best qualified candidates.

The application period, for both semester positions, will run from August 1 to November 30, 2025.

Results will be announced by no later than January 15, 2026

JURY

- Nuno Morais Sarmiento, President of FLAD (President of the Jury)
- Michael Baum, Executive Board Member, FLAD
- Pedro Magalhães, Researcher at the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon
- Livia Franco, Professor at the Institute of Political Studies of the Catholic University of Portugal

FLAD FUNDING

FLAD will award a grant in the amount of 5.000EUR/month to each chosen candidate, Additional funding of 500Eur will be provided to sponsor the required health insurance (a copy of the insurance policy should be shared with FLAD when acquired). Selected candidates will also be provided with 1000Eur to help cover a round-trip flight to and from Portugal.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

In addition to the funding awarded by FLAD, the selected Visiting Professor will receive USD 7,000, to be paid by Georgetown University, upon presentation of their Social Security Number and in accordance with the conditions listed on the University website:

<https://provost.georgetown.edu/faculty/adjunct-faculty/faq/>

Visiting Professors may also receive reimbursement for registration and travel expenses related to professional development activities, such as presenting scientific work at conferences, up to a maximum of USD 700. The eligibility of the activity in question for this reimbursement is subject to review by the University.

The Visiting Professor will also be assigned a properly equipped office within the Department.

Apply [HERE](#)

If you have any questions about this competition, please contact ricardo.pereira@flad.pt