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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 2021 edition of the scheme:

- **University of Barcelona (Spain)**
- **University of Coimbra (Portugal)**
- **University of Cologne (Germany)**
- **Eötvös Loránd University (Hungary)**
- **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 1976
- 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 **16 April 2021 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 30 April 2021.**

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 **by the end of June 2021**. 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.

#### 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.

## The Coimbra Group

The Coimbra Group, which was set up in 1987, is an association of 41 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)).



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

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>	2 (academic staff only)	All	1.500€ per month	1-3 months	Marta Arias <a href="mailto:marta.arias@ub.edu">marta.arias@ub.edu</a>	<p>*The University is unable to assist with the costs of travel.</p> <p>*The University does not provide insurance for visitors.</p> <p>*Applicants (preferably doctoral students, postdoctoral or junior researchers) should establish contact with a supervising professor at the university before applying and submit a letter of invitation together with the application. Information about potential hosting departments and research groups can be checked at:  <a href="https://www.ub.edu/web/ub/en/recerca_innovacio/recerca_a_la_UB/grups/index.html">https://www.ub.edu/web/ub/en/recerca_innovacio/recerca_a_la_UB/grups/index.html</a></p> <p>*The research project proposal should be aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals of 2030 Agenda and the expected results lead to further academic actions between home and host institutions.</p>
<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 <a href="mailto:sofia.jesus@uc.pt">sofia.jesus@uc.pt</a>	<p>"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.</p> <p>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.</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="https://www.uc.pt/en/driic/cg/CG2021/Africaevaluationselectioncriteria">https://www.uc.pt/en/driic/cg/CG2021/Africaevaluationselectioncriteria</a></p>
<b>University of Cologne</b> <a href="http://uni-koeln.de/">http://uni-koeln.de/</a>	2	African Linguistics and Anthropological Linguistics of Africa  Plant Biology	1000 € per month + travel expenses up to 1000 €	1-3 months	Dr. Johannes Müller <a href="mailto:j.mueller@verw.uni-koeln.de">j.mueller@verw.uni-koeln.de</a>	



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		Social and Cultural Anthropology  Environmental Anthropology				
<b>Eötvös Loránd University</b>  <a href="https://www.elte.hu/en/">https://www.elte.hu/en/</a>	1	All	1.300 EUR per month	minimum 3, maximum 6 months	coimbragroup.scholarship@rk.elte.hu	Applicants are at the end at their PhD studies (absolved) or postdoctoral when starting the fellowship - Applicants need an acceptance letter from a professor at ELTE - When contacting, it is required to include CV and Research proposal, and please indicate the name of the preferred host professor/institute if possible ( <a href="https://www.elte.hu/en/faculties/">https://www.elte.hu/en/faculties/</a> )
<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>	3	All	700€ per month + health insurance + travel expenses up to 800€ will be reimbursed	up to 3 months	Ms María Virtudes Martín Fernández  admoncode@ugr.es	The stays will take place in the first semester of 2022. 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">www.rug.nl</a>  <a href="https://www.rug.nl/education/scholarships/coimbra-group-short-stay-scholarship-programme-for-young-researchers-from-sub-saharan-africa">https://www.rug.nl/education/scholarships/coimbra-group-short-stay-scholarship-programme-for-young-researchers-from-sub-saharan-africa</a>	2	All available fields	1275 € 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:  <a href="mailto:msd@rug.nl">msd@rug.nl</a>  For information about the scholarship:  <a href="https://www.rug.nl/education/scholarships/coimbra-group-short-stay-scholarship-programme-for-young-researchers-from-sub-saharan-africa">https://www.rug.nl/education/scholarships/coimbra-group-short-stay-scholarship-programme-for-young-researchers-from-sub-saharan-africa</a>	* 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, Sustainable Society, or Digital Society. * Participants from all Sub-Saharan countries are welcome to apply. * Available facilities: Access to computer and library; visa service (if required). * Applicants should be in contact with a colleague/ professor (host) from the University of Groningen before applying. * When contacting the potential host, it is required to include a CV and research plan/proposal. * The host will provide an acceptance letter which should be uploaded in the application. * Latest possible starting date: 31 December 2021
<b>Jagiellonian University Krakow</b>  <a href="https://www.uj.edu.pl/">https://www.uj.edu.pl/</a>	3 academic	All (except from faculties of the Medical School)	1500 € for 1 month only (no financial	From 1 to 3 months	Izabela Zawiska <a href="mailto:izabela.zawiska@uj.edu.pl">izabela.zawiska@uj.edu.pl</a>	The University does not provide any extra funds for travel costs or insurance for scholars. Applicants should establish contact with a supervising professor at the university before



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			aid for additional months)			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.
<b>KU Leuven</b> <a href="http://www.kuleuven.be">www.kuleuven.be</a>	3	All	3200 euro to cover all costs	2 months	Laura Lenssen  laura.lenssen@kuleuven.be	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Applicants are postdoctoral;</li> <li>-At the application deadline, participants must be under the age of 45;</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>
<b>Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3 University</b> <a href="https://www.univ-montp3.fr/fr">https://www.univ-montp3.fr/fr</a>	1	Humanities and Social Sciences  (subject to the approval of the relevant department or research centre)	2000 € for 1 month  or  3200 € for 2 months	1 month  or  2 months	Anna Matevosyan International Office  anna.matevosyan@univ-montp3.fr	<p>Applicants: preferably doctoral students, postdoctoral or junior researchers; they should belong to higher education institutions or research centres with a particular interest in literature, languages, arts and social sciences. 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. Access to University facilities: including computer and libraries. 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 2021-June 2022)	Fiorella De Gobbi  fiorella.degobbi@unipd.it	<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 establish contact with a supervisor professor at the University of Padua before applying and submit the invitation letter or email together with the application.</p> <p>Emails to potential host research supervisors must include CV and research proposals, including topics and dates.            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 €800	1 month (duration may be extended, but the fellowship and support for travel fees are fixed)	Valerie Soulard valerie.soulard@univ-poitiers.fr	As the Covid-19 pandemic prevented the 2020 applicants to be selected and come to Poitiers, they can be favoured for the 2021 campaign if they renew their application and get a new invitation letter from UP faculty. In addition, the COVID-19 French regulations prevent "short" research stays (less than 6 months) until September.
<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.  Insurance: USAL does not provide insurance for visitors  Available facilities: access to computer and libraries
<b>University of Siena</b> <a href="http://www.unisi.it">www.unisi.it</a>	1	All African countries except Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia.  Any subject area, subject to the approval of the relevant host department.	1,000.00 €/month; free board and lodging. The University is unable to assist with the cost of travel	1 month	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. 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).