



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

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 39 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. Grants are normally available for a period up to six months at one of the Coimbra Group Universities listed in Annex 1.

Twelve Coimbra Group Universities participated in the 2006 and 2007 editions of the programme which offered 24 scholarships. In 2008, 32 scholarships were available from 17 Coimbra Group Universities. Exceptionally, the CG Universities undertook a second round in 2008, offering 11 extra scholarships. In 2009, there were 36 scholarships available from 18 CG Universities and last year (2010) the same amount of Universities delivered 34 scholarships.

The following Coimbra Group universities are participating in the 2011 edition of the scholarship programme:

- University of Aarhus
- University of Barcelona
- University of Coimbra
- University of Geneva
- University of Granada
- University of Groningen
- Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi
- University of Jena
- University of Leiden
- University of Leuven
- University of Louvain
- University of Padova
- University of Poitiers
- University of Salamanca
- University of Siena
- University of Tartu
- University of Turku
- Åbo Akademi University



RULES

1. Requirements for the applicants

- 1.1. To be a national of and currently resident in a Latin American country (see Annex 2). Candidates already 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.
- 1.5. To submit online an Acceptance Letter/email from by 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. Previously selected candidates can apply for a second grant but they will not be prioritised.

2. Submission of Applications

The online application is available between **24 January 2011 and 15 March 2011** on the Coimbra Group web site: (<http://www.coimbra-group.eu/sp>)

Information should be submitted in English, but Spanish and Portuguese are also acceptable for students applying to Portuguese or Spanish Coimbra Group Universities.

After submitting the online application, a confirmation message will automatically be sent to the e-mail address provided by the candidate. This will be your only acknowledgement of receipt. **The Coimbra Group Office will not individually acknowledge each application received.**

Dates for and structure of the visit, which will be carried out in the academic year 2011-2012 at the host university, will be agreed upon with the host tutor / partner university. All practical details concerning the mobility period should be discussed with the host university.

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.



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.
- Include a mention of the Coimbra Group Scholarship whenever results of the research programme are published.
- Send to the Coimbra Group Office a letter of acceptance of the scholarship, including the acceptance of the scholarship on the conditions offered by the university at which he/she was accepted and with the benefits outlined in Annex 1 of this Call for Applications. In acceptance letter the grant holder should also declare that he/she will send, within four weeks after finishing his/her visit, an evaluation form in English on the research visit carried out (the form will be provided by the Coimbra Group Office). This document can also be sent by e-mail.

ANNEXES

1. Coimbra Group Universities offering grants.
2. List of participating Latin American countries.