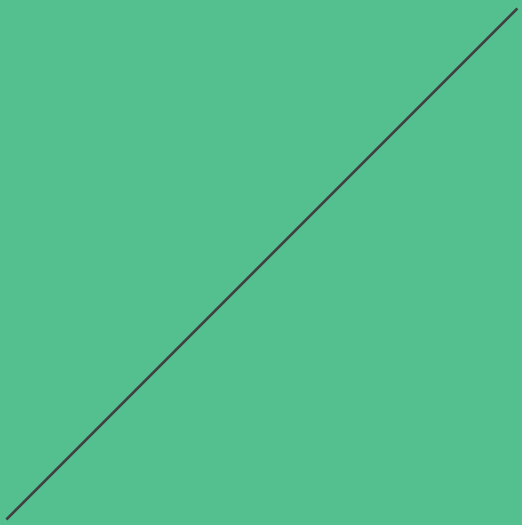


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Introduction

The Armenian Communities Department of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation supports Armenian and Armenian Studies university students and researchers all over the world through its scholarship programme. Scholarships are awarded through a competitive selection process to highly motivated students and academically meritorious young students who are best placed to make meaningful contributions to the development of their fields of study and to their Armenian communities.

This report presents the 2021 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. Undergraduate Studies Scholarship
5. Support to Armenian Students in Portugal
6. Emergency Scholarship

Budget Implementation and Analysis

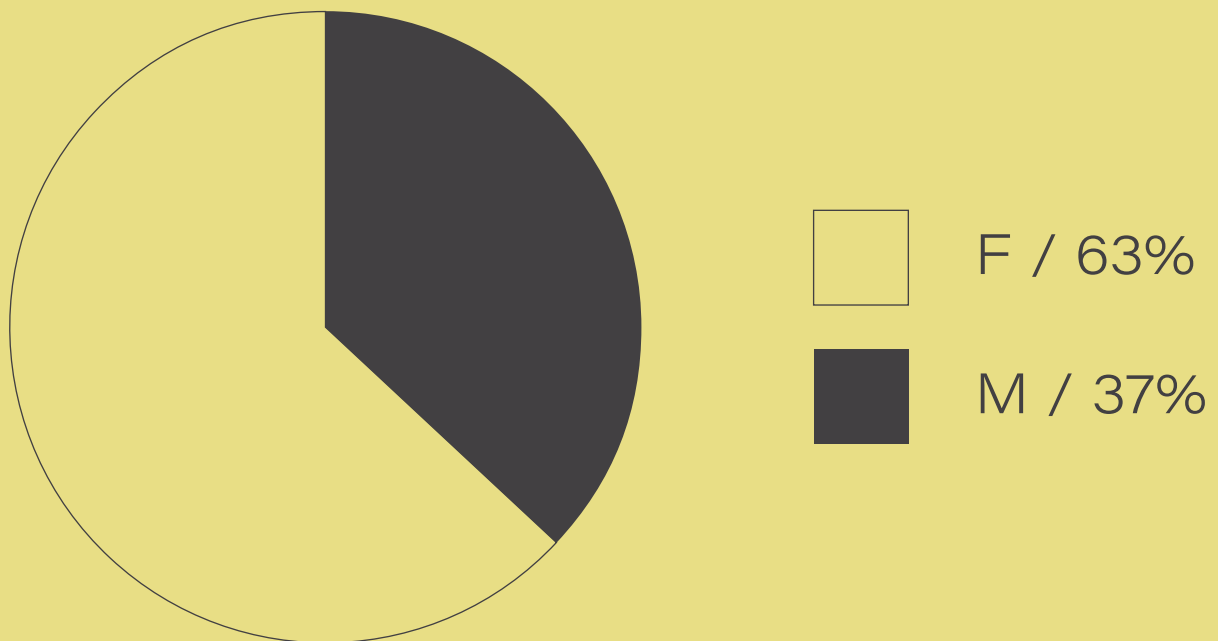
1. Armenian Studies Scholarship

The Armenian Studies scholarship application cycle was open from 1 March to 14 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 scholarship category is open to research in various disciplines and subjects, but preference is given to modern and contemporary themes, including current issues considered important to the Armenian world.

In 2021, the Department received 51 applications, 35% of these applications were sent on the last day and 20% on the penultimate day.

Distribution of applicants by gender

The chart below shows the distribution of the applicants by gender*.

