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## Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme for Young Professors and Researchers from Latin American Universities 2019

The "Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme for Young Professors and Researchers from Latin American Universities" was launched for the first time in January 2004. This initiative, which offers grants to finance short-term research visits, aims at favouring mobility and academic exchange between the two regions, Europe and Latin America.

The Coimbra Group is an association of 39 European universities which promotes exchanges between European and Latin American researchers and academics. This call for applications for research visit grants is one of the ways in which exchanges are supported.

The following Coimbra Group universities are participating in the 2019/2020 edition of the scholarship programme:

- University of Coimbra (Portugal)
- University of Granada (Spain)
- Karl Franz University of Graz (Austria)
- Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași (Romania)
- Friedrich Schiller University Jena (Germany)
- KU Leuven (Belgium)
- University of Padova (Italy)
- University of Poitiers (France)
- University of Salamanca (Spain)
- University of Siena (Italy)
- University of Tartu (Estonia)

### RULES

#### 1. Requirements for the applicants

- 1.1. To be a **national of and currently resident** in a Latin American country. Candidates already living and/or studying in Europe will not be considered.
- 1.2. To hold a university degree or equivalent.
- 1.3. To be linked as a **professor or researcher** to a Latin American University recognised as such by the authorities of the country.
- 1.4. To use the Coimbra Group Office electronic application process. **Only one application per candidate will be accepted.**
- 1.5. To submit online an **Acceptance Letter/email** from the tutor/partner with whom the work programme will be undertaken in the host institution. This document is **mandatory**.
- 1.6. To be **born on or after 1 January 1979**.
- 1.7. Previously selected candidates can apply for a second grant, but they will not be prioritised.

#### 2. Submission of Applications

The online application is available until **31 March 2019 midnight (Brussels time)** on the Coimbra Group web site: (<http://www.coimbra-group.eu/activities/scholarships>). Applications should be submitted in English, but we will accept applications in Spanish when applying to Spanish institutions and in Portuguese when applying to the University of Coimbra. No other language exceptions will be accepted.



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**The Coimbra Group Office will individually acknowledge each application received.** Within two weeks of submitting the online application, you should receive an email from the Coimbra Group Office confirming whether your application has been validated or not. This will be your only acknowledgement of receipt. If you do not receive the confirmation message it means that your application was not submitted correctly or there was a technical problem. In that case, please contact [info@coimbra-group.eu](mailto:info@coimbra-group.eu), **no later than 15 April 2019.**

The dates and the structure of the visit which will be carried out in the academic year 2019-2020 at the host university will be agreed upon with the host tutor/partner university. All practical details concerning the mobility period, scholarship payment, certificates and visa procedures should be discussed with the host university and **not with the Coimbra Group Office.**

## **SELECTION PROCEDURE**

The **administrative check of applications will be undertaken by the Coimbra Group Office** in order to select candidates who meet the eligibility criteria. The **selection of candidates will be undertaken by the host universities.** The Coimbra Group Office will **contact all candidates** and inform them about the result of their application by the end of May 2019. Successful candidates currently employed by a University are responsible for ensuring that their home institution will grant them leave of absence to undertake the proposed visit.

The final selection will be made in accordance with the following criteria:

- Academic skills of the applicant
- Experience as a professor or/and researcher
- Curriculum Vitae assessment
- Coherence between the programme proposed by the applicant and his/her academic background and experience
- Immediate benefits of the research visit for the academic and scientific future of the candidate and of the participating institutions

## **OBLIGATIONS OF THE GRANT HOLDER**

- Comply with the legal requirements (in terms of insurance, visa, etc.) of the host country.
- Send to the Coimbra Group Office a letter/email of acceptance of the scholarship on the conditions offered by the university at which he/she was accepted and with the benefits outlined in this Call for Applications.
- Include a mention of the Coimbra Group Scholarship whenever results of the research programme are published.

When submitting an application for a Coimbra Group scholarship, the candidate agrees to allow the Coimbra Group to use their data (name, surname, academic information) for dissemination purposes in connection with the Coimbra Group scholarships.

