



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 2017 edition of the scheme:

- **University of Barcelona (Spain)**
- **Eötvös Loránd University Budapest (Hungary)**
- **University of Granada (Spain)**
- **University of Graz (Austria)**
- **University of Groningen (The Netherlands)**
- **Jagiellonian University of Krakow (Poland)**
- **KU Leuven (Belgium)**
- **University of Padova (Italy)**
- **University of Pavia (Italy)**
- **University of Poitiers (France)**
- **University of Salamanca (Spain)**

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants should be:

- under the age of 45
- 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
- of doctoral/postdoctoral or equivalent status.

A limited number of grants are available for technical/administrative staff from African universities (please see the requirements of each individual university).

In most universities the language of instruction is that of the country itself, but in most 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 2017**.

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 and 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.



Information should be submitted in English. Applicants will receive a confirmation message from the Coimbra Group Office within 2 weeks following the submission of their application. **If you do not receive this confirmation message, you must notify our office by sending an email to Cristina Tanase tanase@coimbra-group.eu no later than one week following the deadline of 31 March.**

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.

The Coimbra Group

The Coimbra Group, which was set up in 1987, is an association of 38 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 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

University	Number of scholarships	Field	Grant	Duration	Contact	Remarks
University of Barcelona www.ub.edu/web/ub/ca/	1	All	€1500 per month	maximum 4 months	Marta Arias marta.arias@ub.edu	*The University is unable to assist with the costs of travel. *The University does not provide insurance for visitors.
Eötvös Loránd University Budapest https://www.elte.hu	1	1. evolutionary biology, phylogenomics, molecular dating, horizontal gene transfer 2. cancer evolution, somatic evolution, physics of cancer 3. theoretical astrophysics, dynamics, gravitational wave physics	€1000 per month + the University provides accommodation	3-6 months	Veronika Kóré veronika.kore@k.elte.hu	*The university does not provide any insurance for the visitor. We strongly recommend that (s)he signs full time health, liability and accident insurance. *The grant is not open to non-academic staff.
University of Granada www.ugr.es www.ugr.universitv/	3 (2 for researchers, 1 for administrative staff working in International Relations)	All (www.ugr.es)	€900 per month + health insurance + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €800	maximum 3 months	Beatriz Caruana & Virginia Salazar intlmobility@ugr.es	*The University of Granada (UGR) does not provide accommodation to the grant holder. *A pre-admission letter signed by the research tutor at UGR is mandatory in order to be eligible for the grant at this University, which means that the candidate should have prior contact with the UGR professors/officers before applying for the grant.
University of Graz http://www.uni-graz.at/en/	1 (no non-academic placements possible)	All (except Molecular Biosciences) http://www.uni-graz.at/en/university/information/faculties/	€1000 per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €600	maximum 3 months	coimbragroup@uni-graz.at	*Available facilities: Access to computer and library. *The university will provide assistance with finding accommodation. *Insurance: 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.
University of Groningen http://www.rug.nl/education/phd-programme/ http://www.rug.nl/research/gateways	2	All	€1190 per month (to cover housing and other expenses) + reimbursement of travel costs up to €1250 + health insurance (about €40 per month)	minimum and maximum 1 month	Mobility & Scholarship Desk msd@rug.nl	* Objective: the visit of 1 month is meant for candidates who prepare for a PhD research but who are not yet in a PhD programme; the visit should lead to a draft of a PhD proposal which can be submitted for approval to the University of Groningen and to fellowship programmes. 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. * Available facilities: Access to computer and library; visa service (if required). * Applicants should be in contact with a supervising professor (host) from the University of Groningen before applying. Website: http://www.rug.nl/education/phd-programme/ & http://www.rug.nl/research/gateways * When contacting the potential host, it is required to include a CV and research plan/proposal. * The host will provide an acceptance letter which should be uploaded in the application. * Latest possible starting date: 31 December 2017.

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Jagiellonian University Krakow www.uj.edu.pl	1	All MA and PhD programmes excluding Medicine (please check www.uj.edu.pl to see which programmes are run in English)	exemption of tuition fees + free accommodation in the JU dormitory	minimum 1 and maximum 2 semesters	Natasza Styczyńska natasza.styczynska@uj.edu.pl	*The grant is not open to non-academic staff.
KU Leuven www.kuleuven.be	3 (for researchers/professors who hold a PhD degree)	All	€1600 per month	2 or 3 months	Hilde Nijs Hilde.Nijs@kuleuven.be	*Only postdoctoral researchers or professors who already obtained their PhD degree at the moment of the application are eligible. *The University will provide assistance in finding accommodation, office space (shared with others), computer and library access. *Travel expenses are not reimbursed. *The scholarship is incompatible with other scholarships/grants/allowances.
University of Padova www.unipd.it	2	All	€950 per month + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €950	3 months (in the interval September 2017-June 2018)	Fiorella de Gobbi fiorella.degobbi@unipd.it	*Insurance: The University insurance only covers the academic activities. Visitors should have their own insurance to cover travel, stay health and personal property. *Applicants should have received approval from their tutor in Padova before applying (please include a letter/email from your potential tutor/supervisor at the University of Padova as proof).
University of Pavia http://www.unipv.edu/site/home.html	1 (for a young researcher of doctoral/postdoctoral equivalent status)	All	€150 per week + board and lodging + travel costs (economy class) + health insurance policy	4 weeks to 12 weeks	Stefania Ferrari stefania.ferrari01@unipv.it	**"Young researchers" means researchers who belong to higher education research centres, international institutions or organizations, with a particular interest in the fields of study related to cooperation and development. *Applicants should have received approval by their tutor in Pavia before applying (it is mandatory to include an invitation letter from a potential tutor/supervisor at the University of Pavia). CICOPS (the Centre for International Cooperation and Development at the University of Pavia) can help candidates to get in touch with professors/ researchers of the University of Pavia who may have similar interests and may be willing to collaborate with them. *Flight tickets and health insurance policy can be issued directly by the University of Pavia.
University of Poitiers www.univ-poitiers.fr	1	All fields available in the research laboratories of the University	€1000 + reimbursement of travel expenses up to €700	1 month	Jean-Marie Pincemin jean_marie.pincemin@univ-poitiers.fr	*Check information and procedures at: https://goo.gl/KQUHfr
University of Salamanca www.usal.es/webusalsal	1 (for PhD students or academic teachers)	All	the University will provide accommodation and food	1 month	Servicio de Relaciones Internacionales rrii@usal.es	