



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 2015 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, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Serbia, Syria, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

The following Coimbra Group Universities are participating in the 2015 edition of the Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme:

University of Granada (Spain)
Karl-Franzens University of Graz (Austria)
University of Groningen (the Netherlands)
University of Heidelberg (Germany)
Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi (Romania)
University of Jena (Germany)
KU Leuven (Belgium)
University of Padova (Italy)
University of Poitiers (France)
Saint-Petersburg State University (Russia)
University of Salamanca (Spain)
University of Tartu (Estonia)

Eligibility

Applicants must fulfil all the following criteria:

- be under the age of 35
- 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 and 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 2015 edition of the Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme. Applicants will be able to fill in the on-line registration **until 31 March 2015** on the Coimbra Group web site: 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.

Information should be submitted in English. Applicants will receive a confirmation message from the Coimbra Group Office within one week following the submission of their application. **If you do not receive this confirmation message, you must notify our office by sending an email to Cristina.Tanase@coimbra-group.eu, no later than one week following the deadline of 31 March.**

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. 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

The Coimbra Group

The Coimbra Group, which was set up in 1987, is an association of 37 traditional 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 by viewing their own web site at the addresses included in the table below.

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

University	Number of scholarships	Field	Amount	Duration	Contact	Remarks
University of Granada http://www.ugr.es http://www.ugr.university/	2	All (especially Sciences, Arts, Translation, Economics and Business, Civil Engineering and Pharmacy)	€900 per month + health insurance + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €800	maximum 3 months	Beatriz Caruana & Virginia Salazar intlmobility@ugr.es	<p>*The University of Granada (UGR) 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 this University, which means that the candidate should have prior contact with the UGR professors before applying for the grant.</p>
Karl-Franzens University of Graz http://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 €300	1 to 2 months	coimbragroup@uni-graz.at	<p>*Available facilities: Access to computer and library. The university will provide assistance in finding accommodation.</p> <p>*Insurance: Uni Graz does not provide insurance for visitors.</p>
University of Groningen http://www.rug.nl/education/phd-programme/ http://www.rug.nl/research/gateways	2 (for young researchers at doctorate level only)	All	€1190 per month (to cover housing and other expenses) + reimbursement of travel costs up to €500 + health insurance (about €40 per month)	maximum 3 months	Regine van Groningen r.j.van.groningen@rug.nl	<p>*Eligible countries: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine.</p> <p>*Preferably, but not necessarily, the subject of the research proposal fits one of the focal areas of the University of Groningen: Healthy Ageing, Energy, or Sustainable Society.</p> <p>*Available facilities: Access to computer and library; visa service (if required).</p> <p>*Applicants should be in contact with a supervising professor (host) from the University of Groningen before applying.</p> <p>*When contacting the potential host, it is required to include a CV and research plan/proposal.</p> <p>*The host will provide an acceptance letter which should be uploaded in the application.</p> <p>*Latest possible starting date: 31 December 2015.</p>
Heidelberg University http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/	1	All	€900 per month	1-2 months	Nicole Dorn dorn@zuv.uni-heidelberg.de	<p>*Assistance with finding accommodation, introduction and orientation, academic adviser (depending on subject of research).</p> <p>*No travel grant available.</p> <p>*The University does not provide insurance for visitors.</p>

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Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi http://www.uaic.ro/	2 (for post-doctoral teaching staff / researchers or PhD students)	All areas of study subject to approval from the relevant department	reimbursement of travel expenses up to €350 + the University will cover accommodation and meals	maximum 3 months	Livia Dimitriu livia.vranescu@uaic.ro	*Eligible countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.
Friedrich Schiller University Jena http://www.uni-jena.de	1 (for a PhD student or academic teacher)	All	€1000 per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €500 + reimbursement of health insurance costs	1-2 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.
KU Leuven http://www.kuleuven.be	3 (for postdoc academic teachers)	All	€1600 per month to cover all costs (accommodation, food, and other expenses) + third party liability insurance and medical insurance for two months	2 months	Hilde Nijs Hilde.Nijs@kuleuven.be	*Eligible countries: Georgia, Ukraine and Moldova. * Candidates should already have obtained a PhD degree at the moment of application. *Available facilities: Assistance with finding accommodation, office space (shared with others), computer and library access. *Travel Expenses: The University is unable to meet travel expenses *The scholarship is incompatible with other scholarships/grants/allowances per day or per month.

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University of Padova http://www.unipd.it	2 for PhD students or younger academics (under the age of 35)	All	€800 per month to cover all costs (accommodation, food, and other expenses) + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €500	1-3 months (in the interval September-June)	Fiorella de Gobbi fiorella.degobbi@unipd.it	<p>*Available facilities: Assistance in finding accommodation, access to university facilities (computers, libraries, canteens).</p> <p>*Insurance: The University insurance only covers the academic activities. Visitors should have their own insurance to cover travel, stay health and personal property.</p> <p>*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).</p>
University of Poitiers http://www.univ-poitiers.fr	1 (for a PhD student or young researcher)	All	€1000 per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €300	2 weeks to 1 month	Please fill in this form: http://enquete.univ-poitiers.fr/index.php?sid=62341&lang=en	<p>*Access to computer and libraries.</p> <p>*The International Relations Office provides assistance in finding accommodation.</p> <p>*The university does not provide insurance for visitors.</p>
Saint Petersburg State University http://eng.spbu.ru/	2 (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	<p>*Eligible countries: Armenia, Belarus, Israel, Ukraine.</p> <p>*The Host university assists in arranging accommodation at the University's dormitories (approximately 4000 rubles per month).</p> <p>*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).</p>
University of Salamanca http://www.usal.es/webusal	1 (for PhD students or academic teachers)	All	the University will provide accommodation and food	1 month	Servicio de Relaciones Internacionales rrii@usal.es	

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University of Tartu http://www.ut.ee/en/admissions	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)	1-2 months	Sirje Üprus Sirje.Uprus@ut.ee	<p>*Travel expenses: The University is unable to cover travel expenses</p> <p>*Available facilities: Access to computer and library facilities.</p> <p>*Insurance: The University will not provide insurance for visitors, a valid health insurance is required.</p> <p>*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.</p> <p>*The University of Tartu is providing assistance in finding accommodation and access to libraries and computer space (internet access is available everywhere).</p>