

# 2022 REPORT

## INTRODUCTION

In order to prepare an educated younger generation of experts, professionals, and potential leaders, the Armenian Communities Department of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, supports Armenian and Armenian Studies university students and researchers from all over the world through its scholarship programme.

This report presents the 2022 results with the following six scholarship categories:

1. [Armenian Studies Scholarship](#)
2. [Short Term Grant for Armenian Studies](#)
3. [Short Term Conference and Travel Grants to Students in Armenia](#)
4. [Higher Education Scholarships for Armenian Students in Developing Countries](#)
5. [Support to Armenian Students in Portugal](#)
6. [Emergency Scholarship](#)

## BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION AND ANALYSIS

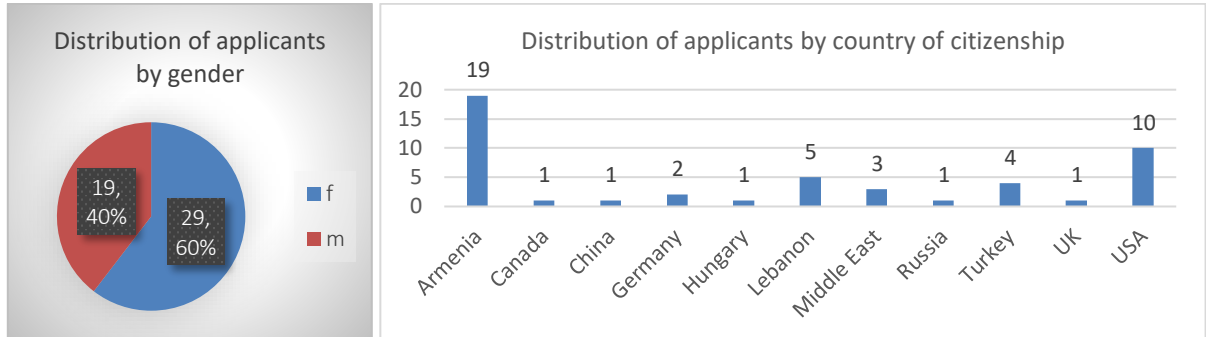
### 1. [Armenian Studies Scholarship](#)

The Armenian Studies Scholarship application cycle was open from 1 March to 16 May; its aim is to promote research in Armenian Studies by students and researchers of any nationality pursuing a Master's, a PhD or a Post Doc in recognized universities around the world. The goal is to foster better understanding and knowledge about the most recent developments in Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh, as well as the Diaspora, and to build stronger theoretical, empirical and/or applied research.

In 2022, research proposals from the social sciences that focused on the contemporary (i.e., post-Soviet) period were accepted in this scholarship category, in line with the Foundation's policy of privileging research on current issues. Research projects with high policy relevance and practical use were especially welcomed and the following disciplines were particularly encouraged: Political Science/International Relations, Sociology, Anthropology, Current History, Social Psychology, International Law, Human Rights, Peace and Conflict Studies, International Development and Humanitarian Studies, Diaspora, Refugee and Migration Studies, Cultural Studies, and other closely related disciplines.

In 2022, the Department received 48 applications, 33% of these were received on the last day of application.

The charts below show the distribution of the applicants by gender\* and country of citizenship:

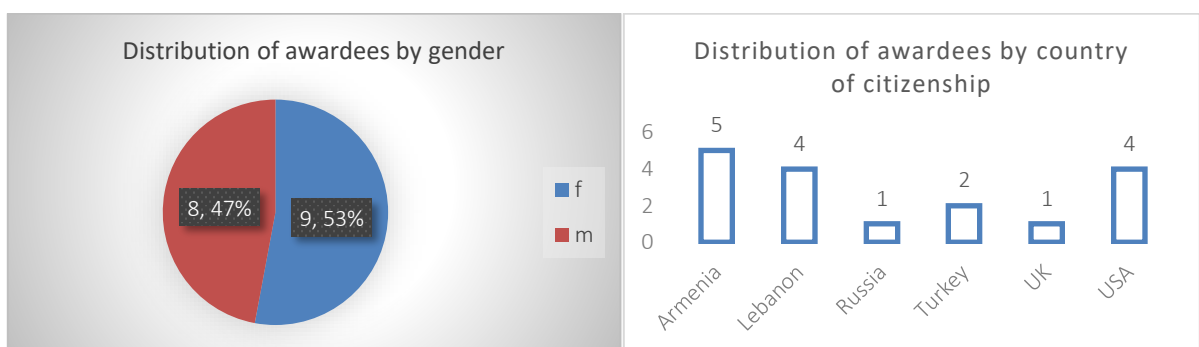


17 scholarships were granted to students from Armenia, Lebanon, Russia, Turkey, the UK, and USA, eight of them for a Master’s degree, eight for a PhD degree and one for a Post Doc.; scholarship amounts ranged from 7,000 to 25,000 EUR per year and the maximum period granted was three years.

Decisions were made on the following criteria:

- Excellence of application (reference letters, grades, etc.).
- Originality and relevance of topic.
- Gender, geographic, and disciplinary balance.
- In deciding the final sums, financial need was taken into account, as well as the existence of other sources of funding.

