



Coimbra Group Short Stay Scholarship Programme for young researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa

Universities of the Coimbra Group offer short-term visits (generally 1 to maximum 3 months) to young African researchers from higher education institutions from Sub-Saharan Africa. The main aim of this scholarship programme is to enable scholars to undertake research in which they are engaged in their home institution and to help them to establish academic and research contacts. The scholarships are financially supported by the Coimbra Group member universities participating in this programme, while the Coimbra Group Office is in charge of the administrative management of the applications.

The following Coimbra Group universities are participating in the 2018 edition of the scheme:

- **University of Barcelona (Spain)**
- **Eötvös Loránd University Budapest (Hungary)**
- **University of Coimbra (Portugal)**
- **University of Granada (Spain)**
- **University of Graz (Austria)**
- **University of Groningen (The Netherlands)**
- **KU Leuven (Belgium)**
- **University of Padova (Italy)**
- **University of Pavia (Italy)**
- **University of Poitiers (France)**
- **University of Salamanca (Spain)**
- **University of Würzburg (Germany)**

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants should be:

- born on or after 1 January 1973
- nationals of and current residents in a country in Sub-Saharan Africa
- current staff members of a university or an equivalent higher education institution in Sub-Saharan Africa
- of doctoral/postdoctoral or equivalent status although some universities offer grants for Master's level students (please see details in the table below).

In most universities the language of instruction is that of the country itself, but in many universities it is possible to use English as the working language.

Application Procedure

Online application form: www.coimbra-group.eu/activities/scholarships

Applicants must fill in the on-line application form before **16 March 2018 midnight (Brussels time)**.

Candidates will be able to select one university only. Multiple applications will not be considered valid.

Applicants should identify a research supervisor in the host university (through the website of the university of your choice or by contacting the contact at the university of your choice (see table below). You should provide his/her contact details in the application form. Applicants are expected to take contact with their research supervisor at the university of their choice and submit a letter/e-mail of acceptance together with their application form which proves that the candidate has been accepted to carry out research under his/her supervision.

Applications which do not fulfil this requirement will not be considered. The Coimbra Group Office is unable to help you with finding a supervisor.



Information should be submitted in English. **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, **no later than 23 March 2018.**

Female candidates are encouraged to apply and will be prioritised.

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. When selection has been agreed upon, the host university may send a letter of invitation directly to the successful candidate. The Coimbra Group Office will contact all candidates and inform them about the result of their application. 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.

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.

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). Further details about the universities taking part in the Scholarship programme for young African researchers may be found by viewing their own web site at the addresses included in the table below.

Contact Details

For further information please contact Anna Quici via email (quici@coimbra-group.eu).

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

University	Number of scholarships	Field	Amount	Duration	Contact	Remarks
University of Barcelona www.ub.edu/web/ub/ca/	1	All	€1500 per month	maximum 4 months	Marta Arias marta.arias@ub.edu	*The University is unable to assist with the costs of travel. *The University does not provide insurance for visitors. *Applicants should establish contact with a supervising professor at the university before applying and submit a letter of invitation together with the application: http://www.ub.edu/web/ub/en/recerca_innovacio/recerca_a_la_UB/recerca.html?
Eötvös Loránd University Budapest https://www.elte.hu	1	All the fields offered at Eötvös Loránd University	€1000 per month	minimum 3 months, maximum 6 months	Katalin Öhler katalin.ohler@rk.elte.hu	*The grant is open only to academic staff.
University of Coimbra www.uc.pt	2	All	€750 per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €1100	1-3 months	Rita Maia rmaia@uc.pt	
University of Granada www.ugr.es www.ugr.university/	4 (for researchers)	All (www.ugr.es)	€800 per month + health insurance + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €800	maximum 3 months	María Virtudes Martín Fernández admoncicode@ugr.es	*The University of Granada (UGR) does not provide accommodation to the grant holder. *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.
University of Graz http://www.uni-graz.at/en/	1 (no non-academic placements possible)	All (except Molecular Biosciences) http://www.uni-graz.at/en/university/information/faculties/	€1000 per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €600	2 months	coimbragroup@uni-graz.at	*Available facilities: Access to computer and library. *The university will provide assistance with finding accommodation. *Insurance: Uni Graz does not provide insurance for visitors. * 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.

