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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 2022 edition of the scheme:

- **University of Barcelona (Spain)**
- **University of Coimbra (Portugal)**
- **Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)**
- **University of Granada (Spain)**
- **University of Graz (Austria)**
- **University of Groningen (The Netherlands)**
- **Friedrich Schiller University Jena (Germany)**
- **Jagiellonian University in Krakow (Poland)**
- **KU Leuven (Belgium)**
- **University of Padova (Italy)**
- **University of Pavia (Italy)**
- **University of Poitiers (France)**
- **University of Salamanca (Spain)**
- **University of Siena (Italy)**
- **University of Turku (Finland)**
- **Utrecht University (The Netherlands)**

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants should be:

- born on or after 1 January 1977
- 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.



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Application Procedure

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

Applicants must fill in the on-line application form before **15 April 2022 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 office@coimbra-group.eu, **no later than 30 April 2022.**

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 **by the end of June 2022**. 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.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE GRANT HOLDER

- Comply with the legal requirements (in terms of insurance, visa, etc.) of the host country.
- Send to the Coimbra Group Office a letter/email of acceptance of the scholarship on the conditions offered by the university at which he/she was accepted and with the benefits outlined in this Call for Applications.
- Include a mention of the Coimbra Group Scholarship whenever results of the research programme are published.

When submitting an application for a Coimbra Group scholarship, the candidate agrees to allow the Coimbra Group to use their data (name, surname, country, e-mail address) for sending electronic communication to the candidate's email address in connection with future calls for applications of the Coimbra Group scholarship programmes. To withdraw your consent please send an email to info@coimbra-group.eu.



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The Coimbra Group

The Coimbra Group, which was set up in 1987, is an association of 41 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 Coimbra Group Office via email (office@coimbra-group.eu).

Please refer to the table below for the specific conditions set by each Coimbra Group University participating in the Scholarship Programme

➡ [Grants Information 2022 Sub-Saharan Africa](#)