

# 2024 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 2024 results with the following five 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/from Developing Countries](#)
5. [Support to Armenian Students in Portugal](#)

## BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION AND ANALYSIS

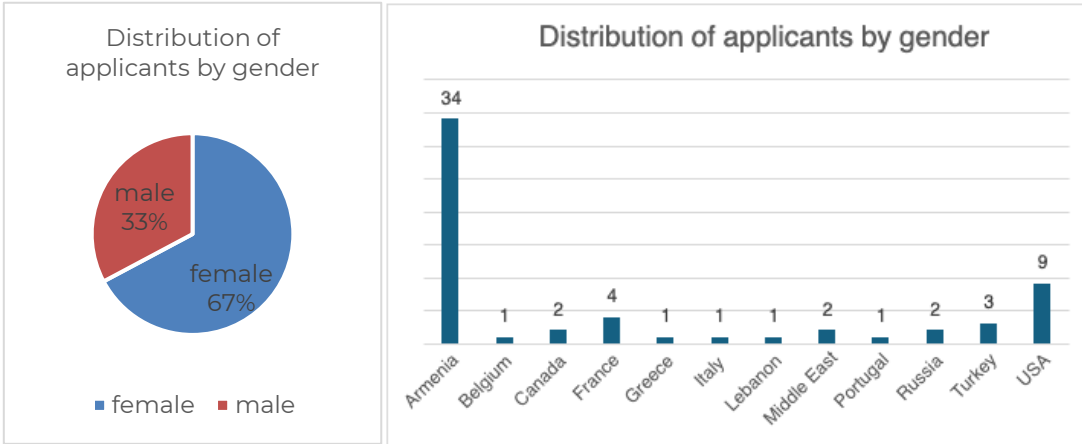
### 1. [Armenian Studies Scholarship](#)

The Armenian Studies Scholarship application cycle was open from 1 March to 15 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 2024, as in previous years, 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 2024, the Department received 61 applications, 52% 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:

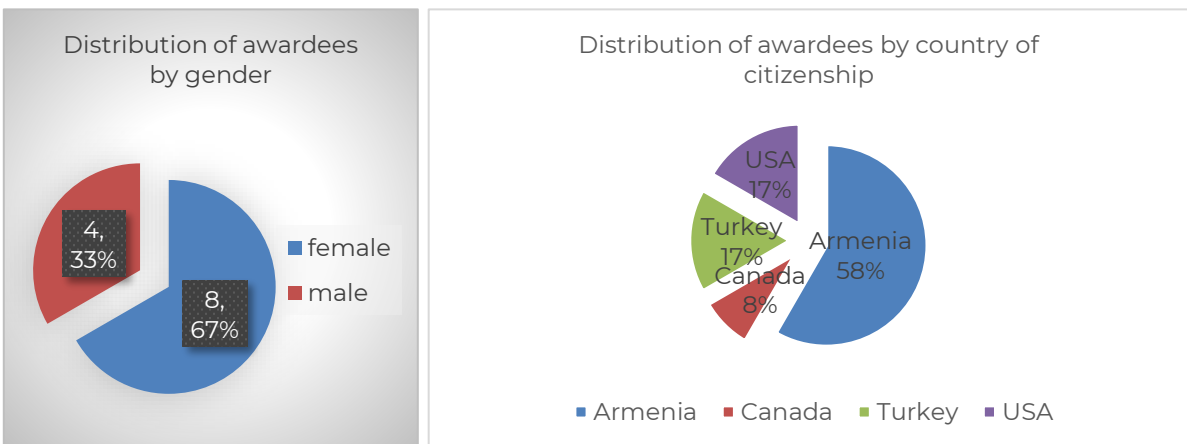


15 scholarships were granted to students from Armenia, Canada, Turkey, and the United States of America, three of them for a Master’s degree, ten for PhD’s, and two for Post Doc’s; scholarship amounts ranged from 5,000 to 25,000 EUR per year, and the maximum period granted was three years. Three of the beneficiaries for Master’s and PhD studies gave up.

Decisions made were based 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.

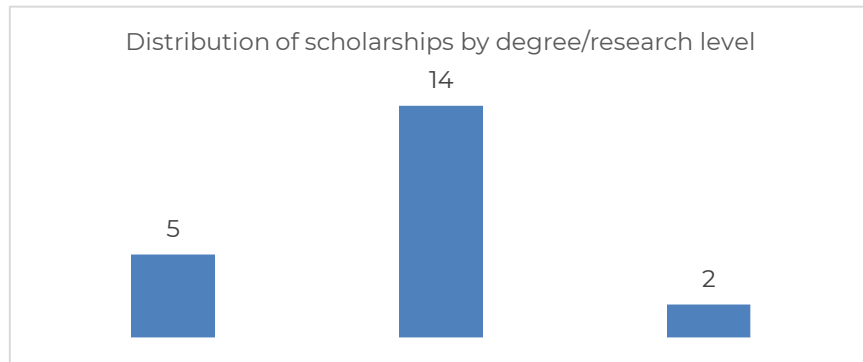
The charts below show the distribution of awardees by gender\* and the four countries of citizenship:



In addition, nine scholarships from previous years were renewed in 2024.