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University of Groningen http://www.rug.nl/education/phd-programme/ http://www.rug.nl/research/gateways	2	All available fields	€1190 per month (to cover housing and other expenses) + reimbursement of travel costs up to €1250 + health insurance (about €40 per month)	minimum and maximum 1 month per scholarship	Mobility & Scholarship Desk msd@rug.nl	<p>* Objective: the visit of 1 month is meant for candidates who prepare for a PhD research but who are not yet in a PhD programme; the visit should lead to a draft of a PhD proposal which can be submitted for approval to the University of Groningen and to fellowship programmes. Preferably, the subject of the research proposal fits into one of the focal areas of the University of Groningen: Healthy Ageing, Energy, or Sustainable Society.</p> <p>* Applications from all Sub-Saharan African countries are welcome, but PhD proposals from Benin, Ghana, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Mozambique and South Africa will be given preference.</p> <p>* Available facilities: Access to computer and library; visa service (if required).</p> <p>* Applicants should be in contact with a supervising professor (host) from the University of Groningen before applying.</p> <p>* When contacting the potential host, it is required to include a CV and research plan/proposal.</p> <p>* The host will provide an acceptance letter which should be uploaded in the application.</p> <p>* Latest possible starting date: 31 December 2018.</p>
KU Leuven www.kuleuven.be	3	All	€3200 to cover all costs	2 months	Stefania Schepers stefania.schepers@kuleuven.be	<p>* Applicants are postdoctoral or equivalent status.</p> <p>* Applicants need to include a pre-acceptance letter signed by a KU Leuven professor, supporting the application as prospective supervisor.</p> <p>* The University will provide assistance in finding accommodation, office space (shared with others), computer and library access.</p> <p>* The scholarship is incompatible with other scholarships/grants/allowances.</p>
University of Padova www.unipd.it	2	All	€850 per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €1200	1 to 3 months (in the interval September 2018-June 2019)	Fiorella de Gobbi fiorella.degobbi@unipd.it	<p>* Insurance: The University insurance covers the academic activities. Visitors should have their own insurance to cover travel, stay health and personal property.</p> <p>* 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).</p>

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University of Pavia http://www.unipv.eu/site/home.html	1	All fields offered at University of Pavia	€150 per week + board and accommodation at a university student residence + travel costs (economy class) + health insurance policy	4 weeks to 12 weeks	Stefania Ferrari stefania.ferrari01@unipv.it	<p>*Applicants should belong to higher education institutions, research centres, international institutions or organizations, with a particular interest in the fields of study related to cooperation and development.</p> <p>*Applicants should have received approval from their tutor in Pavia before applying (it is mandatory to include an invitation letter from a potential tutor/supervisor at the University of Pavia). CICOPS (the Centre for International Cooperation and Development at the University of Pavia) can help candidates get in touch with professors/ researchers of the University of Pavia who may have similar interests and may be willing to collaborate with them.</p> <p>*Flight tickets and health insurance policy will be issued directly by the University of Pavia.</p> <p>* There are no grants available to non-academic staff.</p>
University of Poitiers www.univ-poitiers.fr	1	All	€1000 + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €700	1 month	Jean-Marie Pincemin jean.marie.pincemin@univ-poitiers.fr	<p>* There are no grants open to non-academic staff from African universities.</p>
University of Salamanca www.usal.es/webusal	1 (for PhD students or academic teachers)	All	the University will provide accommodation and food	1 month	Servicio de Relaciones Internacionales rrii@usal.es	
University of Würzburg www.uni-wuerzburg.de	2 (for Master students)	All (except Medicine)	€ 850 per month	5 months (in the period October 2018 - February 2019)	Heike Bruhn heike.bruhn@uni-wuerzburg.de	<p>* The University is unable to assist with the costs of travel.</p>