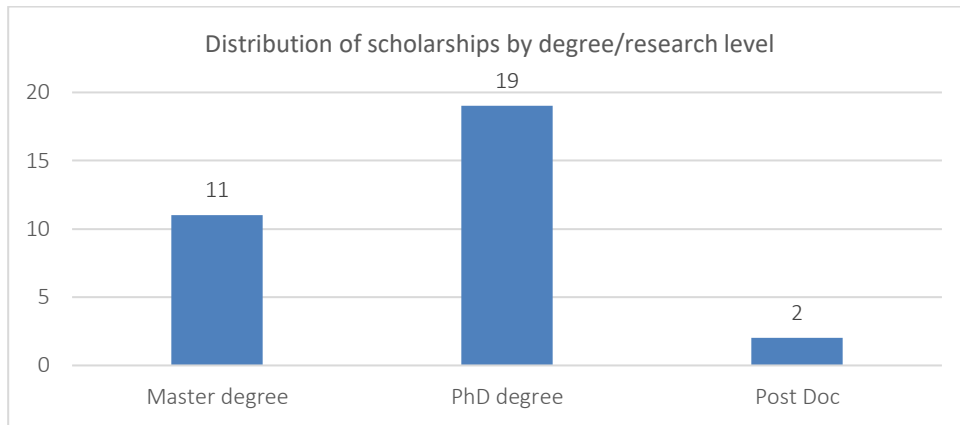
The charts below show the distribution of awardees by gender and the six countries of citizenship:



In addition, 15 scholarships were renewed in 2022 (four scholarships from 2020 and 11 from 2021).

The chart below shows the distribution of the 17 new awardees by research level and the 15 awards from previous years:

\* The male and female categories of gender identification are based on the identification documents of applicants.



Three of the former scholarship awardees (one from 2017, one from 2018 and one from 2021) defended their PhD theses in 2022.

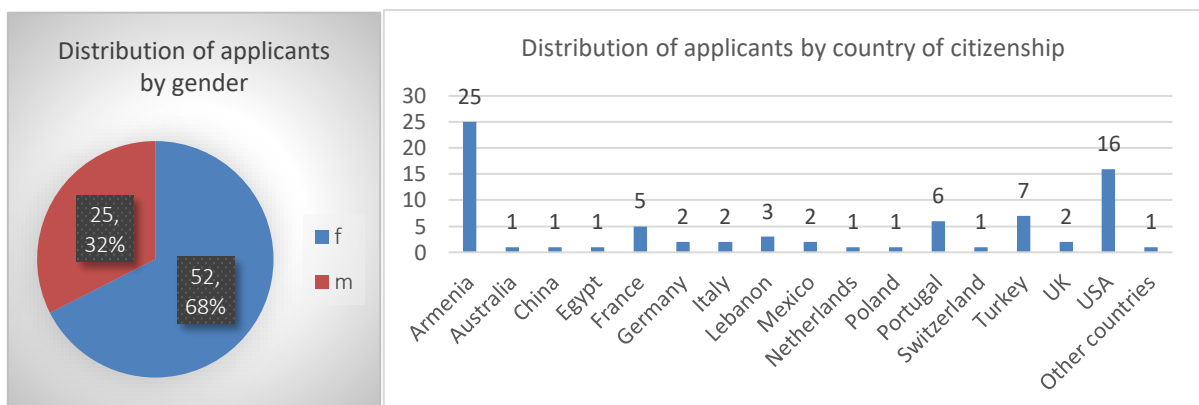
The table below shows the total amount spent for the Armenian Studies Scholarship in 2022:

Armenian Studies Scholarship	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity
Regular Scholarship Programme - New	224,225	17
Renewals	237,702	15
Total	461,927	32

## 2. Short Term Grants for Armenian Studies

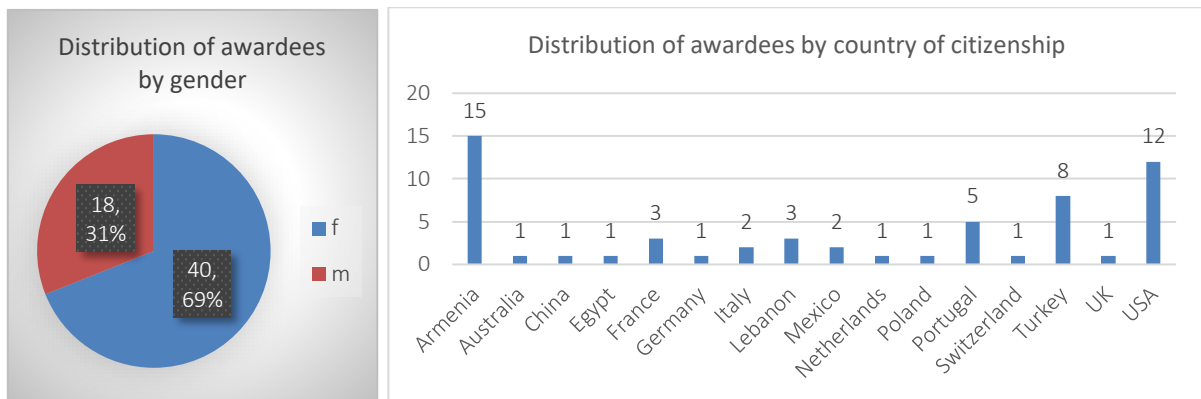
This category of scholarships was open for applications throughout the year; it gives qualified students, academics, and researchers in Armenian Studies (outside of Armenia) the possibility to participate in activities related to their field of studies, encouraging academic interaction and exchange of knowledge and ideas. In 2022, the Department received 77 applications. Applications were evaluated on a case-by-case basis, as were the amounts and the duration of the grants. The decisions were based on the academic relevance of the proposed events or research trips to the candidates' topics, their qualifications, the quality of their proposals, the international importance of the conferences/seminars and the letters of reference received.