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

The chart below shows the distribution of the 12 new awardees by research level and the nine awards from the previous years:



Two of our former scholarship awardees (one from 2018 and one from 2021) defended their PhD theses in 2024.

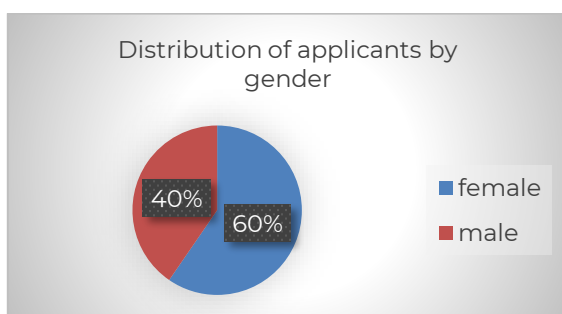
The table below shows the total amount spent for the Armenian Studies Scholarship in 2024:

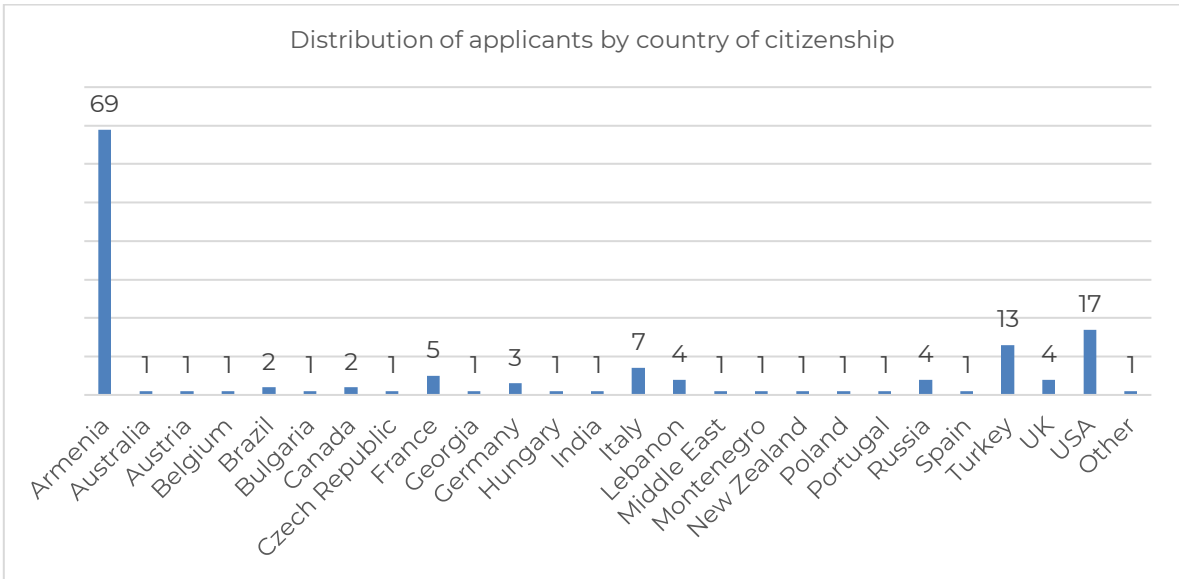
Armenian Studies Scholarship	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity
Regular Scholarship Programme - New	201,250	12
Renewals	138,429	9
Total	339,679	21

## 2. Short Term Grants for Armenian Studies

This category of scholarships is 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 fields of study, encouraging academic interaction and exchange of knowledge and ideas. In 2024, the Department received 145 applications, which were evaluated on a case-by-case basis, as well as based on 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.

