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## 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 2020 edition of the scheme:

- **University of Barcelona (Spain)**
- **University of Coimbra (Portugal)**
- **University of Cologne (Germany)**
- **University of Granada (Spain)**
- **University of Graz (Austria)**
- **University of Groningen (The Netherlands)**
- **Jagiellonian University Krakow (Poland)**
- **KU Leuven (Belgium)**
- **University of Montpellier 3 Paul-Valéry (France)**
- **University of Padova (Italy)**
- **University of Pavia (Italy)**
- **University of Poitiers (France)**
- **University of Salamanca (Spain)**
- **University of Siena (Italy)**

### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants should be:

- born on or after 1 January 1975
- 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
- preferably of doctoral/postdoctoral or equivalent status.

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](http://www.coimbra-group.eu/activities/scholarships)

Applicants must fill in the on-line application form before **31 March 2020 midnight (Brussels time)**.



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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](mailto:info@coimbra-group.eu), **no later than 15 April 2020.**

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 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 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](mailto: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**



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University	Number scholarships	Field	Amount	Duration	Contact	Remarks
<b>University of Barcelona</b> <a href="http://www.ub.edu/web/ub/ca/">www.ub.edu/web/ub/ca/</a>	1	All	1.500€ per month	1 - 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: <a href="http://www.ub.edu/web/ub/en/recerca_innovacio/recerca_a_la_UB/recerca.html?">http://www.ub.edu/web/ub/en/recerca_innovacio/recerca_a_la_UB/recerca.html?</a>
<b>University of Coimbra</b> <a href="http://www.uc.pt">www.uc.pt</a>	2	All	750 € per month + 1.100 € of travel support	1-3 months	Sofia Jesus sofia.jesus@uc.pt	"Invitation letter 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 analyse the requests and issue you an invitation letter/email, in case they're available to host you.  The International Relations Unit cannot issue invitation letters for research purposes.  Evaluation and selection criteria Please download this file: <a href="http://www.uc.pt/en/driic/cg/cg2020/africa-evaluation-selection-criteria.pdf">www.uc.pt/en/driic/cg/cg2020/africa-evaluation-selection-criteria.pdf</a>
<b>University of Cologne</b> <a href="http://uni-koeln.de/">http://uni-koeln.de/</a>	3	African Linguistics and Anthropological Linguistics of Africa Human Geography	1000 € per month + travel expenses up to 1000 €	1-3 months	Dr. Johannes Müller j.mueller@verw.uni-koeln.de	



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		International Peace and Security Law including Transitional Justice  Plant Biology  Social and Cultural Anthropology  Environmental Anthropology				
<b>University of Granada</b>  <a href="http://www.ugr.es">www.ugr.es</a> <a href="http://www.ugr.university/">www.ugr.university/</a>	5	All	700€ per month + health insurance + travel expenses up to 800€ will be reimbursed	up to 3 months	Ms María Virtudes Martín Fernández  admoncicode@ugr.es	The University of Granada 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 our University, which means that the candidate should have prior contact with the UGR professors/officers before applying for the grant.
<b>University of Graz</b>  <a href="http://www.uni-graz.at/en/">http://www.uni-graz.at/en/</a>	2	All (except Molecular Biosciences)	1.000 EUR per month + Travel expenses: 600 EUR	2 months	coimbragroup@uni-graz.at	Access to computer and library. Uni Graz will provide assistance in finding accommodation. 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.  <a href="http://www.uni-graz.at/en/university/information/faculties/">http://www.uni-graz.at/en/university/information/faculties/</a>
<b>University of Groningen</b>  <a href="http://www.rug.nl/research/gateways">http://www.rug.nl/research/gateways</a>	2	All available fields	1250 € per month (to cover housing and other expense) + reimbursement of travel costs up to 1250 € + health insurance (about 40 € per month)	Maximum 2 months per scholarship	Mobility and Scholarship Desk  msd@rug.nl	* Objective: the visit of maximum 2 months is meant for an early career research visit. Candidates can already have a PhD or are developing a PhD research proposal. The visit should lead to a (draft) paper, PhD proposal and further collaboration between the home institution and the partners at the University of Groningen. 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.  * Participants from all Sub-Saharan countries are welcome to apply though