The charts below show the distribution of the applicants by gender and the 17 countries of citizenship:



In total, 58 grant recipients were selected in 2022, among which two were for participation in the Armenian Language and Culture summer course organized by the Association Padus-Araxes, three were for participation in the conference ‘The Soviet Experience in Armenia’ at the University of Michigan, and six were for participation in the Armenian Language course at the Languages Institute of Nova University of Lisbon (ILNOVA).

The charts below show the distribution of the 58 awardees by gender and by the 16 countries of citizenship:



The table below shows the total amount spent for the Short Term Grant for Armenian Studies in 2022:

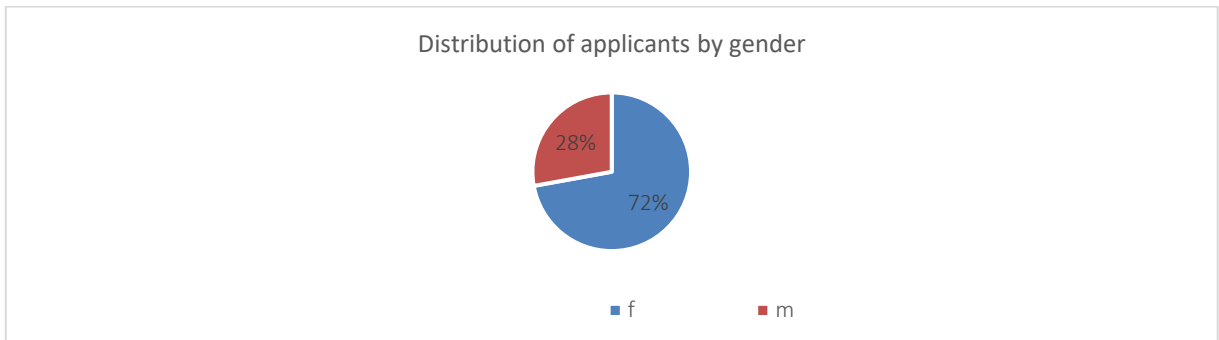
Short Term Grant Armenian Studies	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity
Short Term Grant Armenian Studies	141,214	48
Summer Course Padus-Araxes	10,150	4
Armenian Language Course at ILNOVA	2,010	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>153,374</b>	<b>58</b>

### 3. Short Term Conference and Travel Grants to Students in Armenia

The Short Term Conference and Travel Grants to students and young academics in Armenia enable qualified students, early-career academics and researchers in Armenia to present their work at international conferences and workshops abroad, or to take part in short duration training programmes, encouraging academic interaction and exchange of knowledge. Applications were accepted throughout the year and the selection was based on the contribution of the proposed conference or activity to the candidate’s research, on the importance of the event, on the topic to be presented, and on the recommendation letters.

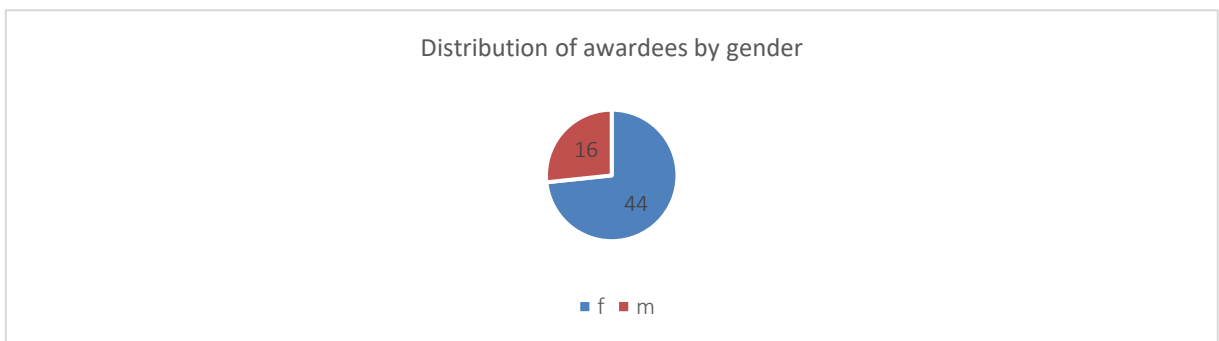
In 2022, the Department received 140 applications.

The chart below shows the distribution of the applicants by gender:



In 2022, 60 grants were awarded for participation in conferences or research programmes outside Armenia.

The chart below shows the distribution of the 60 awardees by gender:



The amounts ranged from 445 to 1,200 EUR and the global expenditure for the 60 scholarships was 60,208 EUR.