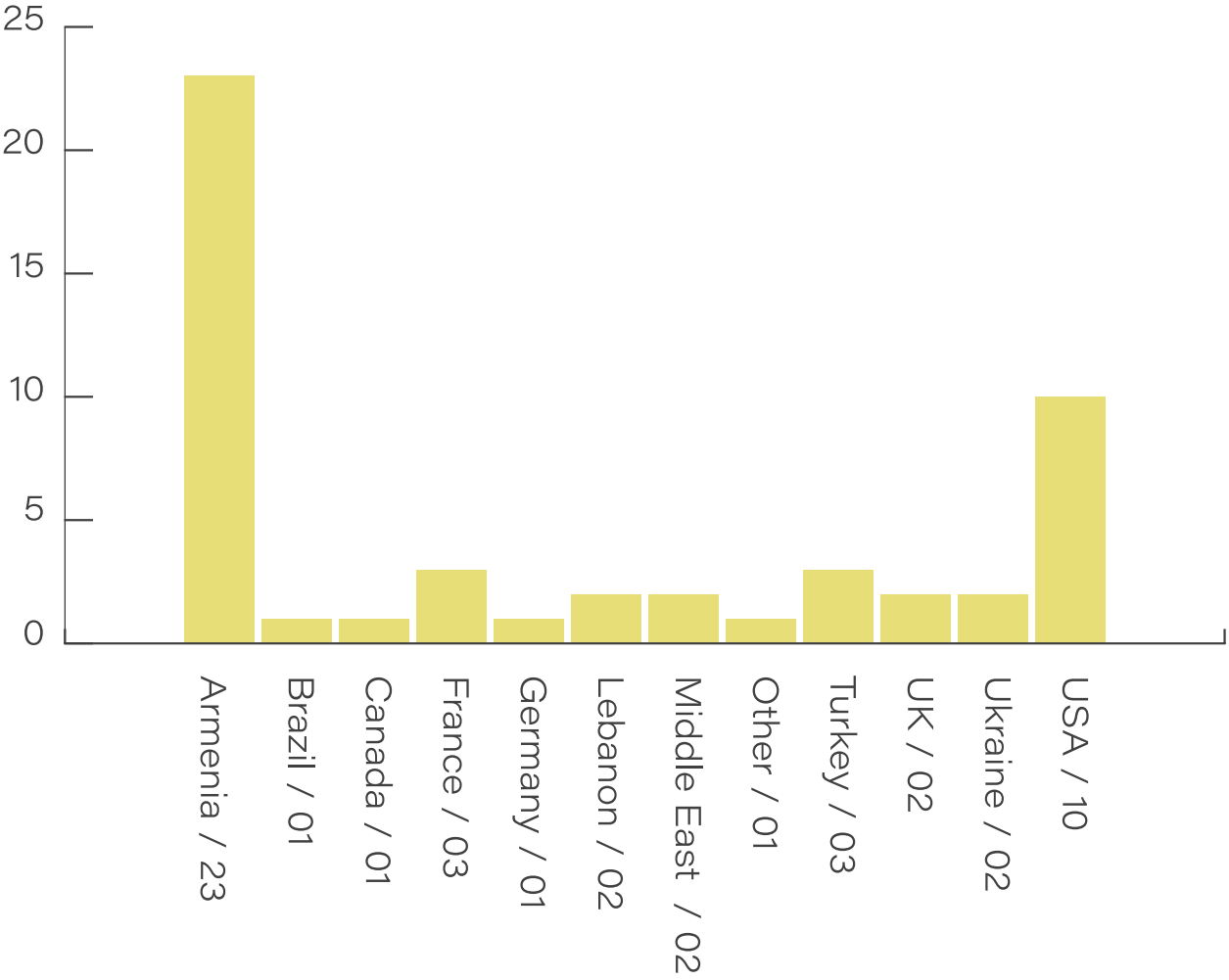


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* The male and female categories of gender identification are based on the identification documents of applicants.

Distribution of applicants by country of citizenship

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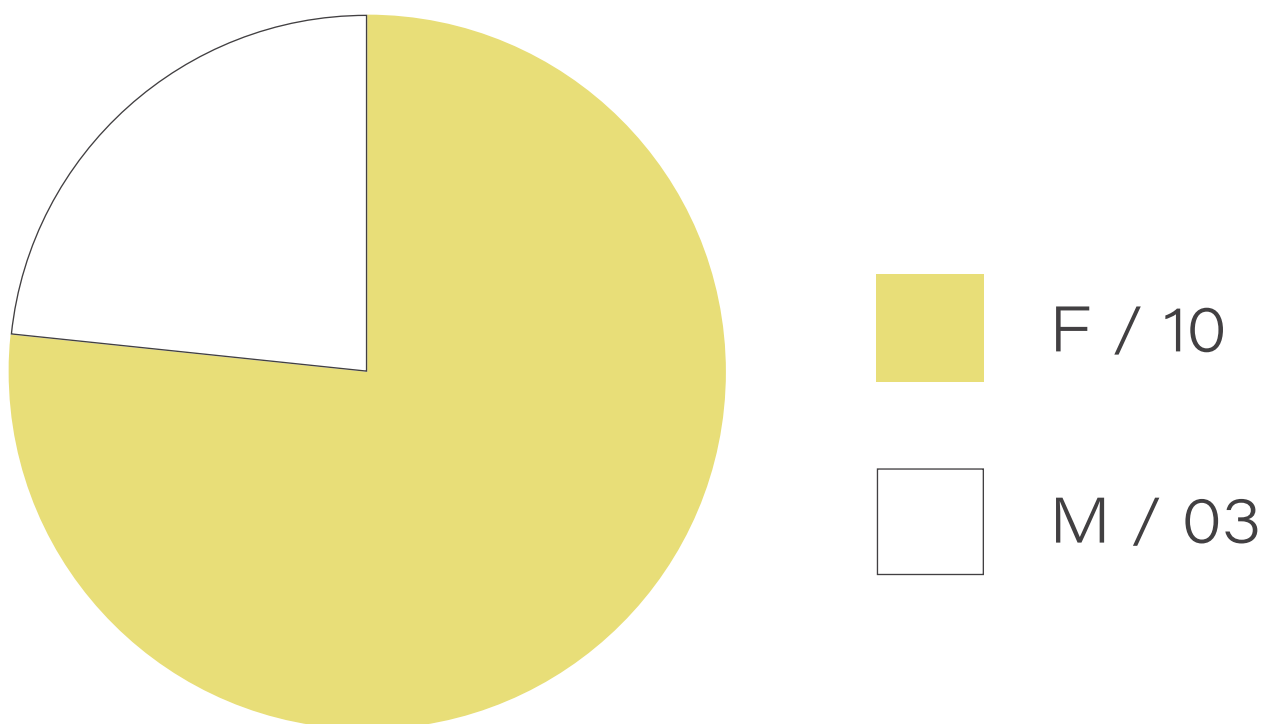
In 2021, 13 scholarships were awarded to students from Armenia, France, Germany, Turkey, Ukraine, the UK, and USA, four of them were for a Master's degree, eight for a PhD degree, and one for Post Doc. Scholarship amounts ranged from 300 to 25,000 EUR per year, and the maximum period granted was three 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.

