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2022 Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme: Numbers continue to increase and reach new high

A total of 710 candidates applied for the 2022 edition of the Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme, among which 609 were declared eligible. After the selection process, CG participating universities have awarded to the three different schemes a **record number of 88 scholarships for the academic year 2022-2023**. This new high follows three years of continuous increase in the number of grants made available to young professors and researchers from outside the European Union.

The number of CG Universities offering scholarships continues to grow steadily as well, reaching **20 institutions for the academic year 2022-2023**. The Coimbra Group is very grateful to its member universities for their kind contributions and for enhancing the visibility of the association globally and more specifically in these three geographical areas. As in the past, the number of applications received remains yet much higher than the number of grants available (14% selection rate overall).

This scholarship programme has been, and remains, **one of the most popular and successful Coimbra Group activities**. This is reflected in the ever-growing interest for the programme, both at institution and applicant level, as well as in qualitative terms.

The benefits of the research grants for the participants are regularly evidenced by alumni testimonials of gratitude or mentions of the strong academic ties they have built up with their European hosts. Similarly, the **added value brought by the scholars to the host institutions** is reflected in the decision frequently made by CG participating universities to open extra scholarships at the end of the selection process, in light of the high quality of the applications submitted.

Since 1999 the Coimbra Group has offered young researchers from outside the EU the opportunity to carry out part of their research for a period of one to three months at a Coimbra Group University.

While this [scholarship programme](#) was initially established to assist scholars from disadvantaged areas in Central and Eastern Europe (modelled on the Oxford Colleges Hospitality Scheme for Polish Scholars), it was later expanded and consolidated into a set of three programmes for young researchers from the [European Neighbourhood](#); young researchers from [Sub-Saharan Africa](#); and young professors and researchers from [Latin America](#).



2022 Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme

The 22nd edition of the CG Scholarship programme has received 609 eligible applications from researchers from 57 countries

20 CG universities

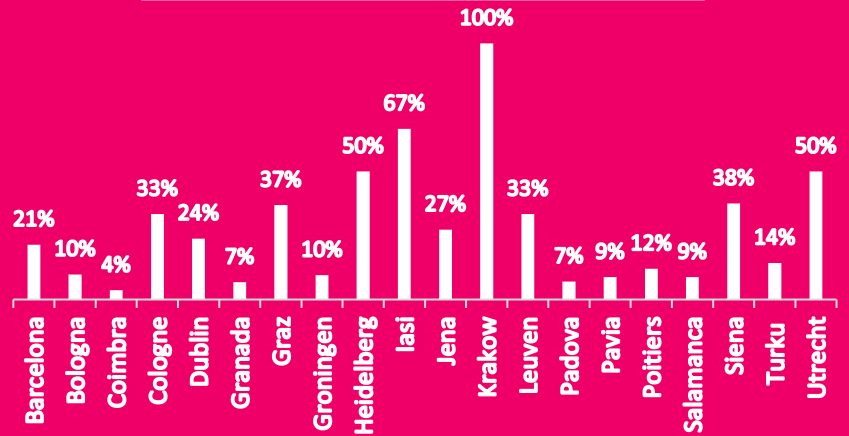
88 awarded scholarships

44 women

44 men

Physical Sciences and Engineering (PE): 19
Life Sciences (LS): 28
Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH): 41

Success rate by CG university

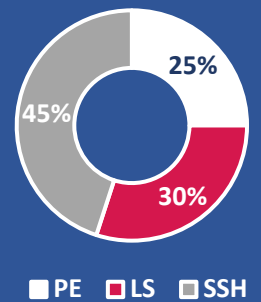
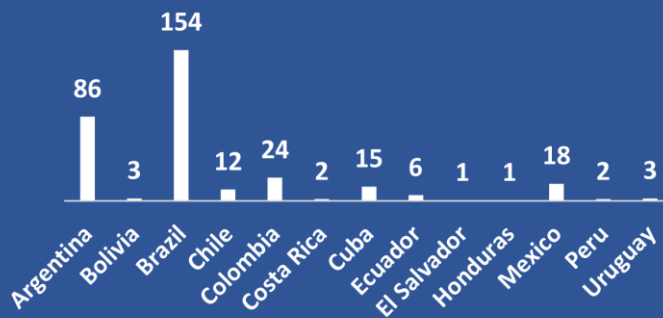