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## **The Coimbra Group**

The Coimbra Group, which was set up in 1987, is an association of 39 traditional European universities. It aims to increase co-operation amongst its members by enhancing special academic and cultural ties, and creating channels of information and exchange. More information about the Coimbra Group can be found on the association's website ([www.coimbra-group.eu](http://www.coimbra-group.eu)). Further details about the universities taking part in the Scholarship Programme for Young Professors and Researchers from Latin American Universities may be found by viewing their own web site at the addresses included in the table below.

**Please refer to the table below for the specific conditions set by each Coimbra Group University participating in the Scholarship Programme.**



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<b>University of Coimbra</b> <a href="http://www.uc.pt">www.uc.pt</a>	1	All	€750 per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €1100	1-3 months	International Relations Unit: Rita Maia <a href="mailto:rmaia@uc.pt">rmaia@uc.pt</a>	<p><b>*Invitation letter</b> Applicants will need an invitation letter/email from a professor/ researcher of the University of Coimbra (UC). Please take a look at our research centres' list: <a href="http://www.uc.pt/en/iii/research_centers/centros_investigacao">www.uc.pt/en/iii/research_centers/centros_investigacao</a> and check if the research lines developed match yours. If so, contact the relevant potential host research supervisor by email. Emails to potential host research supervisors must include CV and research proposals, including topics and dates (based on the duration of the scholarship), so that the potential host supervisors can better analyze the requests and issue you an invitation letter/email, in case they're available to host you.</p> <p>*The International Relations Unit cannot issue invitation letters for research purposes.</p> <p>*Evaluation and selection criteria Please download this file: <a href="http://www.uc.pt/en/driic/cg/latin-america-evaluation-selection-criteria.pdf">www.uc.pt/en/driic/cg/latin-america-evaluation-selection-criteria.pdf</a></p>
<b>University of Granada</b> <a href="http://www.ugr.es">www.ugr.es</a> <a href="http://www.ugr.universitiy/">www.ugr.universitiy/</a>	4	All ( <a href="http://www.ugr.es">www.ugr.es</a> )	€800 per month + health insurance + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €800	maximum 3 months	María Virtudes Martín Fernández <a href="mailto:admoncicode@ugr.es">admoncicode@ugr.es</a>	<p>*The University of Granada (UGR) does not provide accommodation to the grant holder.</p> <p>*A pre-admission letter signed by the research tutor at UGR is mandatory in order to be eligible for the grant at this University, which means that the candidate should have prior contact with the UGR professors/officers before applying for the grant.</p>
<b>University of Graz</b> <a href="http://www.uni-graz.at/en/">http://www.uni-graz.at/en/</a>	2 (no non-academic placements possible)	All (except Molecular Biosciences) <a href="http://www.uni-graz.at/en/university/information/faculties/">http://www.uni-graz.at/en/university/information/faculties/</a>	€1000 per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €600	2 months	<a href="mailto:coimbragroup@uni-graz.at">coimbragroup@uni-graz.at</a>	<p>*Access to computer and library.</p> <p>*The university will provide assistance in finding accommodation.</p> <p>*Insurance: Uni Graz does not provide insurance for visitors.</p> <p>* Applicants should establish contact with a supervising professor at the University of Graz before applying and submit a letter of invitation or email correspondence together with the application.</p>