The table below shows the total amount spent for the Short Term Conference and Travel Grants in 2022:

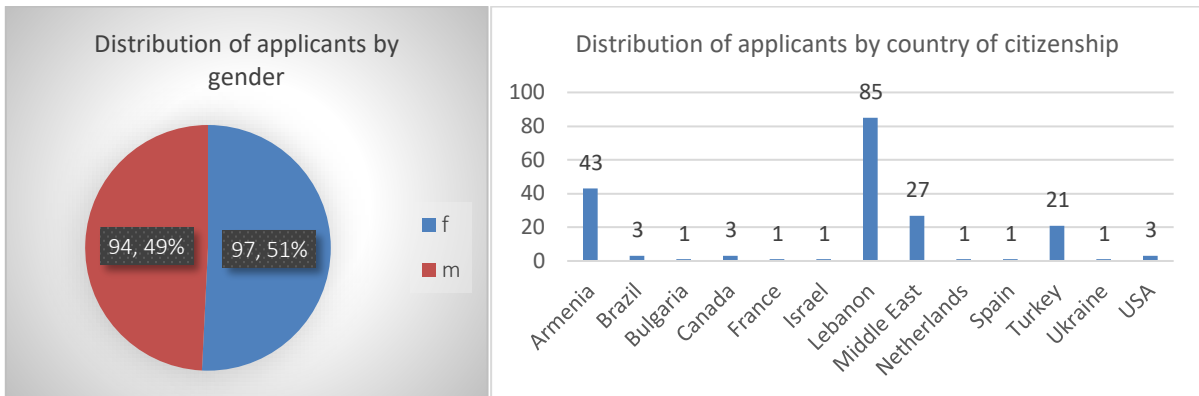
Short Term Conference and Travel Grants	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity
Short Term Conference and Travel Grants	60,208	60

#### 4. Higher Education Scholarships for Armenian Students in Developing Countries

The aim of the Higher Education Scholarships for Armenian Students in Developing Countries is to help Armenian students from less developed countries to obtain higher education in their own countries of residence in the Diaspora. Applicants from countries like Lebanon and other Middle Eastern countries, could also be considered if they wished to study in Armenia. In this case, graduate degrees (Master's) are also considered.

The Department received 191 applications during the months of April, May, and June. 19% of these applications, from 14 countries, were submitted on the last day.

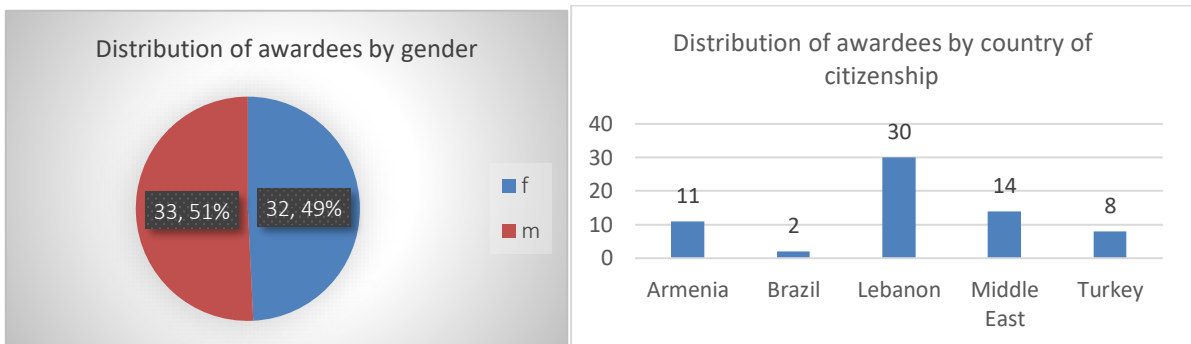
The charts below show the distribution of the applicants by gender and country of citizenship:



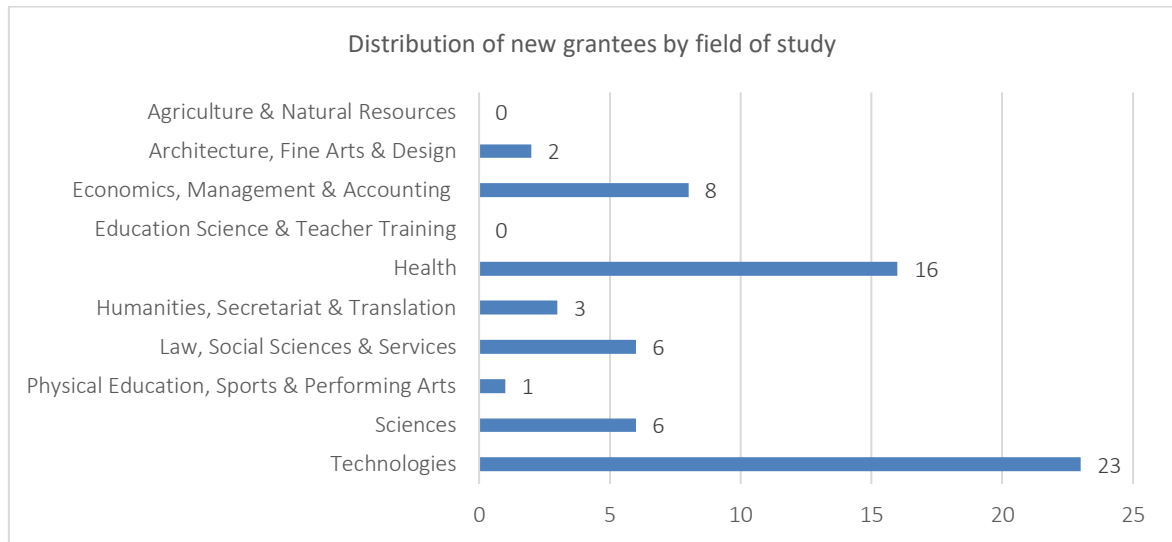
65% of applications were valid, and 35% were invalid and/or incomplete, while within the valid applications, 57% had an average grade of 80% or more.