Latin America

327 applications

40 scholarships

Success rate: 12%

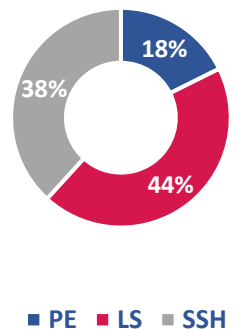
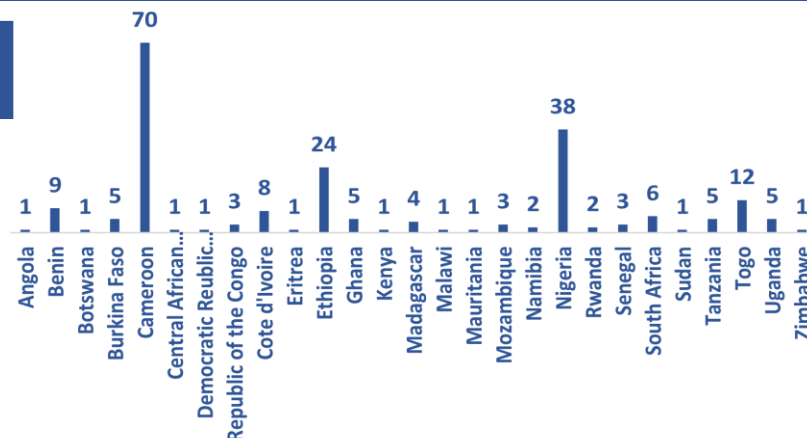


Sub-Saharan Africa

214 applications

34 scholarships

Success rate: 16%

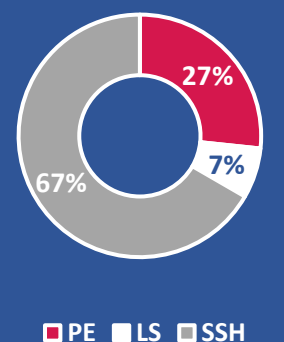
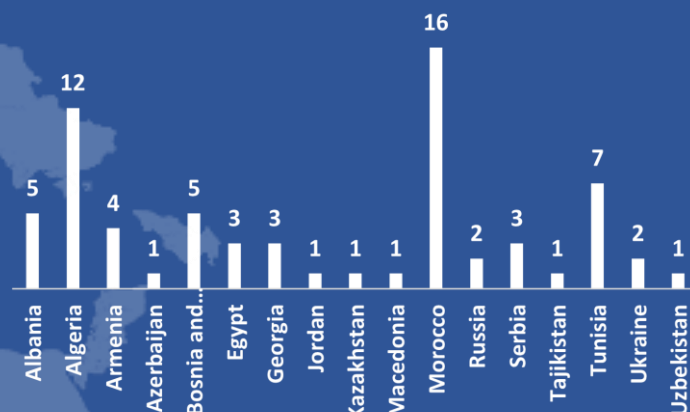


European Neighbourhood

68 applications

14 scholarships

Success rate: 21%



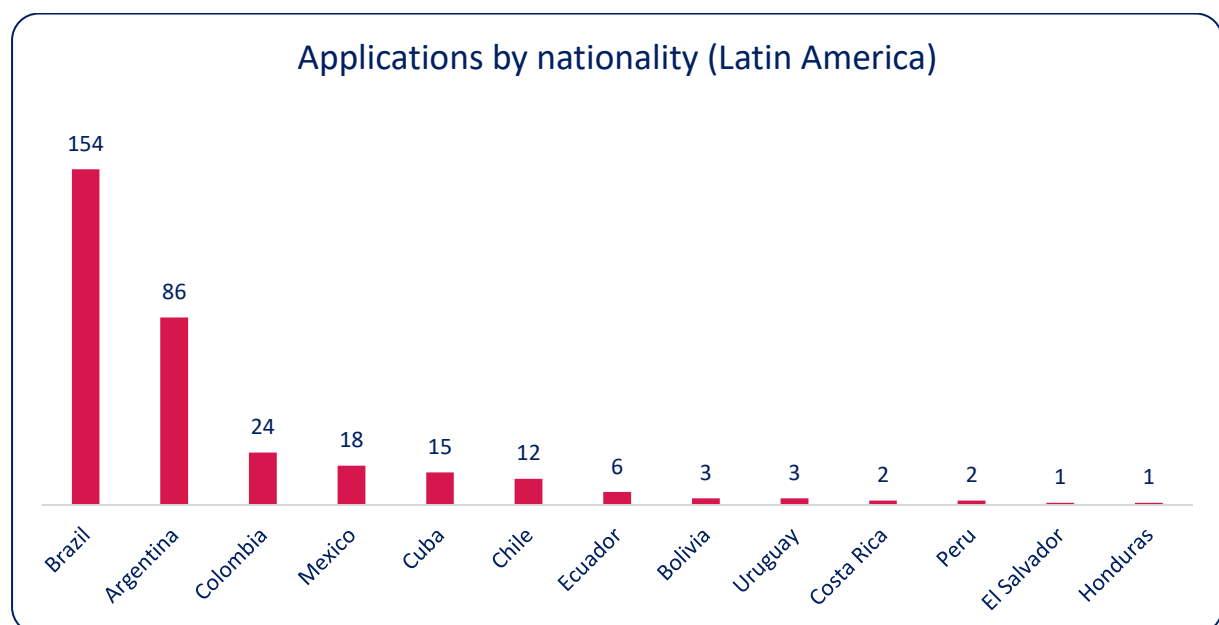
If we zoom into each of the geographical areas covered by the programme:

- Latin America

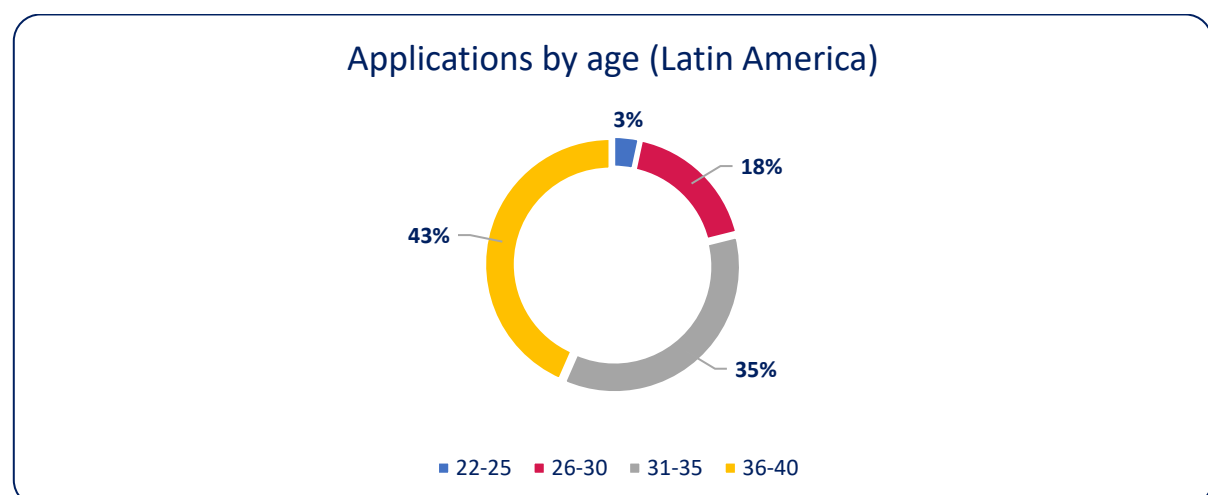
The number of **eligible applications** from young professors and researchers in Latin America has **diminished by 32%**, but this follows an exceptional peak year in 2021. On the other side, the **number of scholarships offered by CG universities for this region continues to grow (+14%)**, as well as the number of participating universities (+7%).

In 2022 the **Universities of Coimbra and Granada** have both received the most applications from this geographical area, in equal numbers (60).

This year's applications came from **13 different countries** in total. Almost half of candidates were Brazilians:



Reversing 2021's trend for this geographical area, there was in 2022 **a majority of women applicants (52%)**. Furthermore, candidates were slightly older than the past year, 43% of them being in the age range 36-40:



After selection by CG host universities:

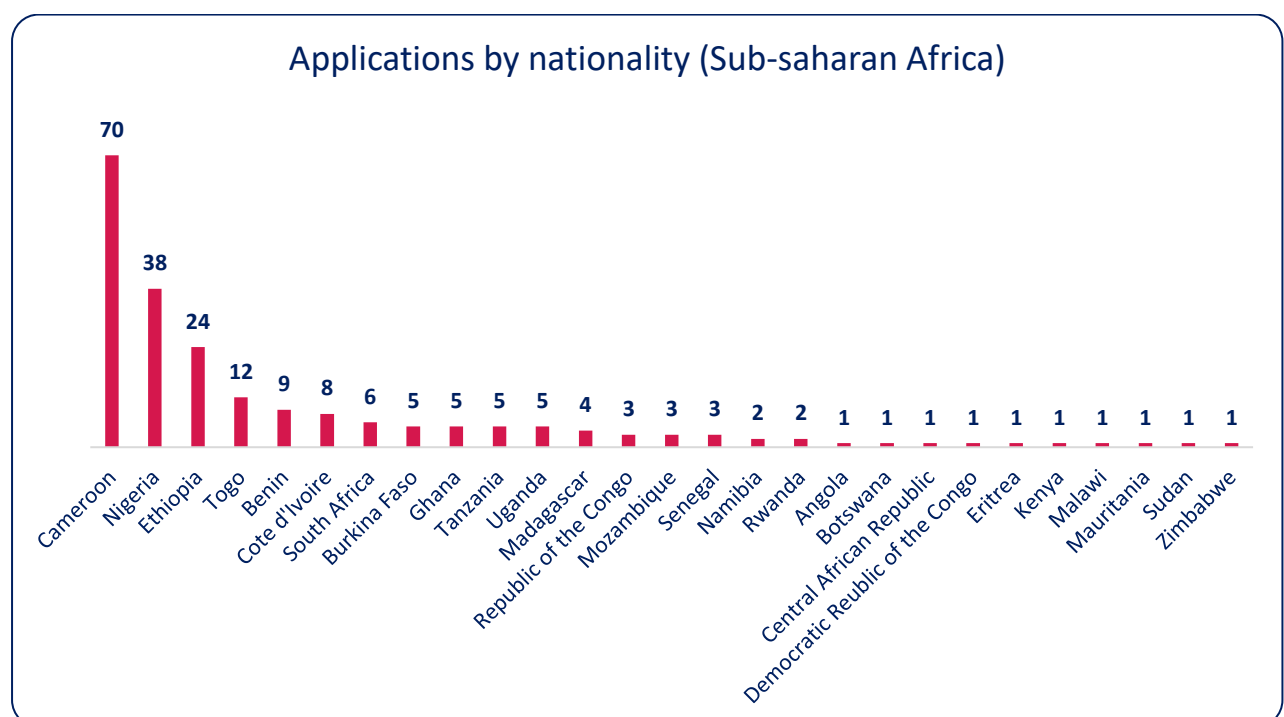
- 45% of CG grantees from Latin America are from Social Sciences and Humanities
- 60% of CG grantees are women

○ Sub-Saharan Africa

There has been a **+25% increase in the number of eligible applications** received from Sub-Saharan Africa. The **number of scholarships** offered by CG universities also increased this year (+13%), reaching a **record high (34 grants)**.

The **University of Padova was the most demanded institution**, with 39 applications, followed by the Universities of Coimbra (24) and Granada (24).

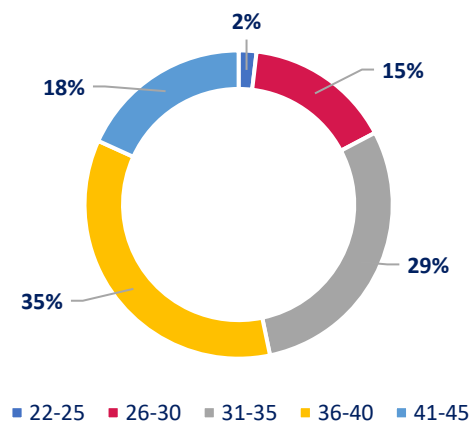
This year's candidates came from **27 different countries** in total:



The **profile of candidates** follows past years' trends:

- mostly men (72%)
- from the age group 36-40 (35%)
- predominantly with a field of study belonging to STEM
- one third of them being Cameroonians, followed by Nigerians and Ethiopians

Applications by age (Sub-Saharan Africa)



After selection by CG host universities:

- 44% of CG grantees do research in fields related to Life Sciences, followed by Social Sciences and Humanities (38%).
- 65% of CG grantees from Sub-Saharan Africa are men.