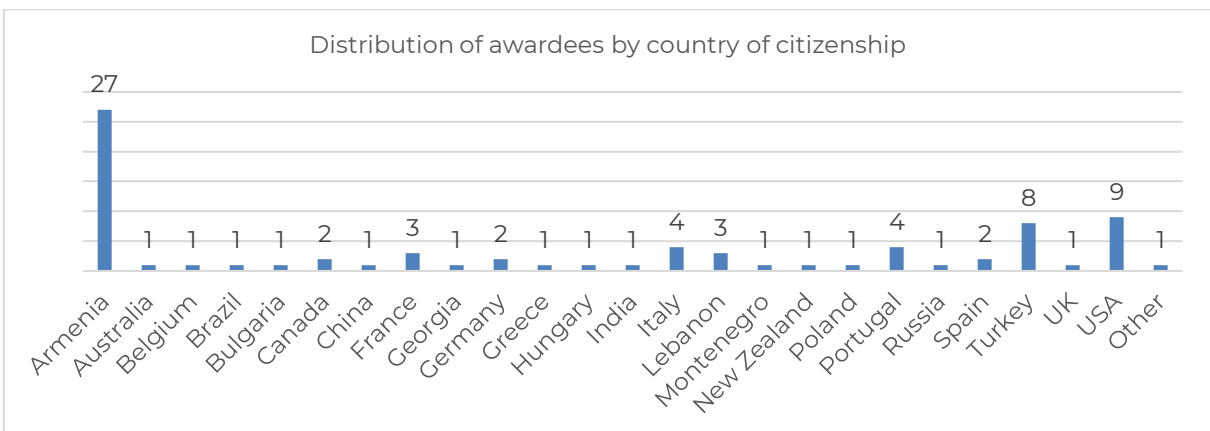
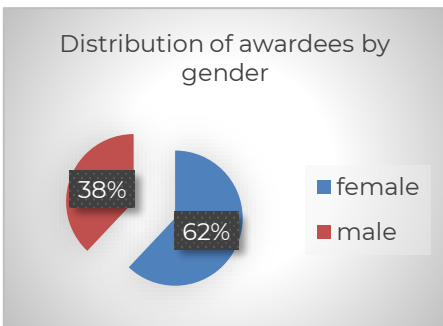
The charts below show the distribution of the applicants by gender and the countries of citizenship:





In total, 87 grant recipients were selected in 2024, among which eight were cancelled due to visa issues or other reasons, turning the total number of awardees into 79. Eight were for participation in the Armenian Summer Intensive course, and five for participation in the Armenian course at the Languages Institute of Nova University of Lisbon (ILNOVA).

The charts below show the distribution of the 79 awardees by gender and by the 25 countries of citizenship:



The table below shows the total amount spent for the Short Term Grant for Armenian Studies in 2024:

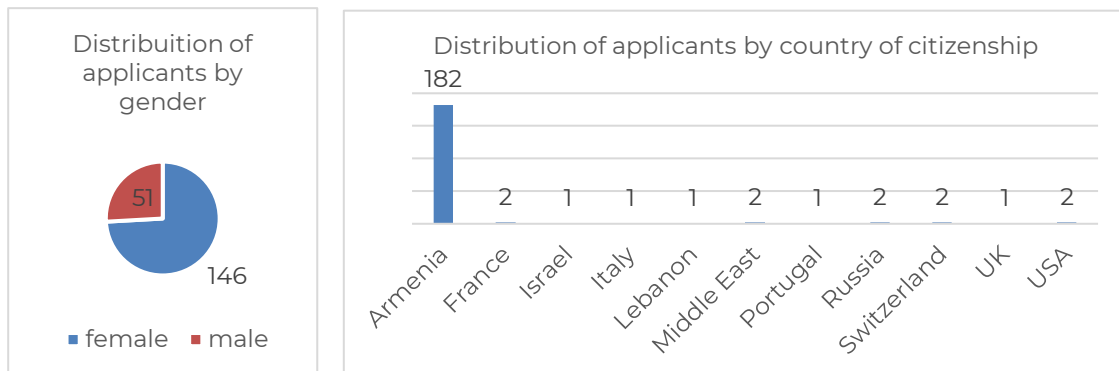
Short Term Grant Armenian Studies	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity
Short Term Grant Armenian Studies	152,273	66
Armenian Language Courses	21,395	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>173,668</b>	<b>79</b>

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

The Short Term Conference and Travel Grants for 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, the topic to be presented, and the recommendation letters.

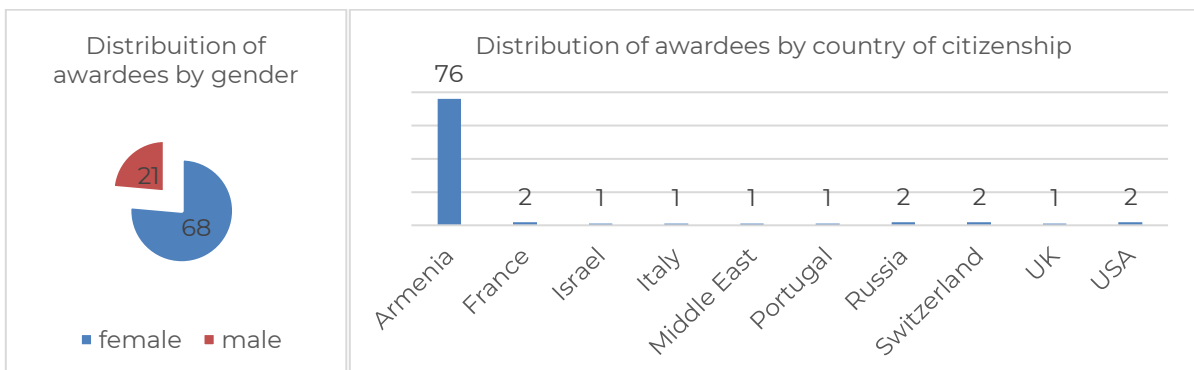
In 2024, the Department received 197 applications.

