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

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 41 European universities which, among several other activities, 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 2023 edition of this scholarship programme:

- University of Barcelona (Spain)
- University of Bologna (Italy)
- University of Coimbra (Portugal)
- University of Cologne (Germany)
- University of Granada (Spain)
- University of Graz (Austria)
- Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iaşi (Romania)
- Friedrich Schiller University Jena (Germany)
- Jagiellonian University in Krakow (Poland)
- KU Leuven (Belgium)
- University of Padova (Italy)
- University of Pavia (Italy)
- University of Poitiers (France)
- University of Salamanca (Spain)
- University of Siena (Italy)

## **Eligibility Criteria**

Applicants must fulfil all of the following criteria:

- 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.
- To hold a university degree or equivalent.

• To be linked, as a **professor or researcher**, to a Latin American University recognised as such by the authorities of the country.

• To use the Coimbra Group Office electronic application process. Only one application per candidate will be accepted.

• 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**.

• To be **born on or after 1 January 1982**. Previously selected candidates can apply for a second grant, but they will not be prioritised.



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### **Submission of Applications**

The online application is available until **7 April 2023 midnight (Brussels time)** on the Coimbra Group website: <u>http://www.coimbra-group.eu/activities/scholarships</u>. Applications should be submitted in English, but we will accept applications in Spanish when applying to the Universities of Granada, Salamanca, and Barcelona and in Portuguese when applying to the University of Coimbra. No other language exceptions will be accepted.

Only the universities listed in the table below are taking part in the 2023 edition of this Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme.

The Coimbra Group Office will individually acknowledge each application received. Within two weeks of submitting the online application, candidates should receive an email from the Coimbra Group Office confirming whether their application has been validated or not. This will be the acknowledgement of receipt. If candidates do not receive the confirmation message it means that the application was not submitted correctly or there was a technical problem. In that case, please contact office@coimbra-group.eu, no later than 23 April 2023.

The dates and the structure of the visit which will be carried out in the academic year **2023/2024** 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 June 2023. 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



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#### **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, country, e-mail address) for sending electronic communication to the candidate's email address in connection with future calls for applications of the Coimbra Group scholarship programmes. To withdraw your consent please send an email to info@coimbra-group.eu

## The Coimbra Group

The Coimbra Group, which was set up in 1987, is an association of 41 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 (<u>www.coimbra-group.eu</u>). 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 website at the addresses included in the table below.

## **Contact Details**

For further information please contact Coimbra Group Office (office@coimbra-group.eu).

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