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<b>Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași</b> <a href="http://www.uaic.ro/en/">www.uaic.ro/en/</a>	1 (for doctoral or post-doctoral applicants)	All study fields included in the academic offer of the University <a href="http://www.uaic.ro/en/">http://www.uaic.ro/en/</a>	1500 RON per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to 350 EUR + free accommodation in a University residence	minimum 1 month, maximum 3 months	Ioana Serafinceanu <a href="mailto:ioana.serafinceanu@uaic.ro">ioana.serafinceanu@uaic.ro</a>	*Eligible countries: <b>Argentina, Chile, Uruguay.</b> *Applicants (either doctoral or post-doctoral) need to be current academic staff members of a university.
<b>Friedrich Schiller University Jena</b> <a href="http://www.uni-jena.de">www.uni-jena.de</a>	2	All	€1200 per month	3 months (in the period <b>September-December 2019</b> )	Susanne Golz <a href="mailto:gaw@uni-jena.de">gaw@uni-jena.de</a>	*Applicants will need a pre-acceptance letter from a Jena University Professor, please approach a prospective host <b>directly</b> by sending a CV and research plan/proposal. For research areas and contact information please check the website of the Faculties/Institutes. *The pre-acceptance letter/ email must be uploaded to the application. *Infrastructure will be available according to the research plan which is agreed upon with the prospective host. *The university will provide assistance in finding accommodation.
<b>KU Leuven</b> <a href="http://www.kuleuven.be">www.kuleuven.be</a>	4	All	€3200 to cover all costs	2 months	Hilde Nijs <a href="mailto:Hilde.Nijs@kuleuven.be">Hilde.Nijs@kuleuven.be</a>	*Applicants are postdoctoral. *Applicants need to include a pre-acceptance letter signed by a KU Leuven professor, supporting the application as prospective supervisor. *The University will provide assistance in finding accommodation, office space (shared with others), computer and library access. *The scholarship is incompatible with other scholarships/grants/allowances.
<b>University of Padova</b> <a href="http://www.unipd.it">www.unipd.it</a>	2	All	Lump sum: 1 month: €2000 2 months: €2800 3 months: €3600	1 to 3 months (in the interval September 2019-June 2020)	Fiorella de Gobbi <a href="mailto:fiorella.degobbi@unipd.it">fiorella.degobbi@unipd.it</a>	*Insurance: The University insurance covers the academic activities. Visitors should have their own insurance to cover travel, stay health and personal property. *Applicants should also have received approval from their tutor in Padova before applying (please include a letter/email from your potential tutor/supervisor at the University of Padova as proof).
<b>University of Poitiers</b> <a href="http://www.univ-poitiers.fr">www.univ-poitiers.fr</a>	1	All	€1000 +reimbursement of travel expenses up to €700	1 month	Jean-Marie Pincemin <a href="mailto:jean.marie.pincemin@univ-poitiers.fr">jean.marie.pincemin@univ-poitiers.fr</a>	



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<b>University of Salamanca</b> <a href="http://www.usal.es/webusal">www.usal.es/webusal</a>	2	All	€1100 per month	maximum 4 months	Servicio de Relaciones Internacionales <a href="mailto:rri@usal.es">rri@usal.es</a>	
<b>University of Siena</b> <a href="http://www.unisi.it">www.unisi.it</a>	2 (for young researchers or academic teachers)	Any subject area, subject to the approval of the relevant host department	€1000 per month (€250 per week) + free board and lodging	minimum 2 weeks, maximum 4 weeks	Candida Calvo Vicente <a href="mailto:incoming@unisi.it">incoming@unisi.it</a>	*Travel Expenses: The University is unable to assist with the cost of travel. *Available facilities: Assistance with finding accommodation, access to libraries, computer and telephone. *Insurance: The University provides accident insurance and public liability insurance. Visitors will require their own health insurance. *Please note: Applicants should have received approval from the tutor at the host university before applying (please include a letter/email from your potential supervisor at the University of Siena as proof).
<b>University of Tartu</b> <a href="http://www.ut.ee/en/admissions">www.ut.ee/en/admissions</a>	1 (for doctoral students)	Any field, subject to approval from the Head of Department	€900 per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €800	1-2 months, however the scholarship can only be consumed in <b>2019</b>	Sirje Üprus <a href="mailto:Sirje.Uprus@ut.ee">Sirje.Uprus@ut.ee</a>	*Available facilities: Access to computer and library facilities *Insurance: Valid health insurance is needed *Applicants should be PhD students. *Applicants will need a pre-acceptance letter from a Professor in the University of Tartu; candidates are asked to contact the prospective supervisor directly by sending a CV and research plan/proposal. For research areas and contact information please check the websites of the respective Faculties. The pre-acceptance letter must be uploaded to the application.