Maira Okada de Oliveira has been working with a test to detect the level of schooling attained by people in Brazil who have been identified as having cognitive decline. She has also been working on the development of screening tests for cognitive impairment of the same group.

Maira believes that in Brazil it is very difficult to identify cognitive decline in individuals with low schooling.

"To reduce the scale and impact of dementia around the world, mainly in developing countries, we need to exchange knowledge with fellows from different backgrounds, experiences and cultures. This will lead us to generate insights and learn about brain health and dementia from different perspectives and realities. Currently, I work on trying to identify cognitive decline in individuals with low schooling and also in the development of a screening test that can be widely applied. As an Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health at GBHI I hope to enhance knowledge about this area and disseminate it in the public arena in my home country of Brazil. During the fellowship I will work on broadening my knowledge base of associated topics such as policy, economics, and ethics and develop leadership skills to engage other professionals in the areas of prevention, diagnosis and treatment of dementia. In my free time I like going out with friends and practicing physical activities, mainly running."

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