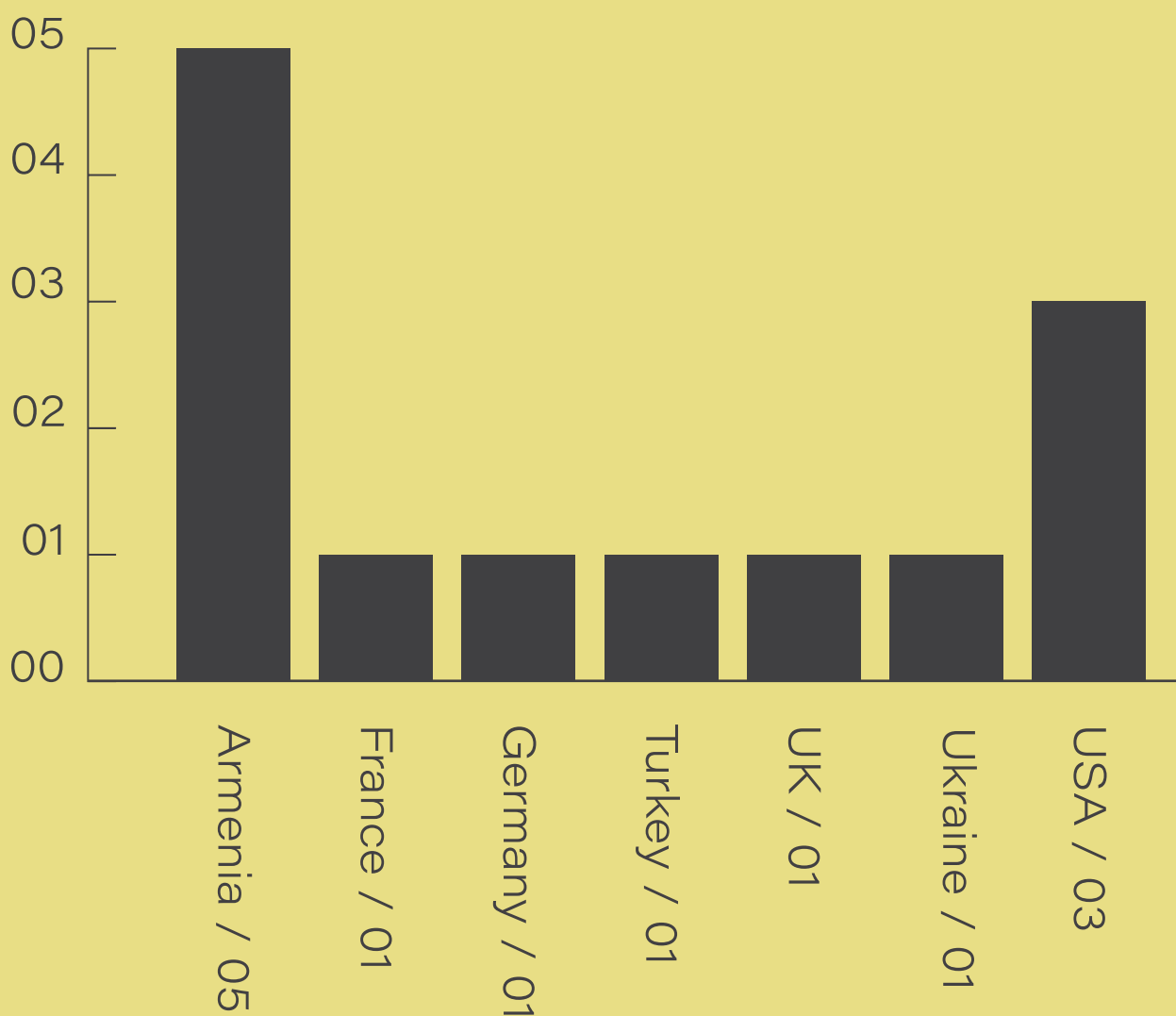
Distribution of awardees by gender

The chart below shows the distribution of awardees by gender:



Distribution of awardees by country of citizenship

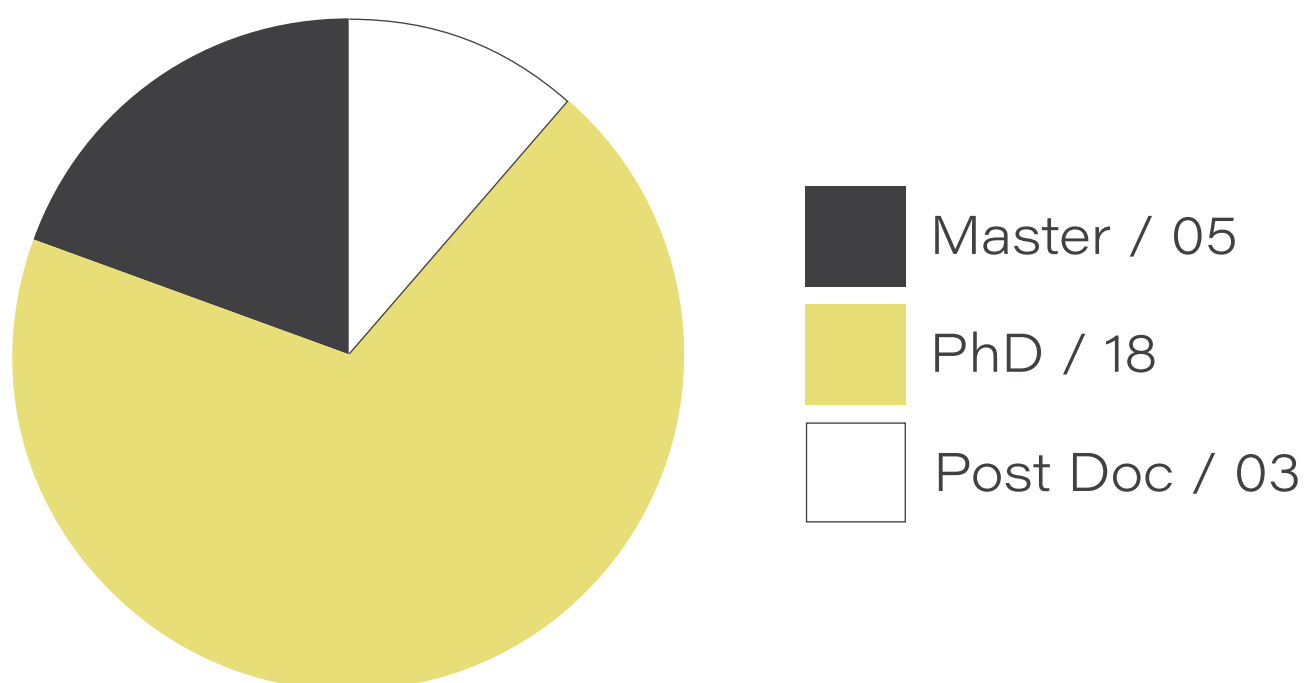
The chart below shows the distribution of awardees by the seven countries of citizenship:



In addition, two scholarships from 2018, two from 2019, and nine from 2020 were renewed in 2021.

Distribution of scholarships by degree/research level

The chart below shows the distribution of the 13 new awardees by research level and the 13 renewals from the previous year:



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Three of the former scholarship awardees (from 2018, 2019 and 2020) defended their theses in 2021.

The table below shows the total amount spent for the Armenian Studies Scholarship in 2021:

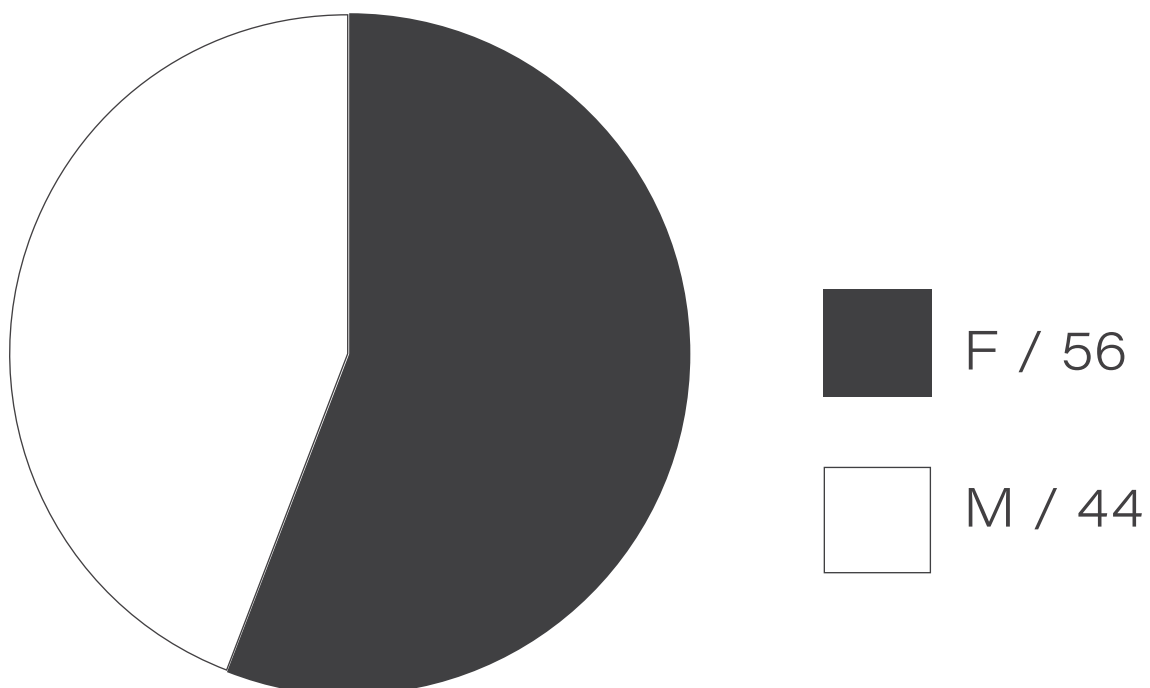
<i>Armenian Studies Scholarship</i>	<i>Expenditure (in EUR)</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
New Scholarships	181,426	13
Renewals	200,633	13
Total	382,059	26

2. Short Term Grant 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. Within this category, 100 applications were received in 2021. Applications were evaluated on a case-by-case basis, as were the amounts allocated 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 of research, their qualifications, the quality of their proposals, the international importance of the conferences/seminars, and the letters of reference received.