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						<p>researchers from Benin, Ghana, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Mozambique and South Africa have a slight preference.</p> <p>* Available facilities: Access to computer and library; visa service (if required).</p> <p>* Applicants should be in contact with a colleague/ 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 2020</p>
<p><b>Jagiellonian University Krakow</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.uj.edu.pl/">https://www.uj.edu.pl/</a></p>	3 academic	All (except from the Medical School)	1500 € per month	1 month	<p>Carlos Panek</p> <p>carlos.panek@uj.edu.pl</p>	<p>The University does not provide any extra funds for travel costs or insurance for scholars.</p> <p>Applicants should establish contact with a supervising professor at the university before applying and submit a letter of invitation together with the application. When contacting the potential host, it is required to include a CV and research plan/proposal.</p>
<p><b>Jagiellonian University Krakow</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.uj.edu.pl/">https://www.uj.edu.pl/</a></p>	2 non academic	International Relations Office and other units agreed individually	800 €	1 week (5 working days + 2 days for travel)	<p>Carlos Panek</p> <p>carlos.panek@uj.edu.pl</p>	<p>The University does not provide any extra funds for travel costs or insurance. Before applying applicants should establish contact with Mr Carlos Panek, liaison officer at the IRO.</p>
<p><b>KU Leuven</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.kuleuven.be">www.kuleuven.be</a></p>	3	All	3200 euro to cover all costs	2 months	<p>Laura Lenssen</p> <p>laura.lenssen@kuleuven.be</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Applicants are postdoctoral;</li> <li>-Applicants need to include a pre-acceptance letter signed by a KU Leuven professor, supporting the application as prospective supervisor;</li> <li>-The university will provide assistance in finding accommodation, office space (shared with others), computer and library access;</li> <li>-The scholarship is incompatible with other scholarships/grants/allowances</li> </ul>
<p><b>Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3 University</b></p>	1	Humanities and Social Sciences  (subject to the approval of the	2000 € for 1 month  or	1 month  or	<p>Anna Matevosyan International Office</p> <p>anna.matevosyan@univ-montp3.fr</p>	<p>Applicants: preferably doctoral students, postdoctoral or junior researchers; they should belong to higher education</p>



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<a href="https://www.univ-montp3.fr/fr">https://www.univ-montp3.fr/fr</a>		relevant department or research centre)	3200 € for 2 months	2 months		<p>institutions or research centres with a particular interest in literature, languages, arts and social sciences.</p> <p>Invitation letter: Applicants will need an invitation letter from a professor/researcher from Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3 University. Information about our research centres: <a href="https://www.univ-montp3.fr/fr/unit%C3%A9s-de-recherche">https://www.univ-montp3.fr/fr/unit%C3%A9s-de-recherche</a></p> <p>If research lines developed match the applicant's, he/she must contact the relevant potential host supervisor by email, including their CV and research proposal so that the potential host supervisor can better analyse the application. He/she will issue an invitation letter if they agree to hosting the candidate (The International Relations Office cannot issue invitation letters).</p> <p>Accommodation: the university will provide information about accommodation but can guarantee neither availability nor cost.</p> <p>Access to University facilities: including computer and libraries.</p> <p>Insurance: the university insurance covers the academic activities; visitors should have their own personal insurance to cover health, repatriation costs and personal property.</p>
<b>University of Padova</b>  <a href="http://www.unipd.it">www.unipd.it</a>	2	All	1 month: 2000€- 2 months: 2800€ - 3 months: 3600€	from 1 to 3 months (September 2020-June 2021)	Fiorella De Gobbi  <a href="mailto:fiorella.degobbi@unipd.it">fiorella.degobbi@unipd.it</a>	<p>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 by their tutor in Padova before applying (please include a letter/email from your potential tutor/supervisor at the University of Padova as proof)</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.unipd.it">www.unipd.it</a></p>



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<b>University of Pavia</b> <a href="http://www.unipv.eu/site/home.html">http://www.unipv.eu/site/home.html</a>	1	All fields offered at University of Pavia	- € 150,00 per week - board and accommodation at a university student residence - travel costs (economy class) - health insurance policy	From 4 to 12 weeks	Stefania Ferrari stefania.ferrari01@unipv.it	Applicants should belong to higher education institutions, research centers, international institutions or organization, with a particular interest in the fields of study related to cooperation and development. Applicants should have received approval by 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 can help candidates to get in touch with professors/researchers of the University of Pavia who may have similar interests and may be willing to collaborate with them. Flight tickets and health insurance policy will be issued directly by University of Pavia.
<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 jean.marie.pincemin@univ-poitiers.fr	There are <b>no</b> grants open to non-academic staff from African universities.
<b>University of Salamanca</b> <a href="http://www.usal.es/webusal">www.usal.es/webusal</a>	1	in principle, the award may be held in any subject area	The University will provide accommodation and food. USAL is unable to assist with the costs of travel	1 month	Servicio de Relaciones Internacionales rrii@usal.es	The International Relations Office cannot issue invitation letters for research purposes. Applicants will need an invitation letter/email from a professor/researcher of the University of Salamanca (USAL). Please, find all the Departments and Research Institutes of the USAL at <a href="http://www.usal.es/departamentos">http://www.usal.es/departamentos</a> and <a href="https://investigacion.usal.es/es/empresas/gir">https://investigacion.usal.es/es/empresas/gir</a> When contacting the potential host, please include a CV and a research plan/proposal.  Access to computer and libraries
<b>University of Siena</b> <a href="http://www.unisi.it">www.unisi.it</a>	1	Any subject area, subject to the approval of the relevant host department	1,000.00 €/month (250.00 Euro/week); free board and lodging. The University is unable to assist with the cost of travel	min 2 weeks max 4 weeks	Candida Calvo Vicente incoming@unisi.it	Assistance with finding accommodation, access to libraries, computer and telephone. The University provides accident insurance and public liability insurance. Visitors will require their own health insurance.



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						Please note: Applicants should have received approval by the tutor at the host university before applying (please include a letter/email from your potential supervisor at the University of Siena as proof).
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