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Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme for Young Researchers from the European Neighbourhood

Universities of the Coimbra Group offer short-term visits (generally 1 to maximum 3 months) to young researchers from higher education institutions from the countries in the European Neighbourhood that are listed below. 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 establish academic and research contacts in Europe.

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 2023 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[1], Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Russia, Serbia, Syria, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

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.

The following Coimbra Group Universities are participating in the 2023 edition of this scholarship programme:

- **University of Barcelona (Spain)**
- **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)**

[1] ** 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 Criteria

Applicants must fulfil ALL of the following criteria at the same time:

- Be **born on or after 1 January 1988**.
- 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.
- Be in possession of an a**cceptance letter/email** from the tutor/partner with whom the work programme will be undertaken in the host institution. This document is **mandatory**.
- Use the Coimbra Group Office electronic application process.
- Apply for **one university only**. Multiple applications will not be considered valid.
- Submit all information **in English only**.

Submission of Applications

The online application is available **until 7 April 2023 at midnight (Brussels time)** on the Coimbra Group website: www.coimbra-group.eu/activities/scholarships**.**

Only the universities listed in the table below are taking part in the 2023 edition of this Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme.

The Coimbra Group Office will individually acknowledge each application received. Within two weeks of submitting the online application, candidates should receive an email from the Coimbra Group Office confirming whether their application has been validated or not. This will be the only acknowledgement of receipt. If candidates do not receive the confirmation message it means that their application was not submitted correctly or there was a technical problem. In that case, please contact office@coimbra-group.eu, **no later than 23 April 2023.**

The dates and the structure of the visit which will be carried out in the academic year **2023/2024** at the host university will be agreed upon with the host tutor/partner university. All practical details concerning the mobility period, scholarship payment, certificates and visa procedures should be discussed with the host university and **not with the Coimbra Group Office**.

Applicants should identify a research supervisor in the host university (through the website of the university of their choice or by contacting the contact person at the university of their choice - see the table below) and provide his/her contact details in the application form. Applicants are expected to make 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.

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**

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and inform them about the result of their application **by the end of June 2023**. 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.

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 info@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). Further details about the universities taking part in the Scholarship Programme for Young Researchers from the European Neighbourhood may be found directly on their own web site at the addresses included in the table below.

Contact Details

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

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

➡ **Grants Information 2023 European Neighbourhood**