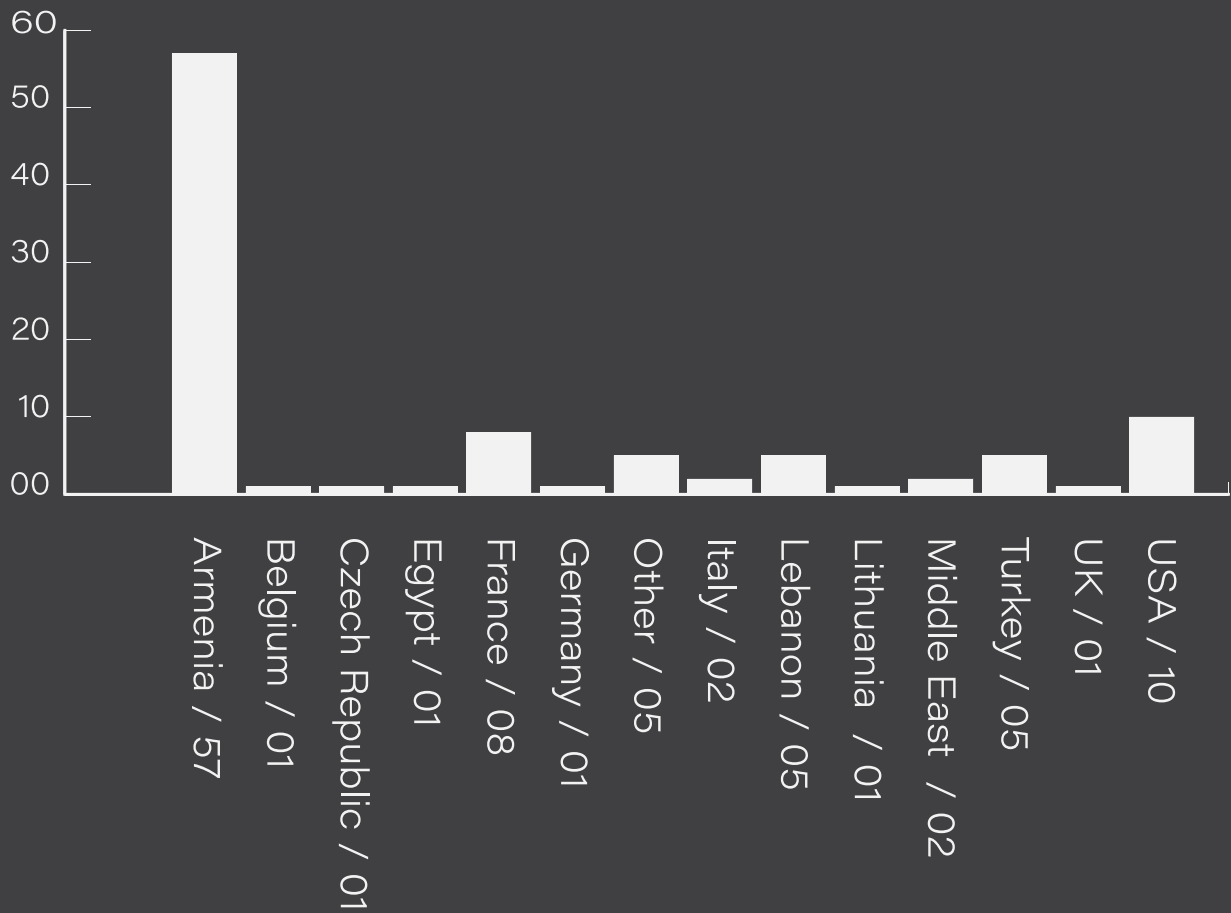
Distribution of applicants by gender

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



Distribution of applicants by country of citizenship

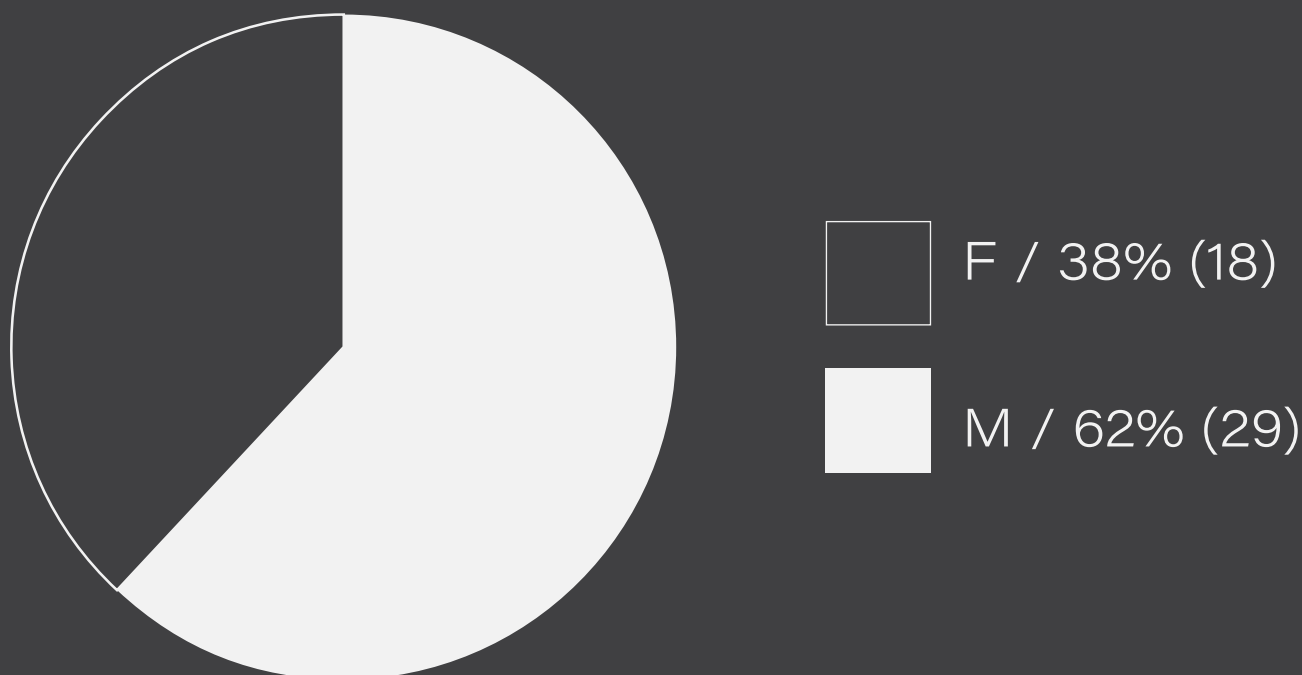
The chart below shows the distribution of the applicants by the 17 countries of citizenship:



