



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

- 2025 Edition -

Universities of the Coimbra Group offer **short-term visits (generally 1 to maximum 3 months) to young African researchers from higher education institutions from Latin America**. 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.

Please note that **some Coimbra Group Universities may restrict the eligibility to some countries only** - to find out if your country is eligible, please refer to the "Remarks" section in the Grants Information.

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 2025 edition** of this scholarship programme:

- Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași (Romania)
- University of Barcelona (Spain)
- University of Coimbra (Portugal)
- University of Cologne (Germany)
- University of Granada (Spain)
- University of Graz (Austria)
- Istanbul University (Turkey)
- Jagiellonian University in Krakow (Poland)
- KU Leuven (Belgium)
- University of Padova (Italy)
- University of Pavia (Italy)
- University of Poitiers (France)
- University of Salamanca (Spain)
- University of Siena (Italy)
- University of Tartu (Estonia)



Eligibility Criteria

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

- To be a national of and currently resident in a Latin American country. Candidates already living and/or studying in Europe will not be considered.
- To hold a university degree or equivalent.
- To be linked, as a professor or researcher, to a Latin American University recognised as such by the authorities of the country.
- To use the Coimbra Group Office electronic application process. Only one application per candidate will be accepted.
- 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.
- To be born on or after 1 January 1985.

Submission of Applications

The online application is available until **31 March 2025 midnight (Brussels time)** on the Coimbra Group website: <http://www.coimbra-group.eu/activities/scholarships> . Applications should be submitted in English, but we will accept applications in Spanish when applying to the Universities of Granada, Salamanca, and Barcelona and in Portuguese when applying to the University of Coimbra. No other language exceptions will be accepted.

Only the universities listed in the list below are taking part in the 2025 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 acknowledgement of receipt. If candidates do not receive the confirmation message it means that the application was not submitted correctly or there was a technical problem. In that case, please contact office@coimbra-group.eu , **no later than 14 April 2025.**

The dates and the structure of the visit which will be carried out in the academic year 2025/2026 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 are expected to make contact with their **research supervisor** at the selected host university (through the website of the university of their choice, or by contacting the contact person at the selected host university) 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. The letter/email must clearly state the willingness of the tutor to supervise the work of the candidate during the research stay. The Coimbra Group Office is unable to help you with finding a supervisor.

Applicants are not expected to provide any other documents at this stage, although they may be requested to do so by the university they have applied for at a later stage.

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. Previously selected candidates can apply for a second grant, but they will not be prioritised.

The Coimbra Group Office will contact all candidates and inform them about the result of their application **by the end of June 2025**. 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 with 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.

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 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 Professors and Researchers from Latin American Universities may be found by viewing their own website at the addresses included in the information below.

Contact Details

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

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