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



In 2024, 89 grants were awarded for participation in conferences or research programmes outside Armenia, from which ten were cancelled.

The chart below shows the distribution of the 89 awardees by gender and country of citizenship:



The amounts ranged from 426 to 1,530 EUR and the global expenditure for the 89 scholarships was 86,344 EUR.

The table below shows the total amount spent for the Short Term Conference and Travel Grants in 2024:

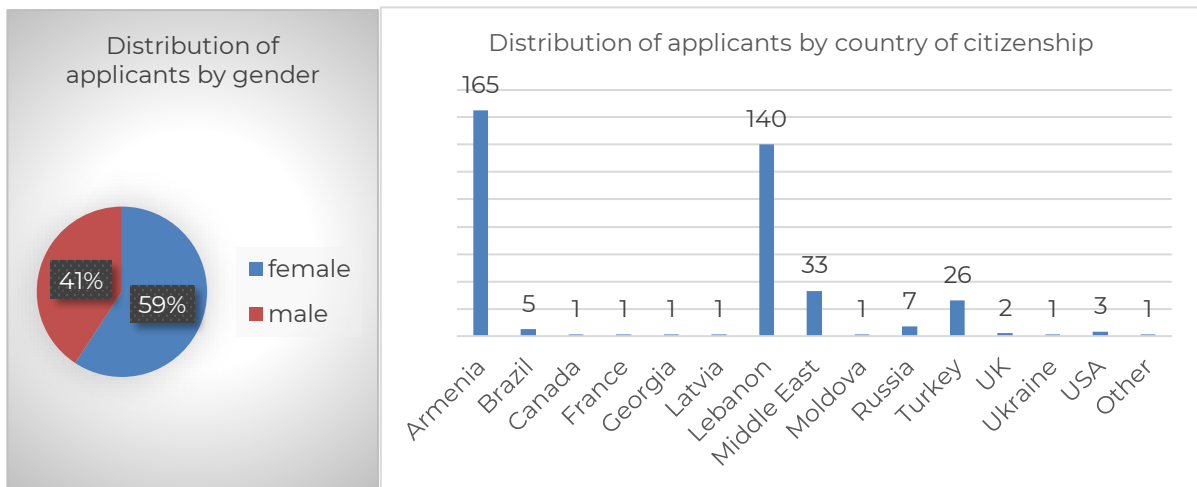
Short Term Conference and Travel Grants	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity
Short Term Conference and Travel Grants	86,344	89

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

The aim of the Higher Education Scholarships for Armenian Students in/from Developing Countries in 2024 was to encourage students of Armenian origin in/from less developed countries (e.g., Lebanon and other countries in the Middle East) to obtain higher education degrees in any field at a recognized university in their own country of residence or abroad.

The Department received 388 applications during the months of April, May, and June. 31% of these applications, from 15 countries, were submitted on the penultimate and last day.

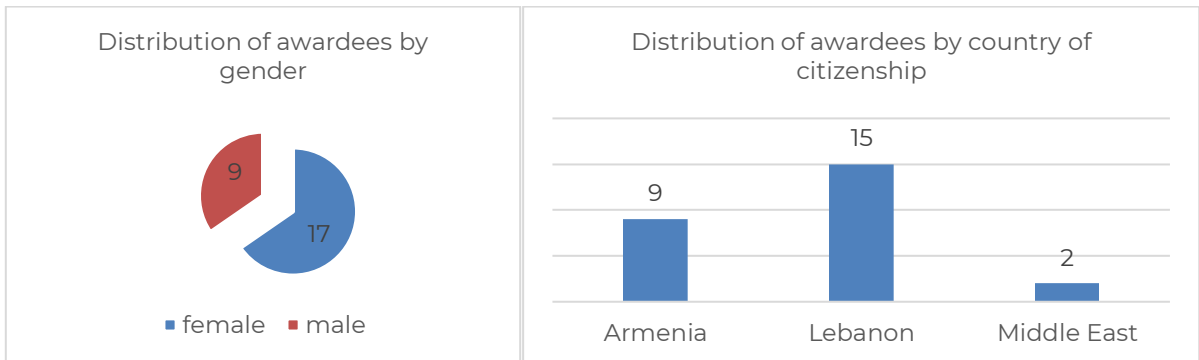
The charts below show the distribution of the applicants by gender and the countries of citizenship:



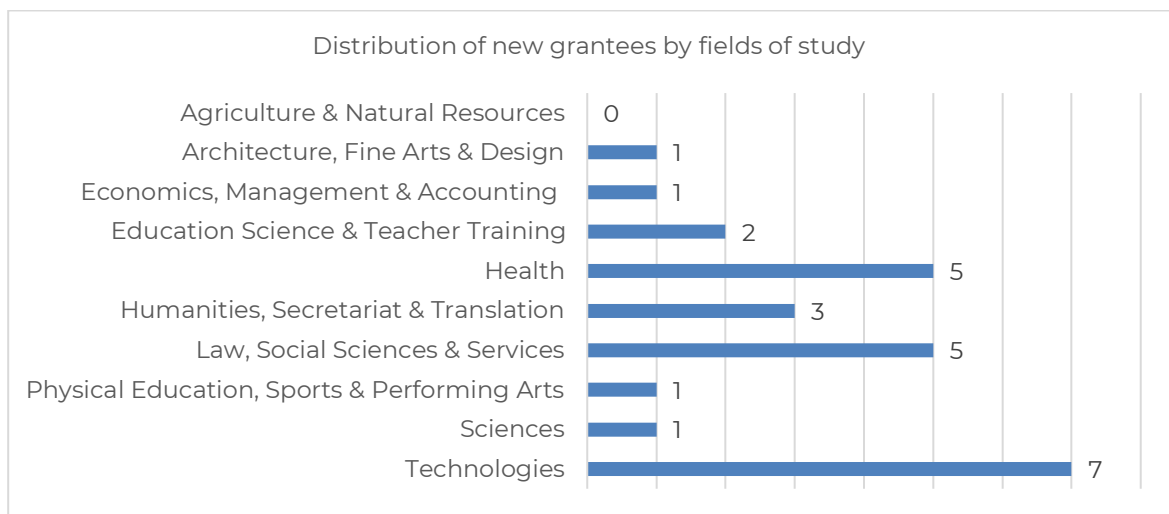
80% of applications were valid applications and 20% were ineligible and/or incomplete, while within the eligible applications, 52% had an average grade of 80% or more.

The Department selected 28 applications based on merit, from which two candidates declined the scholarship. Study subjects included: Artificial Intelligence, Biology, Business and Management, Chemistry, Communication, Computer Science, Education, Engineering, Graphic Design, Health, Law, Political Science, Performing Arts, Psychology, and Social Science.

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 field of studies:



In 2024, the field of Technology had the largest number of grants.

82 scholarships were renewed in 2024 as part of the regular Higher Education Studies scholarships awarded in previous years.

The table below shows the amounts spent with the new, former scholarship awards, as well as the totals for the 108 awardees:

Higher Education Scholarship	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity
New scholarships	104,000	26
Renewals	224,390	82
Total	328,390	108

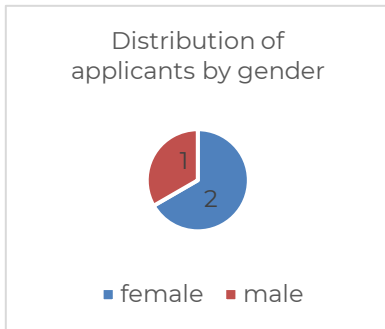
## 5. Support to Armenian Students in Portugal

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 2024, the Department received three new applications for this category, all of them from Armenia.

The charts below show the distribution of applicants by gender:



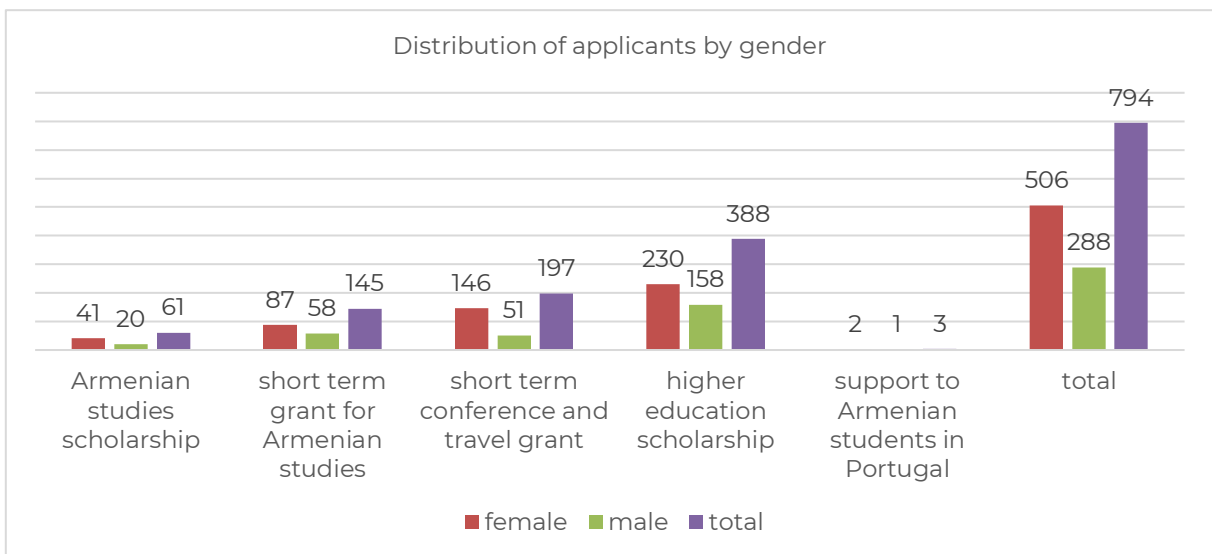
Apart from the three grants awarded to the three applicants, eight scholarships from previous years were renewed in 2024.

