

# Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme for Young Researchers from the European Neighbourhood

Universities of the Coimbra Group offer short-term visits to young researchers from higher education institutions from countries in the European Neighbourhood. 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 eligible countries for the 2022 edition are listed below. Please note that some Coimbra Group Universities may restrict the eligibility to some of the countries listed below – to find out if your country is eligible, please refer to the "**Remarks**" section in the table at the end of this document.

Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Republic of Northern Macedonia, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo<sup>1</sup>, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Russia, Serbia, Syria, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

The following Coimbra Group Universities are participating in the 2022 edition of the Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme:

- University of Granada (Spain)
- University of Graz (Austria)
- Heidelberg University (Germany)
- Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi (Romania)
- Jagiellonian University in Krakow (Poland)
- KU Leuven (Belgium)
- University of Padova (Italy)
- University of Poitiers (France)
- University of Salamanca (Spain)
- University of Siena (Italy)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> \* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244(1999) and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.



# **Eligibility Criteria**

Applicants must fulfil all the following criteria:

- be born on or after 1 January 1987
- be nationals of and current residents in one of the above-listed countries
- be current academic staff members of a university or an equivalent higher education institution located in one of the above-listed countries
- be of postdoctoral or equivalent status, although some institutions may offer opportunities to doctoral students

## **Application Procedure**

Candidates may apply for <u>one university only</u>. Multiple applications will not be considered valid. Only the universities listed in the table below are taking part in the 2022 edition of the Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme. Applicants will be able to fill in the on-line registration **until 15 April 2022 midnight (Brussels time)** on the Coimbra Group website:

#### www.coimbra-group.eu/activities/scholarships.

Applicants are not expected to provide any documents at this stage, although they may be requested to do so by the university they have applied for at a later stage. Candidates must indicate the name and contact details of an academic supervisor at the host university and provide proof of acceptance (a letter or e-mail) by this supervisor where it is clearly stated that he/she is willing to supervise the work of the candidate during the research stay at the Coimbra Group University. This letter should be uploaded on the application form. Applications which do not fulfil this requirement will not be considered.

## **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 <a href="mailto:info@coimbra-group.eu">info@coimbra-group.eu</a>.



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 office@coimbra-group.eu, no later than 30 April 2022.

### **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. 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 2022**. 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 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 (<a href="www.coimbra-group.eu">www.coimbra-group.eu</a>). Further details about the universities taking part in the Scholarship Programme for Young Researchers from the European Neighbourhood may be found by viewing their own web site 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

Grants Information 2022 European Neighbourhood