



Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme for early-career professors and researchers from Latin American Universities

- 2026 Edition -

Universities of the Coimbra Group offer **short-term research visits (1-3 months maximum)** to **Latin American early-career researchers from higher education institutions in Latin America**. The programme aims to support these scholars in continuing research related to their work at their home institution while fostering academic and research collaborations with scientists and institutions based in Europe.

The scholarships are **generously funded by participating Coimbra Group member universities**, while the Coimbra Group Office manages the application process.

Participating universities

The following Coimbra Group universities are **participating in the 2026 edition** of this scholarship programme. We kindly invite you to consult the following link: [Latin America \(LA\) | Coimbra](#) , at the end of the page, you will find a list of all participating universities. Please click on each university to view the specific scholarship conditions offered.

- **Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi** (Romania)
- **University of Barcelona** (Spain)
- **University of Bergen** (Norway)
- **University of Coimbra** (Portugal)
- **University of Cologne** (Germany)
- **University of Granada** (Spain)
- **University of Graz** (Austria)
- **Friedrich Schiller University Jena** (Germany)
- **Istanbul University** (Turkey)
- **Jagiellonian University in Krakow** (Poland)
- **University of Leeds** (UK)
- **KU Leuven** (Belgium)
- **University of Padova** (Italy)
- **University of Pavia** (Italy)
- **University of Poitiers** (France)
- **University of Salamanca** (Spain)
- **University of Siena** (Italy)
- **University of Tartu** (Estonia)

Applicants must carefully review the specific conditions for each participating Coimbra Group university.



Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must fulfil **ALL of the following requirements**:

- Be born on or after 1 January 1986.
- Be nationals and current residents of a Latin American country (candidates already living and/or studying in Europe will not be considered). Some host universities may restrict eligibility to applicants from specific countries: applicants should consult the “Remarks” section of each university’s offer to confirm if their country is eligible.
- Hold a university degree or equivalent.
- Be linked, as a professor or researcher, to a Latin American University recognised as such by the authorities of the country.
- Obtain an acceptance letter/email from a supervisor at the host university confirming their willingness to supervise the work programme during the research stay. This document is **mandatory** (see more information below).
- Apply through the Coimbra Group electronic application process.
- Submit only one application to a single university. Multiple applications will not be considered valid.

Please note that the universities listed above (“Participating universities”) are the only eligible host institutions for the 2026 edition of this Scholarship Programme. Further details about each university, including their research fields, can be found directly on their respective websites.

Submission of Applications

The online application deadline is **Sunday, 10 May 2026 at midnight (Brussels time)**. Applications must be submitted via the Coimbra Group website: <http://www.coimbra-group.eu/activities/scholarships>.

Applications should be submitted in **English**. However, we will accept applications in **Spanish** for the Universities of Barcelona, Granada and Salamanca, and in **Portuguese** for the University of Coimbra. No other language exceptions will be accepted.

Applicants must:

- Identify and contact a research supervisor at the selected host university (e.g. via the university website or the indicated contact email address at the selected host institution). The Coimbra Group Office cannot assist in finding supervisors.
- Provide their supervisor’s name and contact details in the application form.



- Obtain a letter/email of acceptance from the supervisor confirming that the candidate has been accepted to carry out research under their supervision, explicitly stating their willingness to supervise the work programme of the candidate during the research stay.
- Upload the acceptance letter/email together with the application form.

Applications **without this proof of acceptance will not be considered**. Applicants are not required to submit other documents at this stage, although host universities may request additional documentation later.

Application confirmation

The Coimbra Group Office will **acknowledge each application individually**. Within two weeks of submission, candidates should receive an email from the Coimbra Group Office confirming whether their application has been **validated**. This will be the **only** acknowledgement of receipt.

If no confirmation is received, the application may not have been submitted correctly or a technical issue may have occurred. In that case, **please contact** info@coimbra-group.eu **immediately**, and **no later than Sunday, 24 May 2026**.

Mobility period

Research visits will take place during the **2026/2027 academic year**. The exact **dates and the structure** of the visit must be agreed upon between the selected candidate and the **host supervisor/partner university**.

All practical details concerning the mobility period, scholarship payments, certificates and visa procedures must be discussed directly with the host university and not with the Coimbra Group Office. The **language of instruction** is usually the national language of the host country, although in many universities English can often be used as the working language.

Selection procedure

The Coimbra Group Office will conduct an **administrative check** of applications to ensure that all **eligibility requirements** are met.

Host universities evaluate and select candidates after this eligibility check. They may request additional documents.

Previously selected candidates can apply for a second grant, but they will not be prioritised.



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

- Academic skills of the applicant
- Experience as a professor or/and researcher
- Assessment of the Curriculum Vitae
- Coherence between the programme proposed by the applicant and their academic background and experience
- Immediate benefits of the research visit for the academic and scientific developments of both the candidate and the participating institutions.

All applicants will be informed of the **result of their application** by the Coimbra Group Office by the **end of July 2026**. Once the selection has been finalised, successful candidates may receive a separate letter of invitation directly from their host university.

Obligations of the grant holder

- Comply with the **legal requirements** of the host country (in terms of insurance, visa, etc.).
- **Ensure that their home institution will grant them a leave of absence** to undertake the proposed research visit in Europe.
- **Confirm acceptance of the scholarship under the conditions offered by the host university** and the benefits outlined in this Call for Applications, **by responding to the email from the Coimbra Group Office within the specified deadline.**
- Acknowledge the Coimbra Group scholarship in **any publications resulting from the research.**

Consent to data use

By submitting an application for this Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme, candidates consent to the use of their personal data by the Coimbra Group (name, surname, country, e-mail address) for the purpose of sending electronic communications about future calls for the Coimbra Group Scholarship Programmes.

Consent can be withdrawn at any time by contacting: info@coimbra-group.eu.



About the Coimbra Group

Founded in 1985, and formally constituted by Charter in 1987, the Coimbra Group is Europe's oldest university network. It brings together long-established, research-intensive, multidisciplinary universities of outstanding international reputation, fostering collaboration and innovation across the European continent. Committed to strengthening their academic and cultural ties, the Coimbra Group supports its members in all their missions - education, research, innovation, and service to society - while advancing internationalisation. More information is available at: www.coimbra-group.eu.

Contact details

For further information please contact the Coimbra Group Office at info@coimbra-group.eu