



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

The Coimbra Group Scholarship Programme for young African researchers aims to enable scholars to undertake research for a short research period (generally 1 to maximum 3 months) in which they are engaged in their home institution, at a selected Coimbra Group university, and to help them establish academic and research contacts. The following Coimbra Group universities are participating in the 2012-2013 edition of the scheme:

- University of Aarhus (Denmark)
- University of Barcelona (Spain)
- University of Coimbra (Portugal)
- University of Geneva (Switzerland)
- University of Granada (Spain)
- University of Graz (Austria)
- University of Groningen (The Netherlands)
- University of Leuven (Belgium)
- University of Padova (Italy)
- University of Poitiers (France)
- University of Salamanca (Spain)
- University of Siena (Italy)
- University of Turku (Finland)

### **Eligibility Criteria**

The scheme is intended for young academics (normally those under the age of 45). Applicants should be current staff members of a university or an equivalent higher education institution, and, in most cases, should be of postdoctoral or equivalent status.

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

In most universities the language of instruction is that of the country itself, but in most universities is possible to use English as the working language.

### **Application Procedure**

Applicants must fill in the on-line application form before **19 March 2012**.

Candidates will be able to select one university only. Applicants should identify a research supervisor in the host university and provide his/her contact details in the application form. It would be desirable if applicants took contact with their research supervisor before submitting their application (please note that some universities require a letter of acceptance by your supervisor in your host university – see the list for details).

Information should be submitted in English. After submitting the on-line application a confirmation message will automatically be sent to the e-mail address provided by the candidate. This will be your acknowledgement of receipt. The Coimbra Group Office will not individually acknowledge each application received.



Female candidates are encouraged to apply and will be prioritised.

When selection has been agreed, the host university may send a letter of invitation directly to the successful candidate. The Coimbra Group Office will contact candidates who are not successful in obtaining a place under the scheme.

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 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. Its areas of interest and involvement include central and eastern Europe as well as countries in Latin America and Africa. More information about the Coimbra Group can be found on the association's website ([www.coimbra-group.eu](http://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 Annex.

## **Contact Details**

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

## **Coimbra Group Universities participating in the Scholarship Programme for young African researchers from the Sub-Saharan region and South Africa**

### **University of Aarhus**

**Number of scholarships available:** Two (PhD students and postdoctoral researchers/professors)

**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

**Contact person:** Anne P. Langer [apl@adm.au.dk](mailto:apl@adm.au.dk)

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



## 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 (2.000€ per month). Please note that the University is unable to assist with the costs of travel. The University does not provide insurance for visitors.

**Duration of the visit:** Up to 3 months

**Contact person:** Elodia Guillamón [eguillamon@ub.edu](mailto:eguillamon@ub.edu)

**Web:** [www.ub.edu](http://www.ub.edu)

## University of Coimbra

**Number of scholarships available:** One

**Disciplines:** All

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

**Duration of the visit:** From 1 to 3 months

**Contact person:** Joana Tereso [cm@driic.uc.pt](mailto:cm@driic.uc.pt)

**Web:** [www.uc.pt](http://www.uc.pt)

## University of Geneva

**Number of scholarships available:** One for an academic teacher/researcher

**Disciplines:** All

**Financial support:** CHF 2000 per month

**Duration of the visit:** Minimum 2 months, maximum 3 months

**Contact person:** Annik Baumgartner [Annik.Baumgartner@unige.ch](mailto:Annik.Baumgartner@unige.ch)

**Web:** [www.unige.ch](http://www.unige.ch)

## University of Granada

**Number of scholarships available:** One for a young researcher

**Disciplines:** All

**Financial support:** €900 per month plus health insurance. Travel costs up to 800€ will be reimbursed

**Duration of the visit:** Maximum 3 months

**Contact person:** Anja Hoffmann [intlmobility@ugr.es](mailto:intlmobility@ugr.es)

**Web:** [www.ugr.es](http://www.ugr.es)

**Number of scholarships available:** One for Administrative Staff

**Disciplines:** International relations

**Financial support:** €900 per month plus health insurance. Travel costs up to 800€ will be reimbursed

**Duration of the visit:** Maximum 3 months

**Contact person:** Anja Hoffmann [intlmobility@ugr.es](mailto:intlmobility@ugr.es)

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## University of Graz

**Places available:** One

**Fields of study:** All

**Duration of visit:** From one to two months.

**Financial support:** The University will provide 900€ per month, reimbursement of travel expenses up to 300 EUR. The University will assist in finding accommodation, access to computer and library. The University does not provide any insurance for visitors.

