Coimbra Group Short Stay Scholarship Programme
for young researchers from
Sub-Saharan Africa

Universities of the Coimbra Group offer short-term visits (generally 1 to maximum 3 months) to young African researchers from higher education institutions from Sub-Saharan Africa. 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 following Coimbra Group universities are participating in the 2020 edition of the scheme:

- University of Barcelona (Spain)
- University of Coimbra (Portugal)
- University of Cologne (Germany)
- University of Granada (Spain)
- University of Graz (Austria)
- University of Groningen (The Netherlands)
- Jagiellonian University Krakow (Poland)
- KU Leuven (Belgium)
- University of Montpellier 3 Paul-Valéry (France)
- University of Padova (Italy)
- University of Pavia (Italy)
- University of Poitiers (France)
- University of Salamanca (Spain)
- University of Siena (Italy)

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants should be:

- born on or after 1 January 1975
- nationals of and current residents in a country in Sub-Saharan Africa
- current staff members of a university or an equivalent higher education institution in Sub-Saharan Africa
- preferably of doctoral/postdoctoral or equivalent status.

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.

Application Procedure

Online application form: www.coimbra-group.eu/activities/scholarships

Applicants must fill in the on-line application form before 31 March 2020 midnight (Brussels time).
Candidates will be able to select one university only. Multiple applications will not be considered valid.

Applicants should identify a research supervisor in the host university (through the website of the university of your choice or by contacting the contact at the university of your choice – see table below). You should provide his/her contact details in the application form. Applicants are expected to take contact with their research supervisor at the university of their choice 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.

Applications which do not fulfil this requirement will not be considered. The Coimbra Group Office is unable to help you with finding a supervisor.

Information should be submitted in English. The Coimbra Group Office will individually acknowledge each application received. Within two weeks of submitting the online application, you should receive an email from the Coimbra Group Office confirming whether your application has been validated or not. This will be your only acknowledgement of receipt. If you do not receive the confirmation message it means that your application was not submitted correctly or there was a technical problem. In that case, please contact info@coimbra-group.eu, no later than 15 April 2020.

Female candidates are encouraged to apply and will be prioritised.

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.

When submitting an application for a Coimbra Group scholarship, the candidate agrees to allow the Coimbra Group to use their data (name, surname, academic information) for dissemination purposes in connection with the Coimbra Group scholarships.

The Coimbra Group

The Coimbra Group, which was set up in 1987, is an association of 39 European universities. It aims to increase cooperation 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 African researchers may be found by viewing their own web site at the addresses included in the table below.

Contact Details

For further information please contact Anna Quici via email (quici@coimbra-group.eu).

