



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

The "*Coimbra Group Scholarships Programme for Young Professors and Researchers from Latin American Universities*" was launched for the first time on January 2004. This initiative, which offers grants to finance short-term research visits, aims at favouring mobility and academic exchange between both regions.

The Coimbra Group, an association of 38 European universities, with the interest of promoting the exchange between European and Latin American researchers and academics, launches this call for applications for research visit grants. Grants are normally admitted for a period of 3 to 6 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 the first edition of 2008, 32 scholarships were available from 17 Coimbra Group Universities. The CG Universities took a second round for 2008, offering 11 extra scholarships.

The following 18 Coimbra Group universities are participating in the 2009-2010 edition of the scheme:

- University of Aarhus
- Åbo Akademi University
- University of Barcelona
- University of Coimbra
- University of Geneva
- University of Göttingen
- 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 Salamanca
- University of Siena
- University of Thessaloniki
- University of Turku



RULES

1. Requirements for the applicants

- 1.1. To be resident at present in a Latin American country (see Annex 2).
- 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 undertake, through the Coimbra Group Office in Brussels, the electronic application process for the recipient university.
- 1.5. Candidates should be under 40 years old when submitting the application.

2. Submission of Applications

The online application is available between **19 January 2009 and 15 March 2009** on the Coimbra Group website:

<http://www.coimbra-group.eu/hospitality/01-LA-Scholarships.php>)

The application must be accompanied by an electronic Curriculum Vitae.

The following documentation must be sent by post (the date of the postmark must be **15 March** at the latest) to the address:

**Coimbra Group Office
Egmontstraat 11, rue d'Egmont
BE-1000 Brussels
Belgium**

- Certified photocopies of university diplomas.
- Explanatory report of the work programme to be pursued at the recipient university (max. 1000 words).
- Acceptance (letter or email) by the tutor/partner with whom the work programme will be carried out.
- Document certifying knowledge of the language required by the recipient university.
- Document certifying that the applicant is linked to a Latin American university as a professor or researcher.

Dates and structure of the visit, which will be carried out in the academic year 2009-2010 at the hosting university, will be agreed upon with the tutor/partner.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The administrative check of applications will be undertaken by the Coimbra Group Office to select candidates who meet the eligibility criteria. The selection of candidates will be undertaken by the host institution. The TFLA scientific committee will give final approval of the selection. 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 who are 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.

OBLIGATION 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 in case the results of the investigation carried out 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 in which he/she was accepted and with the benefits outlined in Annex 1 of this Call for Applications. In this letter the grant holder should also declare that he/she will send, within four weeks after finishing his/her visit, a short report (two pages) on the research visit carried out (a model for the report will be provided).

ANNEXES

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



Annex 1: Coimbra Group Universities participating in the 2009-2010 edition

University of Aarhus

Number of scholarships available: Two

Disciplines: All

Financial support: The University will cover the costs of reasonable accommodation and food (1.200€/month). Travel expenses up to 1.000€ will be reimbursed.

Duration of the visit: Up to 3 months

Web: <http://www.au.dk>

Åbo Akademi University

Number of scholarships available: Two – only postdoctoral researchers or professors

Disciplines: All

Financial support: € 1.200/month to cover all costs related to accommodation, food and local expenses. The university will provide assistance in finding accommodation. Health insurance is needed. Travel costs will not be reimbursed.

Duration of the visit: 3 months

Web: www.abo.fi

University of Barcelona

Number of scholarships available: One

Disciplines: All fields of study (subject to approval from host department)

Financial support: The University will cover the costs of reasonable accommodation and food (1.000€ per month). Please note that the University is unable to assist with the costs of travel

Duration of the visit: Up to 6 months

Web: www.ub.edu

University of Coimbra

Number of scholarships available: Two

Disciplines: All

Financial support: €750 per month. Travel expenses are covered up to €1100

Duration of the visit: From 1 to 3 months

Web: www.uc.pt

University of Geneva

Number of scholarships available: One

Disciplines: All

Financial support: CHF 2000 per month

Duration of the visit: 3 months

Web: www.unige.ch



University of Göttingen

Number of scholarships available: Three

Disciplines: Agricultural Sciences, Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology, Economic Sciences, Law, Biology, Geosciences and Geography