**Available facilities:** Assistance in finding accommodation, access to computer and library.

**Insurance:** The University does not provide insurance for visitors.

**Please note:** The candidate should also provide a copy of their passport and an acceptance letter by a University of Graz Member of Academic Staff stating that the applicant has been accepted to carry out research under his/her supervision.

**Contact person:** Kanita Kovacevic [kanita.kovacevic@uni-graz.at](mailto:kanita.kovacevic@uni-graz.at)

**Web:** [www.kfunigraz.ac.at](http://www.kfunigraz.ac.at)

## University of Groningen

**Number of scholarships available:** One

**Disciplines:** All, at PhD or postdoctoral level

**Financial support:** €1.190 per month (including housing); reimbursement of travel expenses up to €1250; health insurance (about €40 per month)

**Duration of the visit:** Minimum and maximum 3 months

**Please note:** Applicants should have been in touch with a professor in Groningen before applying and be able to present a reference letter (uploaded in the application) in which the professor agrees to work with the candidate

**Contact person:** Wiebe Zijlstra [wiebe.zijlstra@rug.nl](mailto:wiebe.zijlstra@rug.nl)

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## University of Leuven

**Number of scholarships available:** Two

**Disciplines:** All

**Financial support:** €1200 per month plus reimbursement of travel expenses (economy airfare)

**Duration of the visit:** 1 to 3 months

**Please note:** The grants cover a period of three months at the most. Candidates should have obtained their Ph.D. Candidates must be employed in an institution in a developing country. The grants give researchers the opportunity to update their knowledge and/or specialize in the field of education or research. Applicants should be no older than 45 years old. The approval by a promoter/host at K.U.Leuven is a necessity.

**Contact person:** Martine Dekoninck [Martine.Dekoninck@int.kuleuven.be](mailto:Martine.Dekoninck@int.kuleuven.be)

**Web:** [www.kuleuven.ac.be](http://www.kuleuven.ac.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

**Please note:** 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)

**Contact person:** Sara Pittarello [sara.pittarello@unipd.it](mailto:sara.pittarello@unipd.it)

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## University of Poitiers

**Places available:** One for a PhD student/young researcher.

**Fields of study:** Any subject area offered at the University of Poitiers subject to the approval of the relevant host department.

**Duration:** Minimum 2 weeks, maximum one month.

**Available facilities:** Access to computer and libraries. The International Relations Office provides assistance in finding accommodation.

**Financial support:** 1000 EUR/month for the duration of stay. The University of Poitiers is unable to assist with travel costs.

**Insurance:** The University of Poitiers does not provide insurance for visitors.

**Please note:** Applicants should have already received approval by a University of Poitiers Member of Academic staff. Include a letter/e-mail of acceptance from the research supervisor that proves the candidate has been accepted to carry out research under his/her supervision.

**Contact person:** Jean Marie Pincemin [jean.marie.pincemin@univ-poitiers.fr](mailto:jean.marie.pincemin@univ-poitiers.fr) or Christine Robuchon [christine.robuchon@univ-poitiers.fr](mailto:christine.robuchon@univ-poitiers.fr)

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## University of Salamanca

**Number of scholarships available:** One place for PhD students or academic teachers

**Disciplines:** In principle, the award may be held in any subject area

**Financial support:** The University will provide accommodation and food

**Duration of the visit:** 1 month

**Contact person:** Servicio de Relaciones Internacionales [rrii@usal.es](mailto:rrii@usal.es)

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## University of Siena

**Number of scholarships available:** One for young researchers or academic teachers

**Disciplines:** Any subject area, subject to the approval of the relevant host department

**Financial support:** Free board and lodging at the University residences and canteens

**Duration of the visit:** Minimum 1 month - maximum 3 months

**Travel Expenses:** The University is unable to assist with the cost of travel

**Available facilities:** Assistance with finding accommodation, access to libraries, computer and telephone.

**Insurance:** The University provides accident insurance and public liability insurance. Visitors will require their own health insurance.

**Please note:** Applicants should have received approval by the tutor at the host university before applying (please include a letter/email from your potential tutor/supervisor at the University of Siena as proof).

**Contact person:** Candida Calvo [incoming@unisi.it](mailto:incoming@unisi.it)

**Web:** [www.unisi.it](http://www.unisi.it)

## University of Turku

**Number of scholarships available:** One or two for young researcher and/or technical/administrative staff

**Disciplines:** All, see link given below

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

**Duration of the visit:** From 1 to 3 months

**Please note:** Preference will be given to applicants from African member institutions in the SANORD network (see [www.sanord.net](http://www.sanord.net)), from other partner universities of the University of Turku in Africa as well as to applicants from universities located in Southern African region. The scholarship will be given to same person only once.

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