The Department selected 66 applications based on merit, from which one candidate declined the scholarship. The amount of the scholarships ranged between 1,000 and 2,500 USD per year. Study subjects included: Biology, Biomedical Science, Business, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Science, Communication, Data Science, Dentistry, Design, Economics, English & Communication, Industrial Engineering, Finance, Informatics, Information Technologies, Law, Managing Systems, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics Engineering, Medicine, Musicology, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, and Social Work.

The charts below show the distribution of the awardees by gender and country of citizenship:



The chart below shows the distribution of the new scholarships by fields of study:



84 scholarships were renewed in 2022 as part of the regular undergraduate studies scholarships awarded in previous years.

The table below shows the amounts awarded in each granting phase, as well as the total for the 149 awardees:

Higher Education Scholarship	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity
Regular Scholarship Programme - New	139,866	65
Renewals	186,822	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>326,688</b>	<b>149</b>

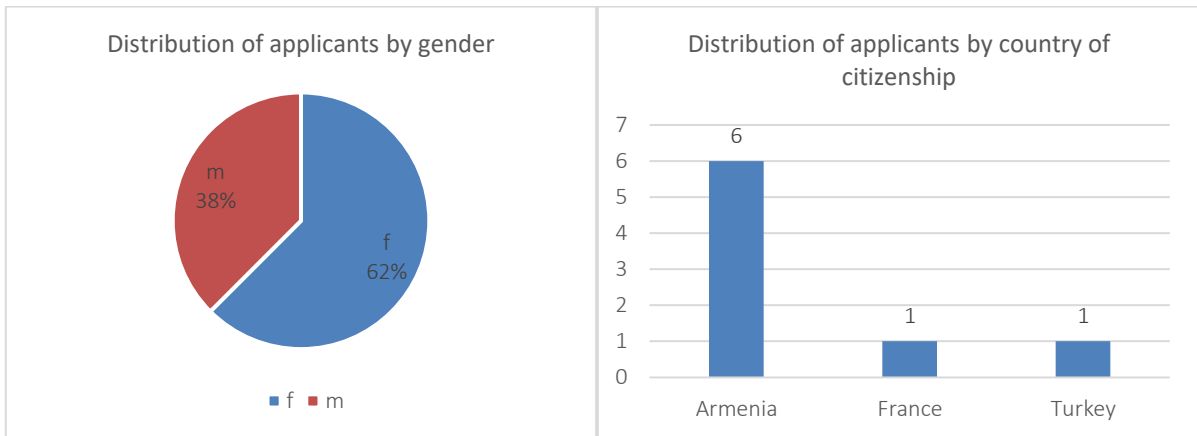
A former scholarship recipient from 1999, made a donation to the Foundation and the amount donated went to an Armenian student majoring in Acting, the same field of study as the donor.

## 5. Support to Armenian Students in Portugal

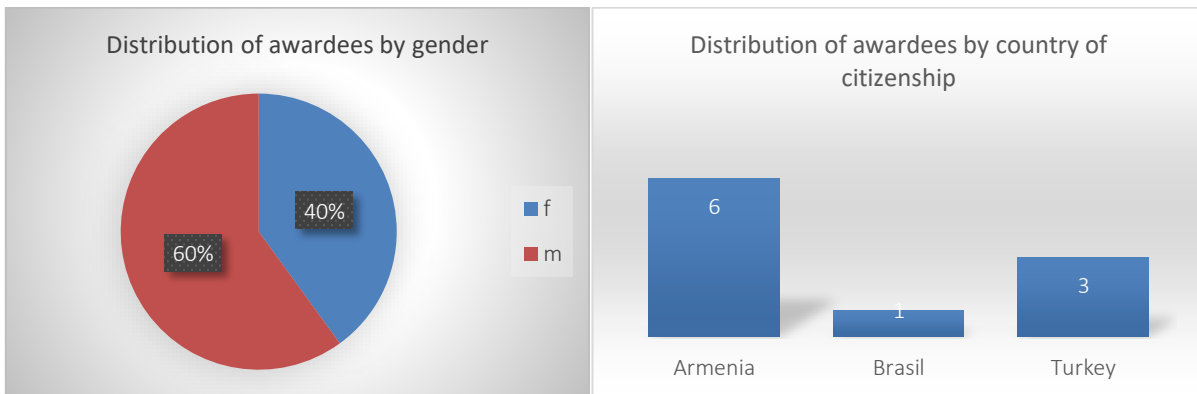
Within the framework of this scholarship programme, the Department supports Armenian students enrolled in higher education institutions in Portugal. The evaluation of applications was made on a case-by-case basis, throughout the year.