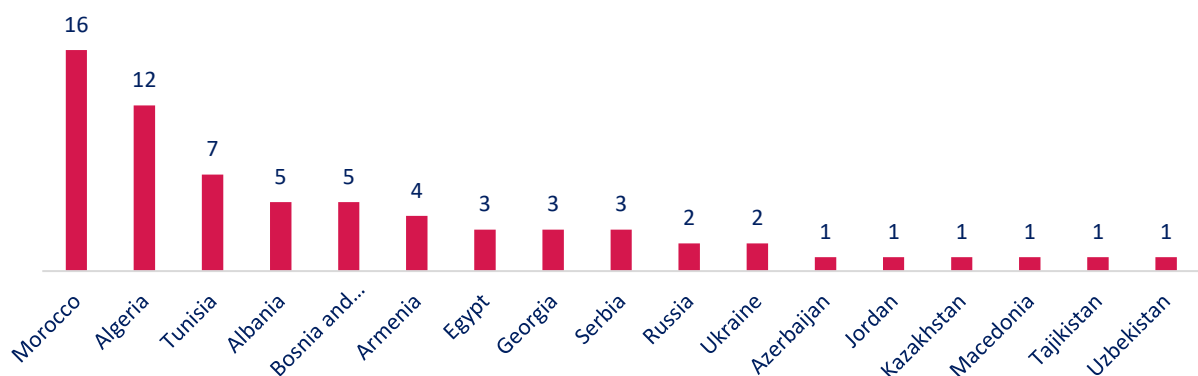
○ European Neighbourhood

Eligible applications from the European Neighbourhood **decreased by 25%** compared to 2021, yet the **number of scholarships** offered by CG universities **remained almost stable** (14).

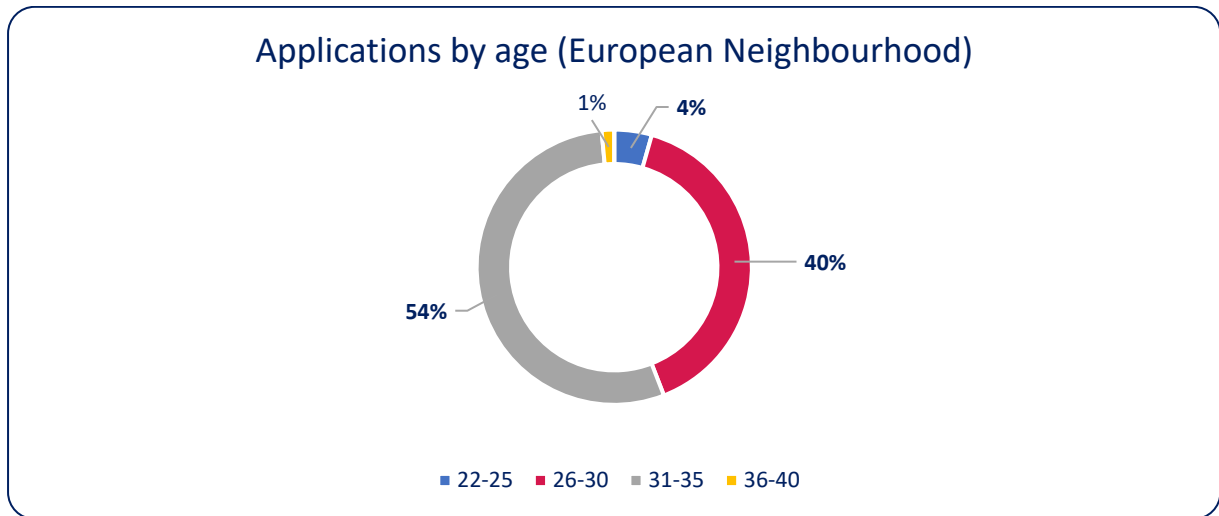
The university that received most applications from this geographical area was the **University of Padova** (24), followed by the University of Granada (20).

This year's applications came from **17 different countries** in total. Maghreb countries, led by Morocco and Algeria, were the top countries of origin of the 68 eligible candidates:

Applications by nationality (European Neighbourhood)



Women were predominant (59%) among eligible applicants, who were mostly from the age group 31-35 (54%):



After selection by CG host universities:

- 57% of CG grantees from European Neighbourhood countries are women
- 71% of grantees are doing research in fields related to Social Sciences and Humanities.