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

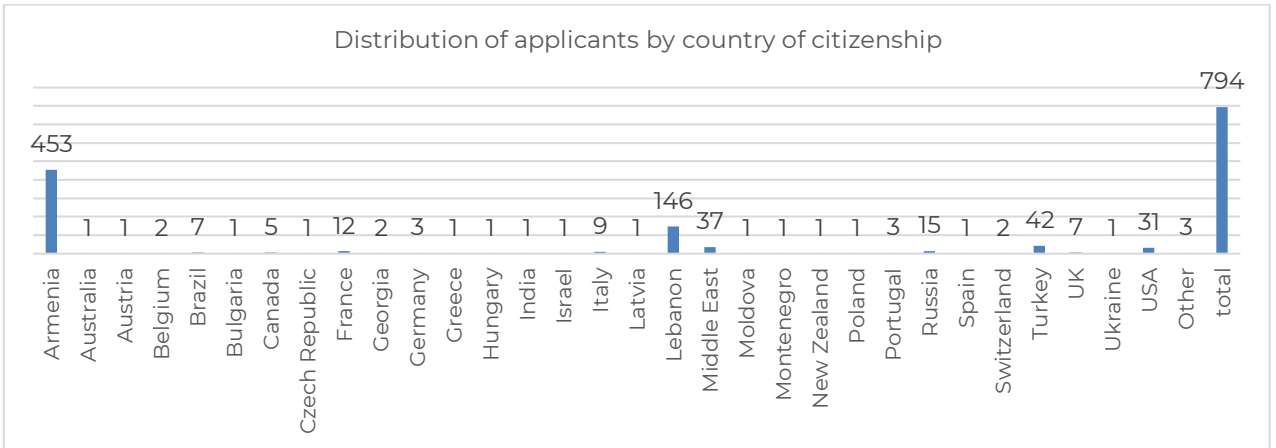
Armenian Students in Portugal	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity	F	M
Higher Education - New	11,810	3	2	1
Higher Education - Renewals	35,500	8	7	1
Total	47,310	11	9	2

## CONCLUDING REMARKS

For the 794 applications received in 2024, the charts below show the distribution by gender and the 33 countries of citizenship of the candidates:

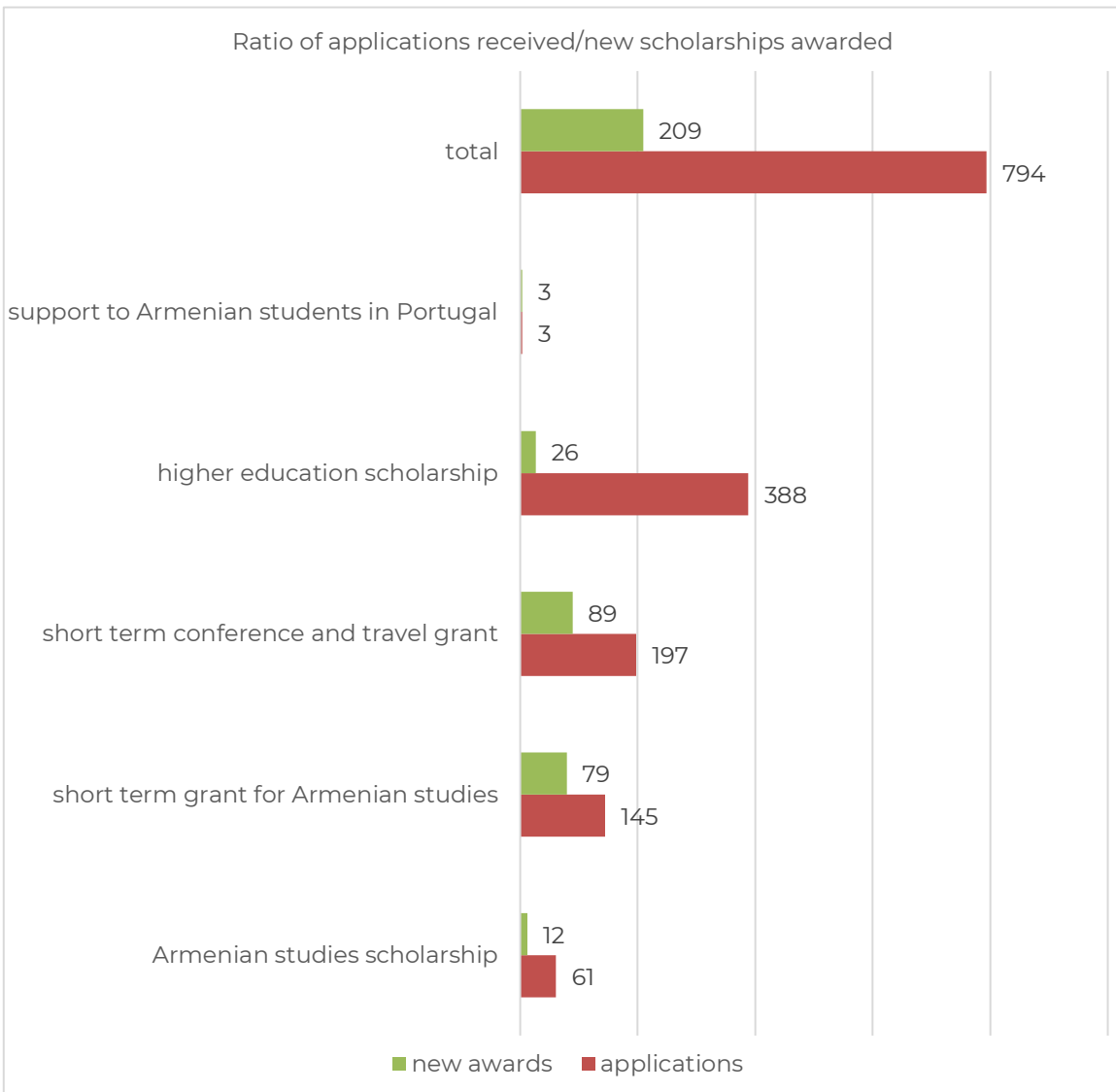


— 64% of the candidates were female and 36% were male.

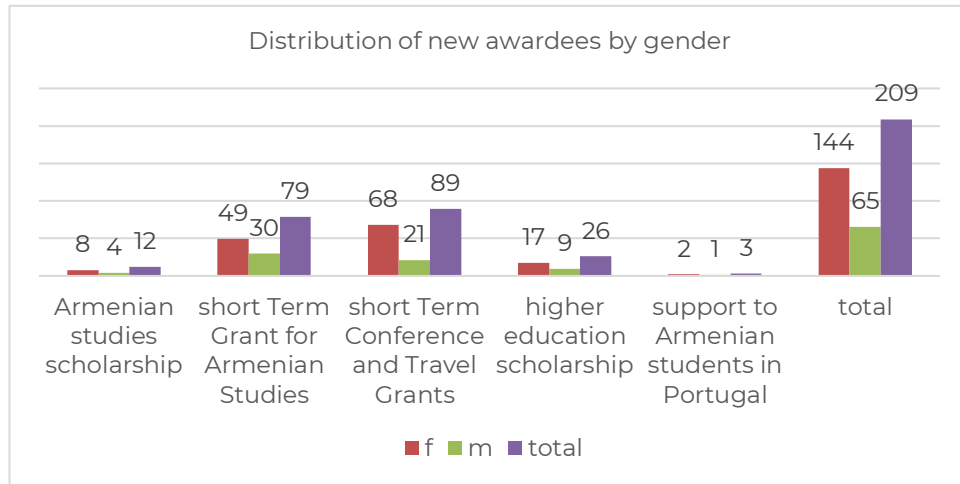


— From the 33 countries, 57% were from Armenia and 18% from Lebanon.

