

# Trafficking in Persons – Brazil

VIRTUAL STUDENT FOREIGN SERVICE



Project Title	Trafficking in Persons – Brazil
Project Summary	Research and analyze human trafficking in Brazil through open source media searches, international organization publications, books, and journals to identify current human trafficking trends and governmental responses to contribute to reports such as the Trafficking in Persons Report.
Country	Brazil
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	J/TIP/RPA
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	1

## Project Description

Research and analyze the scope of human trafficking and the government’s response to human trafficking by reviewing notable Portuguese-language media articles and other publications and provide a brief summary in English; examine files of Brazilian case law for prosecution and conviction data for human trafficking crimes; conduct research on the Brazilian website JUSBRASIL, among other Brazilian courts webpages, to access human trafficking cases. There may be opportunities to consult with the U.S. Mission to Brazil, academics, and civil society organizations on the project, as well.

## Desired Skills Interests

Skill

Research

## Additional Information

The Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (J/TIP) evaluates the government of Brazil's efforts to combat human trafficking for sex and labor in the annual Trafficking in Persons Report, the U.S. Government's chief diplomatic tool to engage foreign governments on human trafficking. However, it historically has been difficult to obtain from the Brazilian government comprehensive law enforcement and victim services data for human trafficking crimes. Reading case law and Portuguese-language media reports is often the only way to fill in the information gaps for this important Report.

The e-intern would research and analyze the scope of human trafficking and the government's response to human trafficking by reviewing notable Portuguese-language media articles and other publications and provide a brief summary in English. The e-intern also would examine files of Brazilian case law for prosecution and conviction data for human trafficking crimes. The e-intern would conduct research on the Brazilian website JUSBRASIL, among other Brazilian courts webpages, where the e-intern will be able to access human trafficking cases, and evaluate whether there is a final court sentence (the search can be made by articles, by names, by crime, etc.). There may be opportunities to consult with the U.S. Mission to Brazil, academics, and civil society organizations on the project as well. The e-intern's efforts will directly support U.S. Government foreign policy objectives on combating human trafficking by augmenting the diplomacy efforts of J/TIP and Mission Brazil.

Intermediate reading and writing proficiency in Portuguese is necessary; Skills in research in libraries, academic databases, and foreign media is highly desired; Access to academic libraries or well-stocked public libraries is also useful.

Academic background in law, government, politics, or communications is useful but not required.

## Language Requirements

Language Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
Portuguese	Minimum professional proficiency	Minimum professional proficiency Required