In 2022, the Department received eight applications for this category.

The charts below show the distribution of applicants by gender and country of citizenship:



As shown by the charts below, six students from Armenia, one from Brazil and three from Turkey were awarded a grant within this programme. Some of these awardees were applicants from 2021. In addition, two grantees from 2021 renewed their scholarships in 2022.



The following table shows the amount spent under Support to the Armenian Students in Portugal category:

Armenian Students in Portugal	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity	F	M
Higher Education - New	37,200	9	3	6
Higher Education - Renewals	9,000	2	1	1
PhD Armenian Studies - New	5,000	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,200</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>

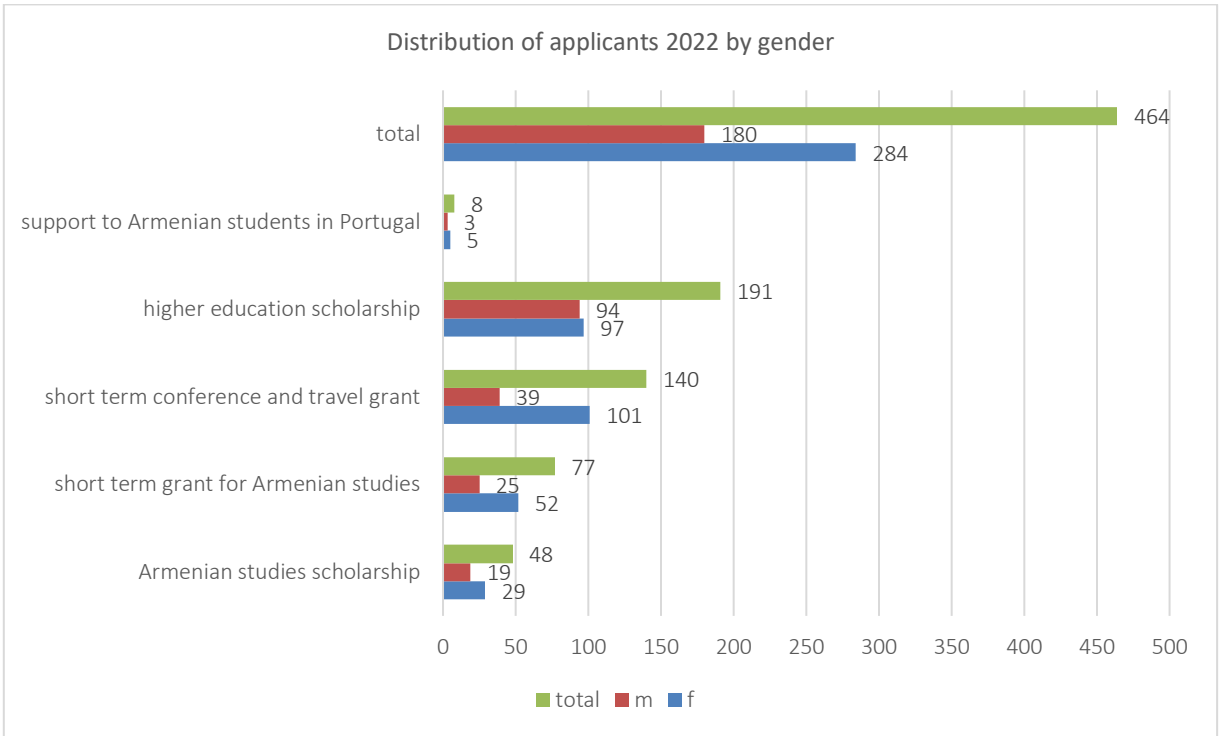
## 6. Emergency Scholarship

The aim of this scholarship category is to respond to emergency situations helping Armenian students who face severe crisis by enabling them to continue their education within possible limits. In 2022, the Department awarded two grants, in the total amount of 4,404 EUR, to students, both male, one from the Middle East and one from Turkey.