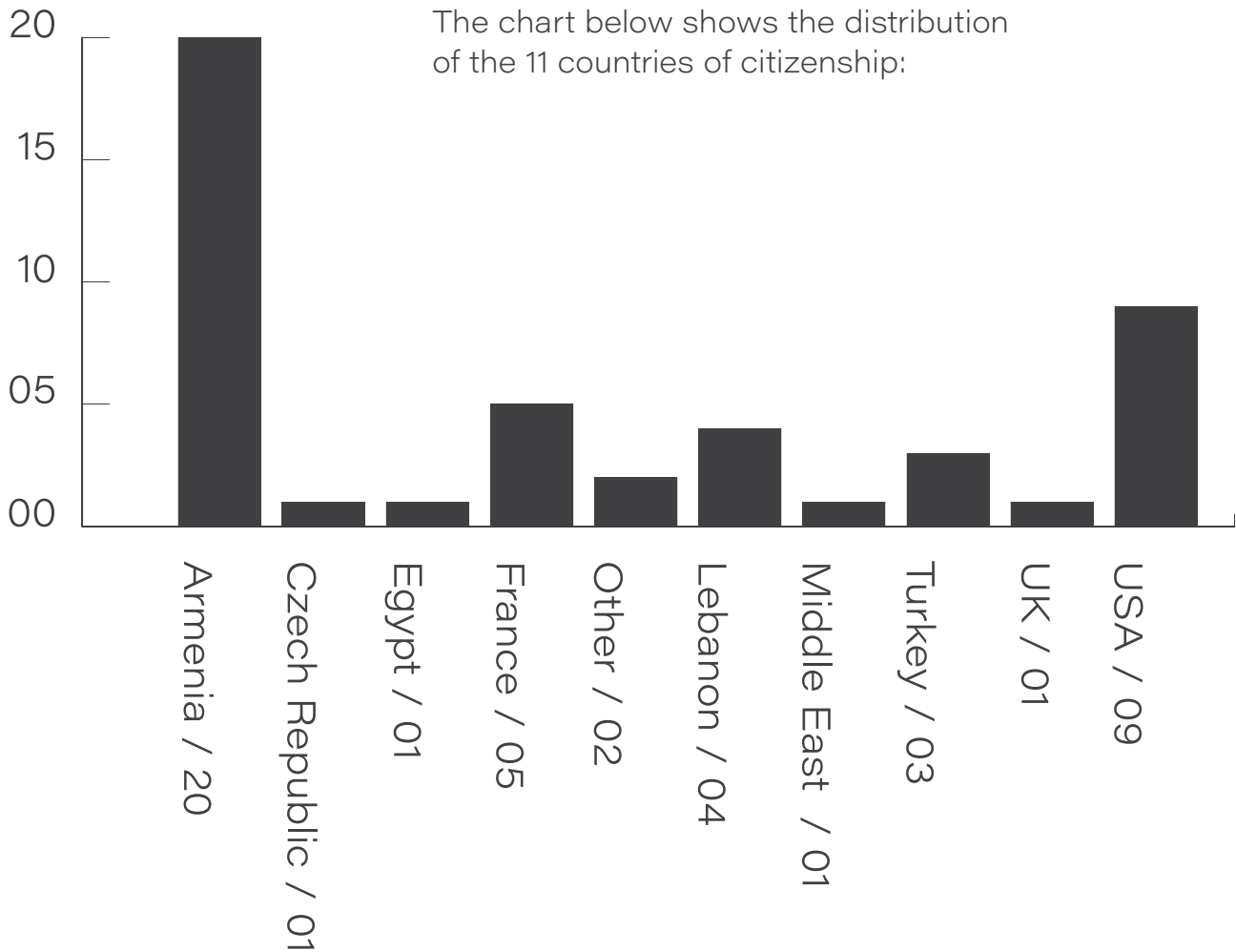
In total, 47 grant were awarded in 2021, from which five were for participation in the Armenian Language and Culture summer course organized by the Association Padus-Araxes, and 15 were specifically for contemporary research related to Nagorno-Karabakh by qualified researchers around the world. The sub-category for research related to Nagorno-Karabakh was only open for applications during two specific periods, with a duration of two months. This subcategory was part of the short term grant for Armenian Studies, and had the objective to generate new knowledge and outputs regarding research related to Nagorno-Karabakh that is generally understudied, with particular emphasis on the post-1994 period and on social sciences.

Distribution of awardees by gender

The chart below shows the distribution of the 47 awardees by gender



Distribution of awardees by country of citizenship



The table below shows the total amount spent with the Short Term Grant for Armenian Studies in 2021:

<i>Short Term Grant Armenian Studies</i>	<i>Expenditure (in EUR)</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Short Term Grant Armenian Studies	81,312	27
Armenian Summer Course Padus-Araxes	13,900	5
Research Grants for the Study of Nagorno-Karabakh I & II	57,609	15
Total	152,821	47

