Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme for Young Professors and Researchers from Latin American Universities 2015

The *"Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme for Young Professors and Researchers from Latin American Universities"* was launched for the first time in January 2004. This initiative, which offers grants to finance short-term research visits, aims at favouring mobility and academic exchange between the two regions, Europe and Latin America.
The Coimbra Group is an association of 37 European universities, which promotes exchanges between European and Latin American researchers and academics. This call for applications for research visit grants is one of the ways in which exchanges are supported.
The following Coimbra Group universities are participating in the 2015/2016 edition of the scholarship programme:

- Aarhus University (Denmark)
- University of Bristol (United Kingdom)
- University of Coimbra (Portugal)
- University of Granada (Spain)
- Karl-Franzens University Graz (Austria)
- Friedrich Schiller University Jena (Germany)
- University of Leiden (The Netherlands)
- University of Leuven (Belgium)
- University of Padova (Italy)
- University of Poitiers (France)
- Saint Petersburg State University (Russia)
- University of Salamanca (Spain)
- University of Siena (Italy)
- University of Tartu (Estonia)

RULES

1. Requirements for the applicants

1.1. To be a **national of and currently resident** in a Latin American country (see list below). Candidates already living and/or studying in Europe will not be considered.
1.2. To hold a university degree or equivalent.
1.3. To be linked as a **professor or researcher** to a Latin American University recognised as such by the authorities of the country.
1.4. To use the Coimbra Group Office electronic application process. **Only one application per candidate will be accepted.**
1.5. To submit online an **Acceptance Letter/email** from the tutor/partner with whom the work programme will be undertaken in the host institution. This document is **mandatory**.
1.6. Candidates should be **under 40 years** of age when submitting the application.
1.7. Previously selected candidates can apply for a second grant but they will not be prioritised.

2. Submission of Applications

The online application is available until **31 March 2015** on the Coimbra Group web site: (http://www.coimbra-group.eu/activities/scholarships). Applications should be submitted in English.
The Coimbra Group Office will individually acknowledge each application received. Within one week after submitting the online application, a confirmation message will be sent to the e-mail address provided by the candidate with a copy of the application. This will be your only acknowledgement of receipt. If you don't receive a confirmation message this means that your application was not submitted correctly or there was a technical problem. In that case please contact Tanase@coimbra-group.eu.
Dates and structure of the visit, which will be carried out in the academic year 2015-2016 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**.

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**. The Coimbra Group Office will **contact all candidates** and inform them about the result of their application before the end of May 2015. 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 final selection will be made in accordance to the following criteria:

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

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.

PARTICIPATING LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

Argentina	Costa Rica	Guatemala	Panama
Bolivia	Cuba	Haiti	Paraguay
Brazil	Dominican Republic	Honduras	Peru
Chile	Ecuador	Mexico	Uruguay
Colombia	El Salvador	Nicaragua	Venezuela

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COIMBRA GROUP UNIVERSITIES OFFERING GRANTS

University	Number of scholar-ships	Field	Amount	Duration	Contact	Remarks
Aarhus University www.au.dk	2 (for PhD students and postdoctoral researchers/professors)	All	The university will cover the costs of reasonable accommodation and food (€1500 per month) + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €1000 + reimbursement of expenses for fees to Danish authorities for obtaining a visa and/or work and residence permit (if required) corresponding to the current level of fees	1-3 months	Vibhuti Bhushan vibh@au.dk	*The university does not provide any insurance for the visitor. We strongly recommend that (s)he signs full time health, liability and accident insurance. *Facilities: The university will provide office facilities and library access for the visitor. *Applicants should notice that prior to arrival in Denmark the visitor must cover travel expenses (up to 1000€), housing deposit (approx. 350€) and (if required) fees for obtaining the visa and/or work and residence permits (approx. 650€). The expenses for travel and fees are covered post hoc and will be reimbursed upon arrival in Denmark. The expense for a prepaid housing deposit must be covered by the first monthly payment which also will be paid out upon arrival in Denmark (though maximum 1000€). The housing deposit is equal to the first monthly rent and must be paid upon accepting the housing offer (before arrival to Denmark).
University of Bristol www.bris.ac.uk/	1 (for a doctoral student or post-doctoral researcher/ teaching staff)	All	€800 per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €1000	1-3 months	Joanna Crow Jo.Crow@bristol.ac.uk	* Available facilities: Access to computer and library. * The university will provide assistance in finding accommodation. * Insurance: The University does not provide insurance for visitors.
University of Coimbra www.uc.pt	1	All	€750 per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €1100	1-3 months	International Office dri@uc.pt	
University of Granada www.ugr.es	3	All (www.ugr.es)	€900 per month + health insurance + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €800	maximum 3 months	Beatriz Caruana & Virginia Salazar intlmobility@ugr.es	*The University of Granada (UGR) does not provide accommodation to the grant holder. *A pre-admission letter signed by the research tutor at UGR is mandatory in order to be eligible for the grant at this University, which means that the candidate should have prior contact with the UGR professors before applying for the grant.
Karl-Franzens University of Graz www.uni-graz.at	2	All (except Molecular Biosciences) http://www.uni-graz.at/en/university/information/faculties	€1000 per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €600	2 months	coimbragroup@uni-graz.at	*Remarks: Access to computer and library. *Uni Graz will provide assistance in finding accommodation. *Uni Graz does not provide insurance for visitors.

