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## 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 2021 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 2021 edition of the Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme:

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

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<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.



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## Eligibility

Applicants must fulfil all the following criteria:

- be born on or after 1 January 1986
- 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 one university only. Multiple applications will not be considered valid. Only the universities listed in the table below are taking part in the 2021 edition of the Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme. Applicants will be able to fill in the on-line registration **until 16 April 2021 midnight (Brussels time)** on the Coimbra Group web site: [www.coimbra-group.eu/activities/scholarships](http://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, academic information) for dissemination purposes in connection with the Coimbra Group scholarships.

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**.



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### 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 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.

For further information please contact Anna Quici [quici@coimbra-group.eu](mailto:quici@coimbra-group.eu)

### 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 Researchers from the European Neighbourhood may be found by viewing their own web site at the addresses included in the table below.



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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>Eötvös Loránd University</b>  <a href="https://www.elte.hu/en/">https://www.elte.hu/en/</a>	1	All	1.300 € per month	minimum 3, maximum 6 months	coimbragroup.scholarship@rk.elte.hu	<p>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>)</p>
<b>University of Granada</b>  <a href="https://www.ugr.es/en/">https://www.ugr.es/en/</a>	1	All (especially Sciences, Arts, Translation, Economics and Business, Civil Engineering and Pharmacy)	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	<p>The stays will take place in the first semester of 2022.</p> <p>The University of Granada does not provide accommodation to the grant holder.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>University of Graz</b>  <a href="http://www.uni-graz.at/en/">http://www.uni-graz.at/en/</a>	3	All (except Molecular Biosciences)	1.000 € per month Travel expenses: 300 €	1 or 2 months	coimbragroup@uni-graz.at	<p>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.</p>



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						<a href="http://www.uni-graz.at/en/university/information/faculties/">http://www.uni-graz.at/en/university/information/faculties/</a>
<b>Heidelberg University</b> <a href="http://www.uni-heidelberg.de">www.uni-heidelberg.de</a>	1	All fields of studies available at Heidelberg University	€1200 per month	minimum 1 month, maximum 2 months	Nicole Dorn  dorn@zuv.uni-heidelberg.de	*No travel grant available.
<b>Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași</b> <a href="http://www.uaic.ro/">http://www.uaic.ro/</a>	1	All study fields included in the academic offer of the University  ( <a href="http://www.uaic.ro/en/">http://www.uaic.ro/en/</a> )	Reimbursement of travel costs up to 350€, free accommodation in a University residence and a monthly scholarship of 1500 RON	minimum 1 month, maximum 3 months	Ioana Serafinceanu  ioana.serafinceanu@uaic.ro	Eligible Countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, The Republic of Moldova, The Russian Federation and Ukraine
<b>Jagiellonian University Krakow</b>  <a href="https://www.uj.edu.pl/">https://www.uj.edu.pl/</a>	3	All (except from faculties of the Medical School)	1200€ for 1 month only (no financial aid for additional months)	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 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>	2	All	3200€ to cover all costs	2 months	Laura Lenssen  laura.lenssen@kuleuven.be	Applicants are postdoctoral.  At the application deadline, participants must be under the age of 35.  Applicants need to include a pre-acceptance letter signed by a KU Leuven professor, supporting the application as prospective



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						supervisor. The university will provide assistance in finding accommodation, office space (shared with others), computer and library access. The scholarship is incompatible with other scholarships/grants/allowances
<b>University of Padova</b> <a href="http://www.unipd.it">www.unipd.it</a>	2	PhD students or younger academics (under the age of 35), available	(Lump sum) 1 month: 1300€ 2 months: 2100€ 3 months: 2900€	from 1 to 3 months (September 2021-June 2022)	Fiorella De Gobbi <a href="mailto:fiorella.degobbi@unipd.it">fiorella.degobbi@unipd.it</a>	<p>Available facilities: Assistance in finding accommodation, access to university facilities (computers, libraries, canteens)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insurance: The University insurance only covers the academic activities. Visitors should have their own insurance to cover travel, stay, health and personal property</li> <li>• 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. Emails to potential host research supervisors must include CV and research proposals, including topics and dates.</li> </ul>
<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 €500	1 month (duration may be extended, but the fellowship and support for travel fees are fixed)	Valerie Soulard <a href="mailto:valerie.soulard@univ-poitiers.fr">valerie.soulard@univ-poitiers.fr</a>	<p>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.</p> <p>In addition, the COVID-19 French regulations prevent "short" research stays (less than 6 months) until September.</p>
<b>University of Salamanca</b>	1	PhD students or	The University will provide	1 month	Servicio de Relaciones Internacionales <a href="mailto:rrii@usal.es">rrii@usal.es</a>	Invitation letter: The International Relations Office cannot issue invitation letters for research purposes. Applicants



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<p><a href="http://www.usal.es/webusal">www.usal.es/webusal</a></p>		<p>academic teachers</p>	<p>accommodation and food.</p> <p>USAL is unable to assist with the costs of travel.</p>			<p>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</p> <p><a href="http://www.usal.es/departamentos">http://www.usal.es/departamentos</a> and</p> <p><a href="https://investigacion.usal.es/es/empresas/gir">https://investigacion.usal.es/es/empresas/gir</a></p> <p>When contacting the potential host, please include a CV and a research plan/proposal.</p> <p>Insurance: USAL does not provide insurance for visitors.</p> <p>Available facilities: Access to computer and libraries.</p>
<p><b>University of Siena</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.unisi.it">www.unisi.it</a></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>All but Russia. Any subject area, subject to the approval of the relevant host department</p>	<p>1,000.00€ /month; free board and lodging</p> <p>The University is unable to assist with the cost of travel.</p>	<p>1 month</p>	<p>Candida Calvo Vicente</p> <p><a href="mailto:incoming@unisi.it">incoming@unisi.it</a></p>	<p>Assistance with finding accommodation, access to libraries, computer and telephone. Insurance: 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).</p>