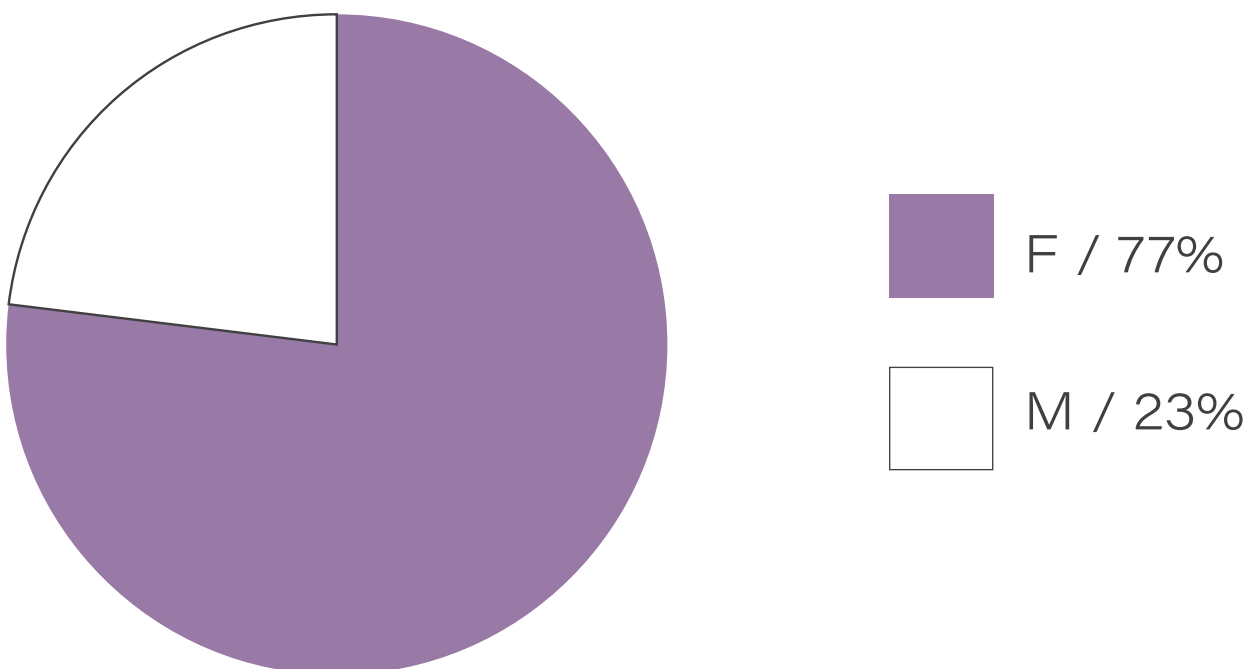
3. Short Term Conference and Travel Grants to Students in Armenia

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 2021, the Department received 31 applications.

Distribution of applicants by gender

The chart below shows the distribution by gender:



Distribution of awardees by gender

In 2021, 19 grants were awarded for the participation in conferences or research programmes outside of Armenia.

The chart below shows the distribution of the 18 awardees by gender:



The amounts ranged from 683 to 2,233 EUR and the global expenditure for the 18 scholarships was 20,453 EUR.

The table below shows the total amount spent for the Short Term Conference and Travel Grants in 2021:

<i>Short Term Conference and Travel Grants</i>	<i>Expenditure (in EUR)</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Short Term Conference and Travel Grants	20,453	18

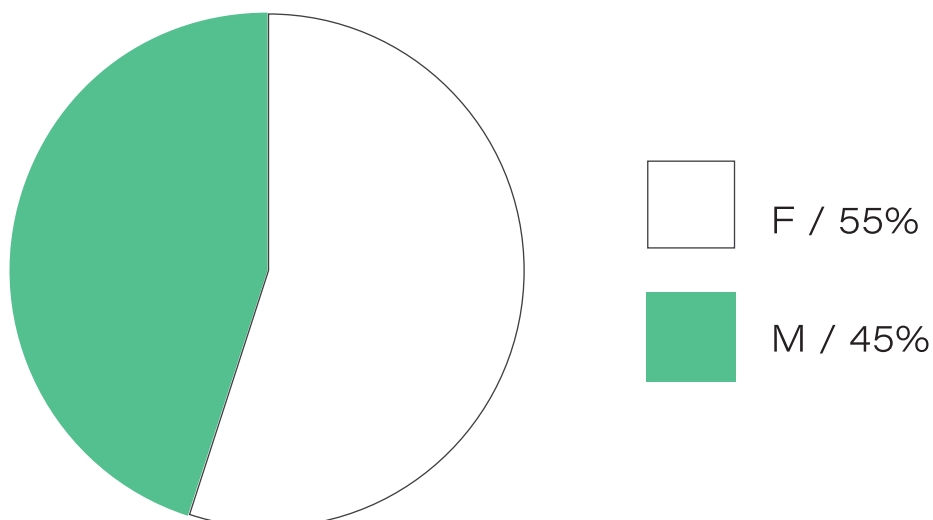
4. Higher Education Scholarships for Armenian Students in Developing Countries

In 2021, the title of the Undergraduate Studies Scholarship category was changed to “Higher Education Scholarships for Armenian Students in Developing Countries” to reflect the widening of its scope. It still focused on helping Armenian students from less developed countries to obtain higher education in their own countries of residence in the Diaspora. However, in 2021, 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 180 applications during the months of April, May and June. 24% of these applications, from 16 countries, were submitted in the last day and 12% on the penultimate day of the deadline.