Friedrich Schiller University Jena www.uni-jena.de	1	All	€1000 per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €500 + health insurance	1-3 months	Claudia Hillinger claudia.hillinger@uni-jena.de Sylvia Partschefeld sylvia.partschefeld@uni-jena.de	*Applicants will need a pre-acceptance letter by Jena University Professor, which means that the candidate should contact the prospective supervisor by themselves. Please check the websites of the Faculties to find out the research field of the professors and contact him/her by sending a CV and research plan/proposal. The pre-acceptance letter/ mail must be uploaded to the application. * Facilities: Access to computer and library. *The university will provide assistance in finding accommodation.
Leiden University http://www.leidenuniv.nl	3	All	Total of €4000 (including travel expenses)	3 months (in the period September-December 2015)	Marianne Wiesebron M.L.Wiesebron@Hum.LeidenUniv.nl	
KU Leuven www.kuleuven.be	3 (for postdoctoral researchers or professors who already obtained their PhD degree)	All	€1600 per month	2 or 3 months	Hilde Nijs Hilde.Nijs@kuleuven.be	* Candidates should already have obtained PhD degree at the moment of application. *The University will provide assistance in finding accommodation, office space (shared with others), computer and library access. *Travel expenses are not reimbursed. *The scholarship is incompatible with other scholarships/grants/allowances.
University of Padova www.unipd.it	3	All	€950 per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €950	3 months (in the interval September-June)	Fiorella de Gobbi fiorella.degobbi@unipd.it	*Insurance: The University insurance only covers the academic activities. Visitors should have their own insurance to cover travel, stay health and personal property. *Applicants should also have received approval by their tutor in Padova before applying (please include a letter/email from your potential tutor/supervisor at the University of Padova as proof).
University of Poitiers www.univ-poitiers.fr	1	All	€1000 per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €700	2 weeks to 1 month	Please fill in this form: http://enquete.univ-poitiers.fr/index.php?sid=62341&lang=en	*Access to computer and libraries and assistance in finding accommodation. *The university does not provide insurance for visitors.
Saint Petersburg State University http://eng.spbu.ru/	1 (for Phd students)	Physics, Chemistry, Information Technology, Biology, Management, Economics	25000 rubles per month	1 -3 months (in exceptional cases may be up to 12 months)	Irina Samylina i.zhariy@ifea.spbu.ru	*Eligible country: **Uruguay** *The Host university assists in arranging accommodation at the University's dormitories (approximately 4000 rubles per month). Accommodation and living costs and any additional expenses connected with the participation in the programme shall be covered by the participant himself/herself (no travel expenses nor any other costs are reimbursed).
University of Salamanca www.usal.es/	2	Law, Economy, Humanities and Social Sciences	€1100 per month	maximum 4 months	Servicio de Relaciones Internacionales rrii@usal.es	

University of Siena www.unisi.it	1 (for young researchers or academic teachers)	All	€1000 per month + free board and lodging + accident insurance & public liability insurance	1-3 months	Candida Calvo Vicente incoming@unisi.it	*Travel Expenses: The University is unable to assist with the cost of travel. *Available facilities: 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).
University of Tartu www.ut.ee/en/	1 (for a doctoral student)	Any field, subject to approval from the Head of Department	€830 per month (to cover food, accommodation in university modern dormitories and other expenses) + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €800	1-2 months	Sirje Üprus Sirje.Uprus@ut.ee	*Available facilities: Access to computer and library facilities *Insurance: Valid health insurance **is needed** *Remarks: Applicants should be PhD students and they should have received an acceptance letter/mail from the research tutor which means that they have had prior contact with the UT professors and are accepted to carry out research in UT. *The University of Tartu is providing assistance in finding accommodation and access to libraries and computer space (internet access is available everywhere).