



## Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme for Young Professors and Researchers from Latin American Universities 2012

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 40 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.

The following Coimbra Group universities are participating in the 2012 edition of the scholarship programme:

- University of Aarhus (Denmark)
- University of Coimbra (Portugal)
- University of Geneva (Switzerland)
- University of Granada (Spain)
- University of Graz (Austria)
- University of Groningen (The Netherlands)
- University of Jena (Germany)
- University of Leiden (The Netherlands)
- University of Leuven (Belgium)
- University of Louvain (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)
- University of Turku (Finland)
- Åbo Akademi University (Finland)

### **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. **Only one application per candidate will be accepted.**

- 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.
- 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 between **19 January 2012 and 19 March 2012** 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 **only** 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 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. **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 2012-2013 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. 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/email 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 the 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).

## **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

## **ANNEX**

1. Coimbra Group Universities offering grants.