Please refer to the table below for the specific conditions set by each Coimbra Group University participating in the Scholarship Programme.
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<th>University</th>
<th>Number of scholarships</th>
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<tr>
<td>University of Barcelona</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>1.500€ per month</td>
<td>1 - 4 months</td>
<td>Marta Arias <a href="mailto:marta.arias@ub.edu">marta.arias@ub.edu</a></td>
<td>*The University is unable to assist with the costs of travel.</td>
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<td>*Applicants should establish contact with a supervising professor at the university before applying and submit a letter of invitation together with the application: <a href="http://www.ub.edu/web/ub/en/recerca_innovacio/recerca_a_la_UB/recerca.html">http://www.ub.edu/web/ub/en/recerca_innovacio/recerca_a_la_UB/recerca.html</a>?</td>
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<td>University of Coimbra</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>750 € per month + 1.100 € of travel support</td>
<td>1-3 months</td>
<td>Sofia Jesus <a href="mailto:sofia.jesus@uc.pt">sofia.jesus@uc.pt</a></td>
<td>*Invitation letter Applicants will need an invitation letter/email from a professor/ researcher of the University of Coimbra (UC). Please take a look at our research centres’ list: <a href="http://www.uc.pt/en/iii/research_centres/centros_investigacao">www.uc.pt/en/iii/research_centres/centros_investigacao</a> and check if the research lines developed match yours. If so, contact the relevant potential host research supervisor by email. Emails to potential host research supervisors must include CV and research proposals, including topics and dates (based on the duration of the scholarship), so that the potential host supervisors can better analyse the requests and issue you an invitation letter/email, in case they’re available to host you. The International Relations Unit cannot issue invitation letters for research purposes. Evaluation and selection criteria Please download this file: <a href="http://www.uc.pt/en/driic/cg/cg2020/africa-evaluation-selection-criteria.pdf">www.uc.pt/en/driic/cg/cg2020/africa-evaluation-selection-criteria.pdf</a></td>
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<td>University of Cologne</td>
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<td>African Linguistics and Anthropological Linguistics of Africa Human Geography</td>
<td>1000 € per month + travel expenses up to 1000 €</td>
<td>1-3 months</td>
<td>Dr. Johannes Müller <a href="mailto:j.mueller@verw.uni-koeln.de">j.mueller@verw.uni-koeln.de</a></td>
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<td>University of Granada</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>700€ per month + health insurance + travel expenses up to 800€ will be reimbursed</td>
<td>up to 3 months</td>
<td>Ms María Virtudes Martín Fernández</td>
<td><a href="mailto:admoncicode@ugr.es">admoncicode@ugr.es</a></td>
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<td>University of Graz</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>All (except Molecular Biosciences)</td>
<td>1.000 EUR per month + Travel expenses: 600 EUR</td>
<td>2 months</td>
<td><a href="mailto:coimbragroup@uni-graz.at">coimbragroup@uni-graz.at</a></td>
<td>Access to computer and library. Uni Graz will provide assistance in finding accommodation. Uni Graz does not provide insurance for visitors. Applicants should establish contact with a supervising professor at the University of Graz before applying and submit a letter of invitation or email correspondence together with the application.</td>
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<td>University of Groningen</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>All available fields</td>
<td>1250 € per month (to cover housing and other expense) + reimbursement of travel costs up to 1250 € + health insurance (about 40 € per month)</td>
<td>Maximum 2 months per scholarship</td>
<td>Mobility and Scholarship Desk <a href="mailto:msd@rug.nl">msd@rug.nl</a></td>
<td>* Objective: the visit of maximum 2 months is meant for an early career research visit. Candidates can already have a PhD or are developing a PhD research proposal. The visit should lead to a (draft) paper, PhD proposal and further collaboration between the home institution and the partners at the University of Groningen. Preferably, the subject of the research proposal fits into one of the focal areas of the University of Groningen: Healthy Ageing, Energy, or Sustainable Society. * Participants from all Sub-Saharan countries are welcome to apply though</td>
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<td>Academic/Non-Academic</td>
<td>Subject(s)</td>
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<td>Jagiellonian University Krakow</td>
<td>3 academic</td>
<td>All (except from the Medical School)</td>
<td>1500 € per month</td>
<td>1 month</td>
<td>Carlos Panek</td>
<td>The University does not provide any extra funds for travel costs or insurance for scholars. Applicants should establish contact with a supervising professor at the university before applying and submit a letter of invitation together with the application. When contacting the potential host, it is required to include a CV and research plan/proposal.</td>
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<td>Jagiellonian University Krakow</td>
<td>2 non academic</td>
<td>International Relations Office and other units agreed individually</td>
<td>800 €</td>
<td>1 week (5 working days + 2 days for travel)</td>
<td>Carlos Panek</td>
<td>The University does not provide any extra funds for travel costs or insurance. Before applying applicants should establish contact with Mr Carlos Panek, liaison officer at the IRO.</td>
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<td>KU Leuven</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>3200 euro to cover all costs</td>
<td>2 months</td>
<td>Laura Lenssen</td>
<td>Applicants are postdoctoral; Applicants need to include a pre-acceptance letter signed by a KU Leuven professor, supporting the application as prospective supervisor; The university will provide assistance in finding accommodation, office space (shared with others), computer and library access; The scholarship is incompatible with other scholarships/grants/allowances.</td>
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<td>Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3 University</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Humanities and Social Sciences (subject to the approval of the)</td>
<td>2000 € for 1 month or</td>
<td>1 month or</td>
<td>Anna Matevosyan</td>
<td>Applicants: preferably doctoral students, postdoctoral or junior researchers; they should belong to higher education.</td>
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### University of Padova

- **Website**: [www.unipd.it](https://www.unipd.it)
- **Amount**:
  - 1 month: 2000€
  - 2 months: 2800€
  - 3 months: 3600€
- **Duration**:
  - From 1 to 3 months (September 2020 - June 2021)
- **Contact**:
  - Fiorella De Gobbi
  - fiorella.degobbi@unipd.it
- **Notes**:
  - The University insurance covers the academic activities. Visitors should have their own insurance to cover travel, stay health and personal property.
  - 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).
  - Website: [www.unipd.it](https://www.unipd.it)

### Coimbra Group

- **Contact**:
  - Rue d'Egmont – Egmontstraat 11, 1000 Brussels
  - www.coimbra-group.eu
  - CoimbraGroup

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<td>All</td>
<td>1 month: 2000€-2 months: 2800€ - 3 months: 3600€</td>
<td>from 1 to 3 months (September 2020 - June 2021)</td>
<td>Fiorella De Gobbi</td>
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<td>University of Pavia</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>All fields offered at University of Pavia</td>
<td>€150,00 per week - board and accommodation at a university student residence - travel costs (economy class) - health insurance policy</td>
<td>From 4 to 12 weeks</td>
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<td>University of Poitiers</td>
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<td>All</td>
<td>€1000 + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €700</td>
<td>1 month</td>
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<td>University of Salamanca</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>in principle, the award may be held in any subject area</td>
<td>The University will provide accommodation and food. USAL is unable to assist with the costs of travel</td>
<td>1 month</td>
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<td>University of Siena</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Any subject area, subject to the approval of the relevant host department</td>
<td>1,000.00 €/month (250.00 Euro/week); free board and lodging. The University is unable to assist with the cost of travel</td>
<td>min 2 weeks max 4 weeks</td>
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<td>Please note: Applicants should have received approval by the tutor at the host university before applying (please include a letter/email from your potential supervisor at the University of Siena as proof).</td>
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