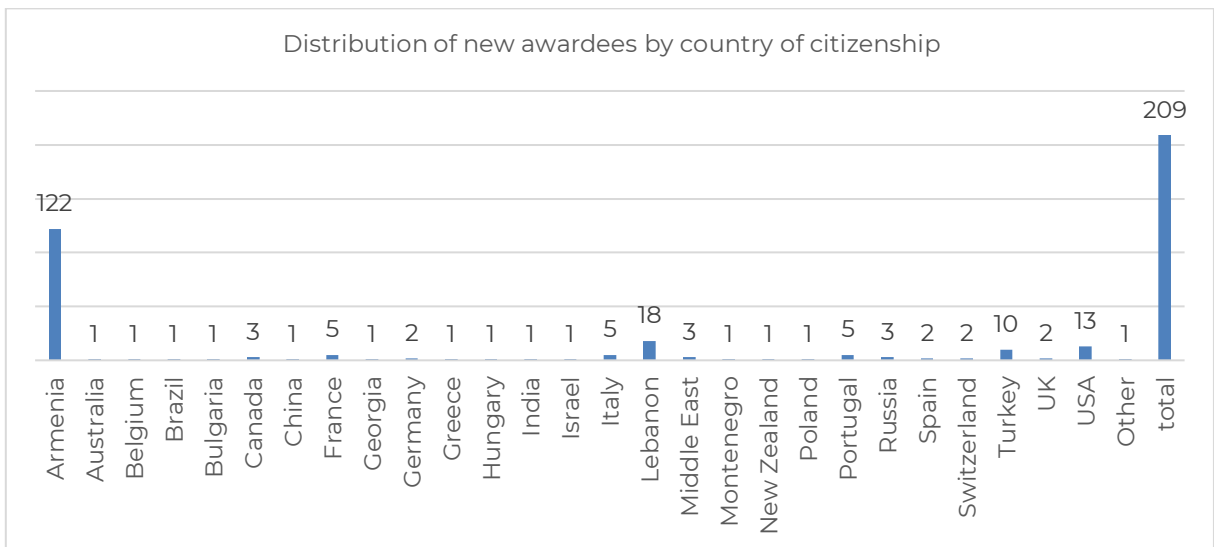
As shown in the chart below, the overall percentage of new awards in relation to the applications received was 26%:



The two following charts show the distribution of the 209 new awardees by gender and the countries of citizenship:



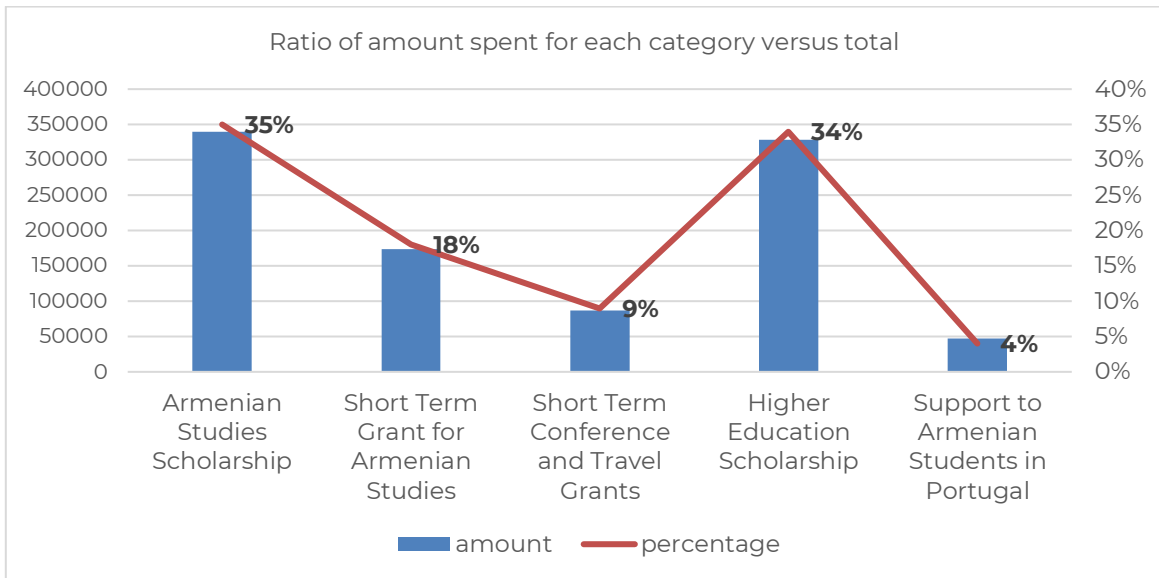
— 69% of the new awardees were female and 31% were male.



— 58% of the new awardees were from Armenia, 9% were from Lebanon, and the other 33% were from different countries.

In sum, in 2024 the Department awarded a total number of 209 scholarships in a total amount of 975,391 EUR.

The chart below shows the percentage of the amount spent within each scholarship category in relation to the total amount spent within the Department’s scholarship scheme in 2024.



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

Scholarship Programme 2024	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity	F	M
1. Armenian Studies Scholarship	339,679	21	13	8
2. Short Term Grant for Armenian Studies	173,668	79	49	30
3. Short Term Conference and Travel Grants	86,344	89	68	21
4. Higher Education Scholarship	328,390	108	60	48
5. Support to Armenian Students in Portugal	47,310	11	9	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>975,391</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>109</b>

Finally, two scholarship awardees defended their PhD theses in 2024, and three Armenian Studies scholarship recipients defended their Master's theses in 2024.