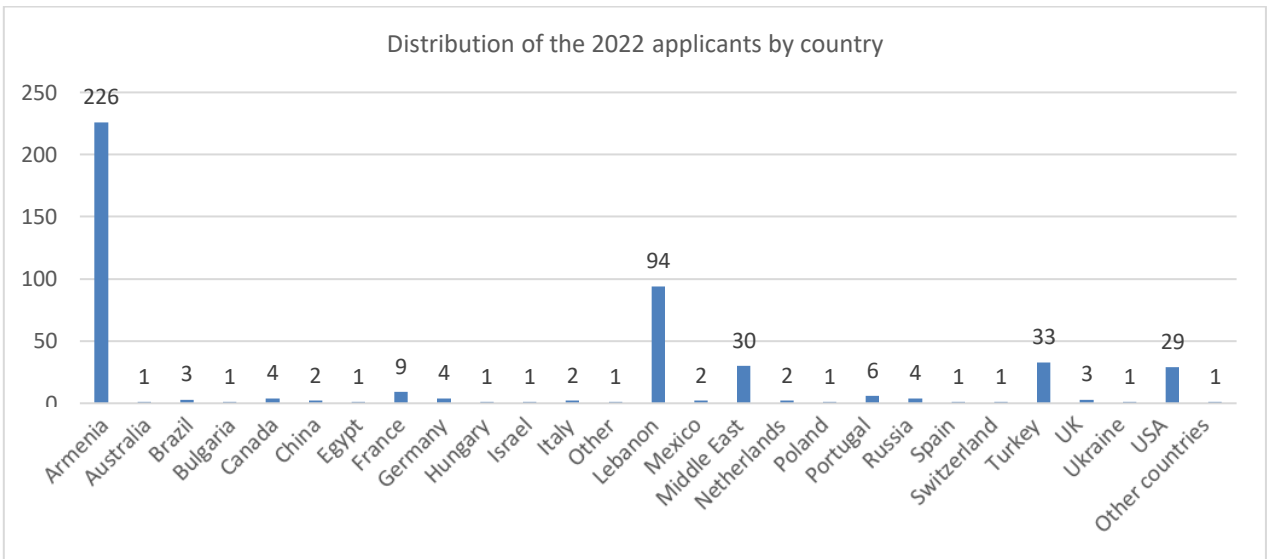


## CONCLUDING REMARKS

Considering the 464 applications received in 2022, the charts below show the distribution by gender and the 28 countries of citizenship of the candidates:

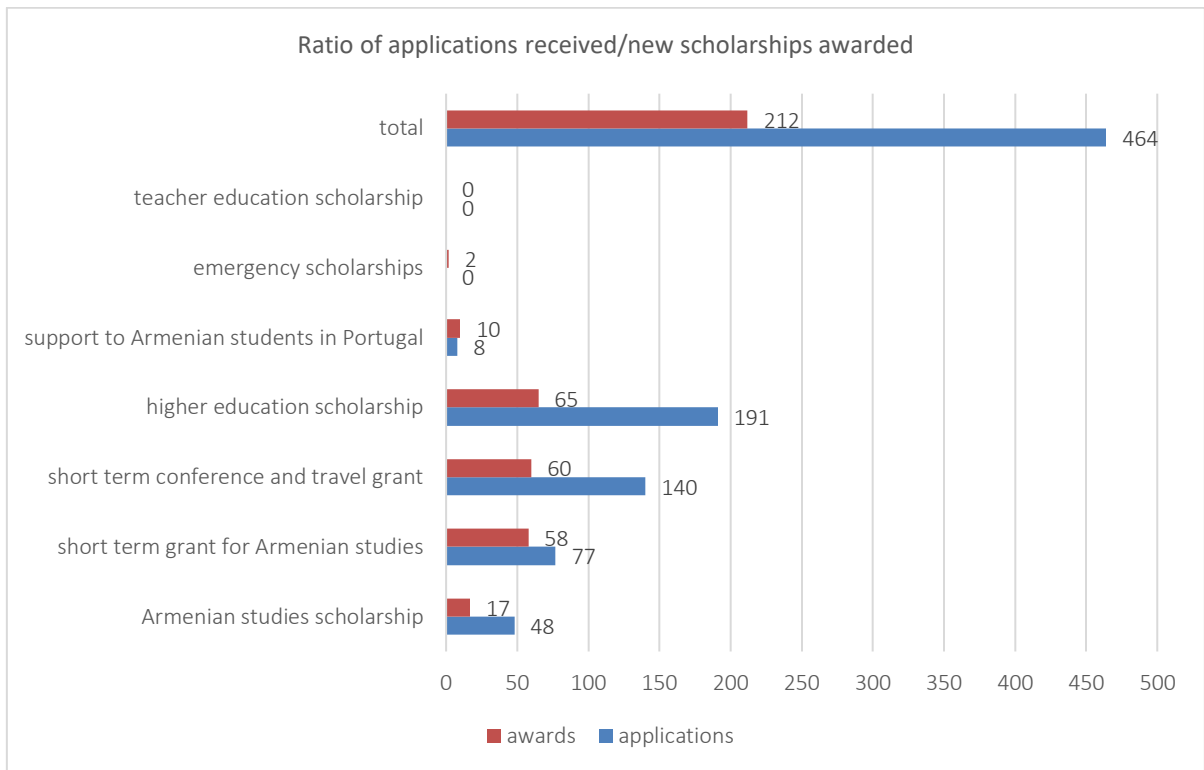


— 61% of the candidates were female and 39% were male.