Financial support: 750€ per month

Duration of the visit: Up to 3 months

Web: www.uni-goettingen.de

University of Granada

Number of scholarships available: Three

Disciplines: All

Financial support: €900 per month plus medical insurance

Duration of the visit: Up to 4 months

Web: www.ugr.es

University of Groningen

Number of scholarships available: Two

Disciplines: All

Financial support: € 1,075/month (including housing); reimbursement of travel expenses up to € 1000, health insurance

Duration of the visit: Up to 3 months

Web: www.rug.nl

University of Iasi

Number of scholarships available: Two

Disciplines: All

Financial support: The University will cover accommodation and meals. Travel costs will be reimbursed up to 800€.

Duration of the visit: Up to 3 months

Web: www.uaic.ro

University of Jena

Number of scholarships available: One

Disciplines: All

Financial support: 1000€ per month, reimbursement of travel costs up to 500€

Duration of the visit: 2 or 3 months

Web: www.uni-jena.de

University of Leiden

Number of scholarships available: Three

Disciplines: All

Financial support: 3000€ each plus reimbursement of travel costs up to 1000€

Duration of the visit: 3 months

Web: www.leidenuniv.nl

Please note: Candidates have to accept their scholarship in the 2d semester of 2009, or at least start in November at the latest.



University of Leuven

Number of scholarships available: Three. Only for postdoctoral researchers or postdoctoral professors (who already obtained PhD degree).

Disciplines: all

Financial support: €1600/month to cover all costs related to accommodation, food and other local expenses. The University will provide assistance in finding accommodation, office space (shared with others), computer and library access. No travel expenses are reimbursed.

Duration of the visit: 3 months between 01/09/2009 and 30/06/2010

Web: www.kuleuven.be

University of Louvain

Number of scholarships available: One

Disciplines: All

Financial support: 310€ per week, medical insurance. No reimbursement of travel costs.

Duration of the visit: Up to 3 months

Web: www.uclouvain.be

University of Padova

Number of scholarships available: Two

Disciplines: All

Financial support: €1000 per month. Travel expenses will be reimbursed up to €1100

Duration of the visit: 3 months

Web: www.unipd.it

University of Salamanca

Number of scholarships available: Two

Disciplines: Law, Economy, Humanities and Social Sciences

Financial support: 1100€ per month

Duration of the visit: Up to 4 months

Web: www.usal.es

University of Siena

Number of scholarships available: One

Disciplines: Experiment Sciences, Bio-medical and Medical Sciences, Humanities, History, Philosophy, Fine Arts, Economics, Law and Political Sciences

Financial support: 6,000.00 € for a maximum of six months (accommodation and living costs- up to 1,000 € per month)

Duration of the visit: From 3 to 6 months

Web: www.unisi.it

University of Thessaloniki

Number of scholarships available: One

Disciplines: All

Financial support: €450 per month. The University will provide assistance regarding boarding and lodging at a low cost, medical insurance, computer and library access.

Duration of the visit: 3 months with the possibility of extension

Please note: The candidates should also provide a copy of their passport and an acceptance letter by an Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Member of Academic Staff that the applicant is accepted to contact research under his/her supervision.

Web: www.auth.gr



University of Turku

Number of scholarships available: Two

Disciplines: All (subject to the approval of the relevant host department)

Financial support: The University will cover the cost of accommodation and a grant of 600€/month will be given to cover food and other expenses. Available facilities: office/laboratory space, access to libraries and computer. The University is unable to assist with the cost of travel. Health insurance is needed. The University does not provide insurance for visitors.

Duration of the visit: 3 months

Web: www.utu.fi



Annex 2:
Latin American countries participating in the 2009-2010 edition

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