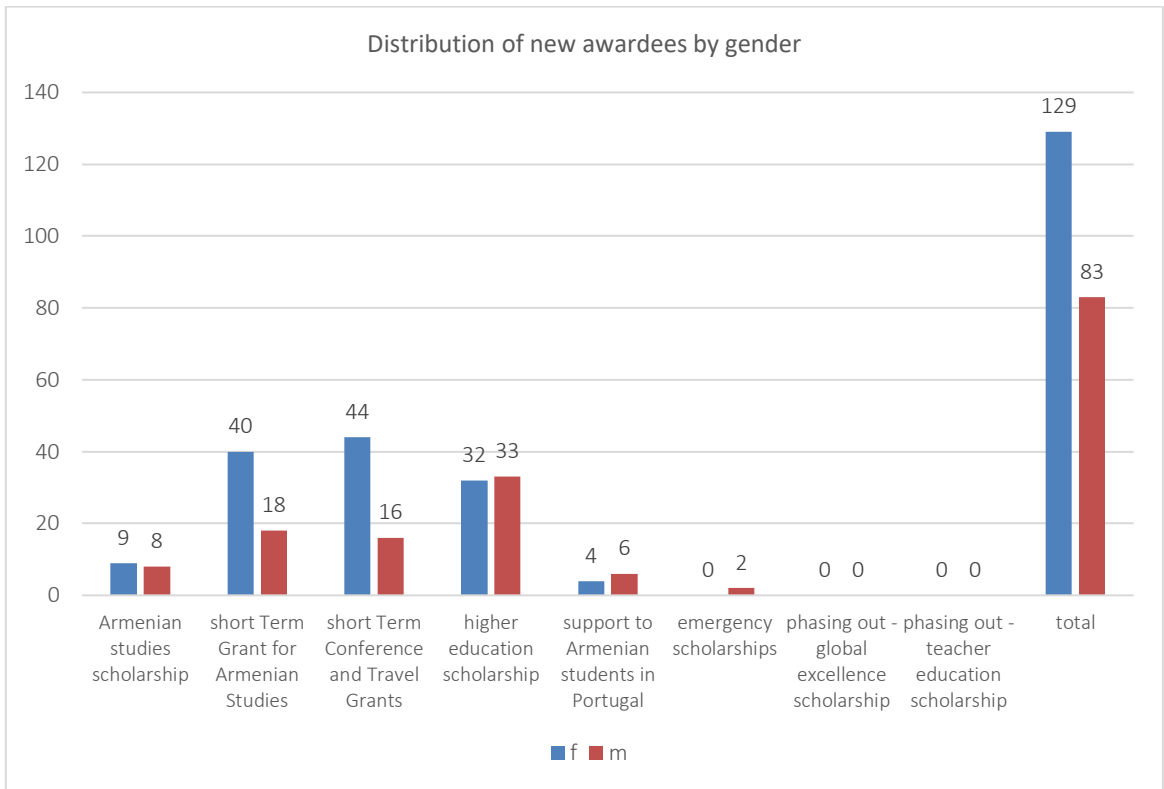
— From the 28 countries, 48% were from Armenia, 20% from Lebanon, 7% from Turkey, 6% from USA, 5% from the Middle East, and the other 14% distributed over 23 other countries.

As shown in the chart below, the overall percentage of awards in relation to the applications received was 46%:

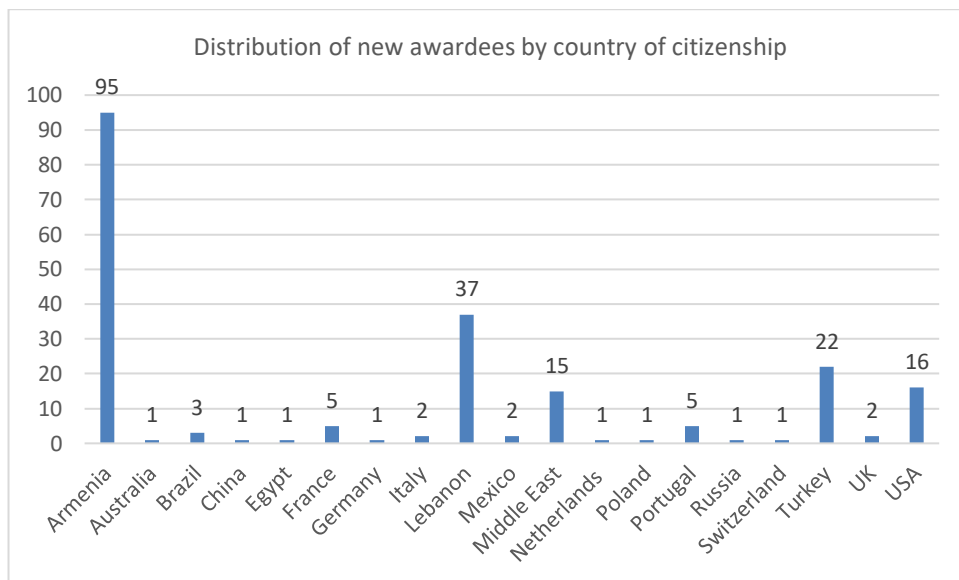


— 46% of the applications received were granted.

The two following charts show the distribution of the new 212 awardees by gender and the 19 countries of citizenship:



— 61% of the new awardees were female and 39% were male.



— 45% of the awardees were from Armenia and 17% were from Lebanon.

In sum, in 2022, the Department awarded a total number of 316 scholarships for a total amount of 1,074,801 EUR.

The chart below shows the amounts, number of scholarships and gender distribution within each scholarship category, and the totals:

Scholarship Programme 2022	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity	F	M
1. Armenian Studies Scholarship	461,927	32	19	13
2. Short Term Grant for Armenian Studies	153,374	58	40	18
3. Short Term Conference and Travel Grants	60,208	60	44	16
4. Higher Education Scholarship	326,688	149	90	59
5. Support to Armenian Students in Portugal	51,200	12	5	7
6. Emergency Scholarships	4,404	2	0	2
Phasing out - Global Excellence Scholarship	10,000	2	2	0
Phasing out - Teacher Education Scholarship	7,000	1	0	1
Total	1,074,801	316	200	116

Finally, three Armenian Studies Scholarship awardees — one from 2017, one from 2018, and one from 2021 — defended their PhD theses during 2022.