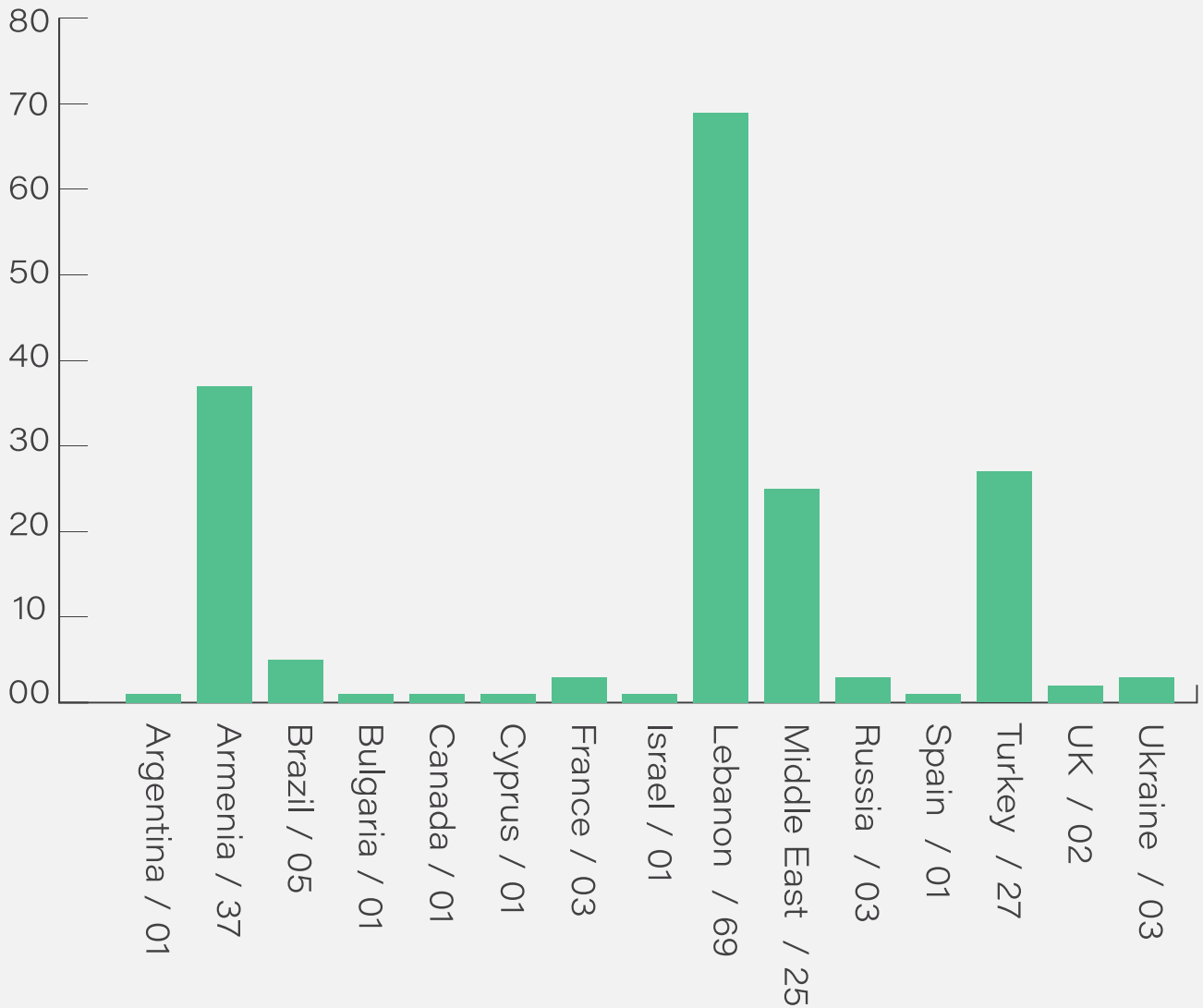
Distribution of applicants by gender

The chart below shows the distribution of the applicants by gender



Distribution of applicants by country of citizenship

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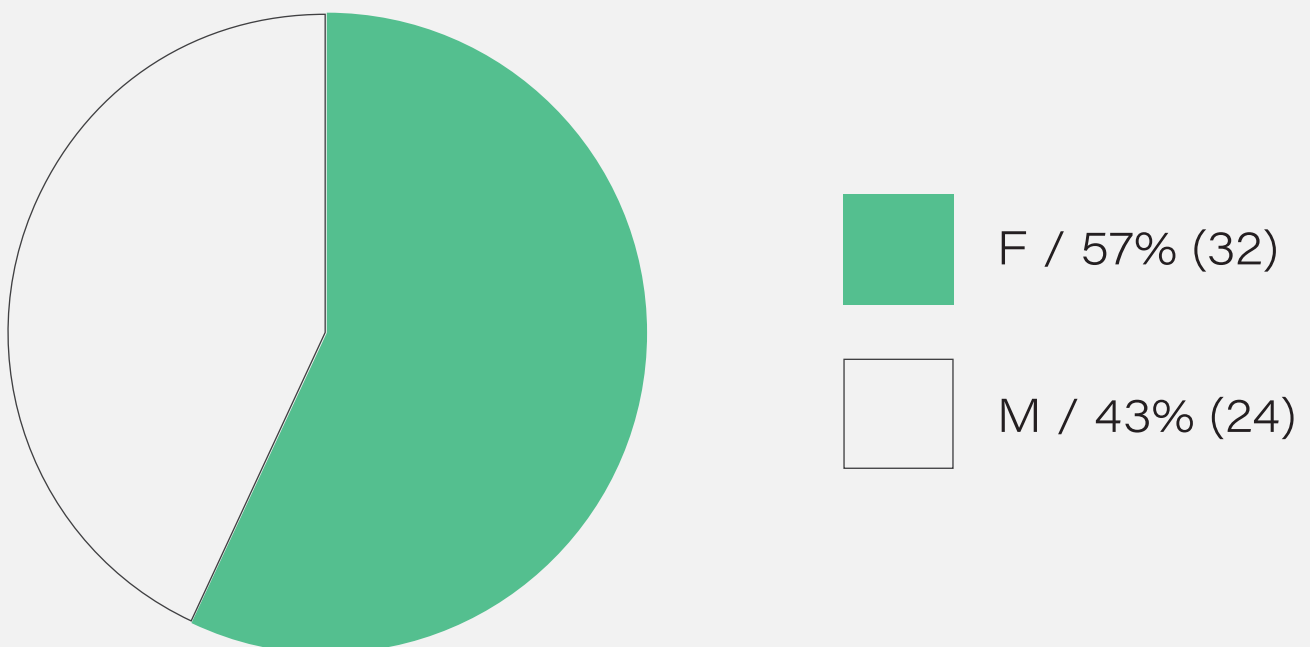
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54% of applications were valid, and 46% were invalid and/or incomplete, while within the valid applications, 84% presented an average grade of 80% or more.

The Department selected 57 applications based on merit. One awardee declined the scholarship. The amount of the scholarships ranged between 1,000 and 2,500 USD per year. Subjects included: Architecture, Business, Biology, Biotechnology, Computer Science, Education, Engineering, Graphic Design, History, Information Technology, and Marketing.

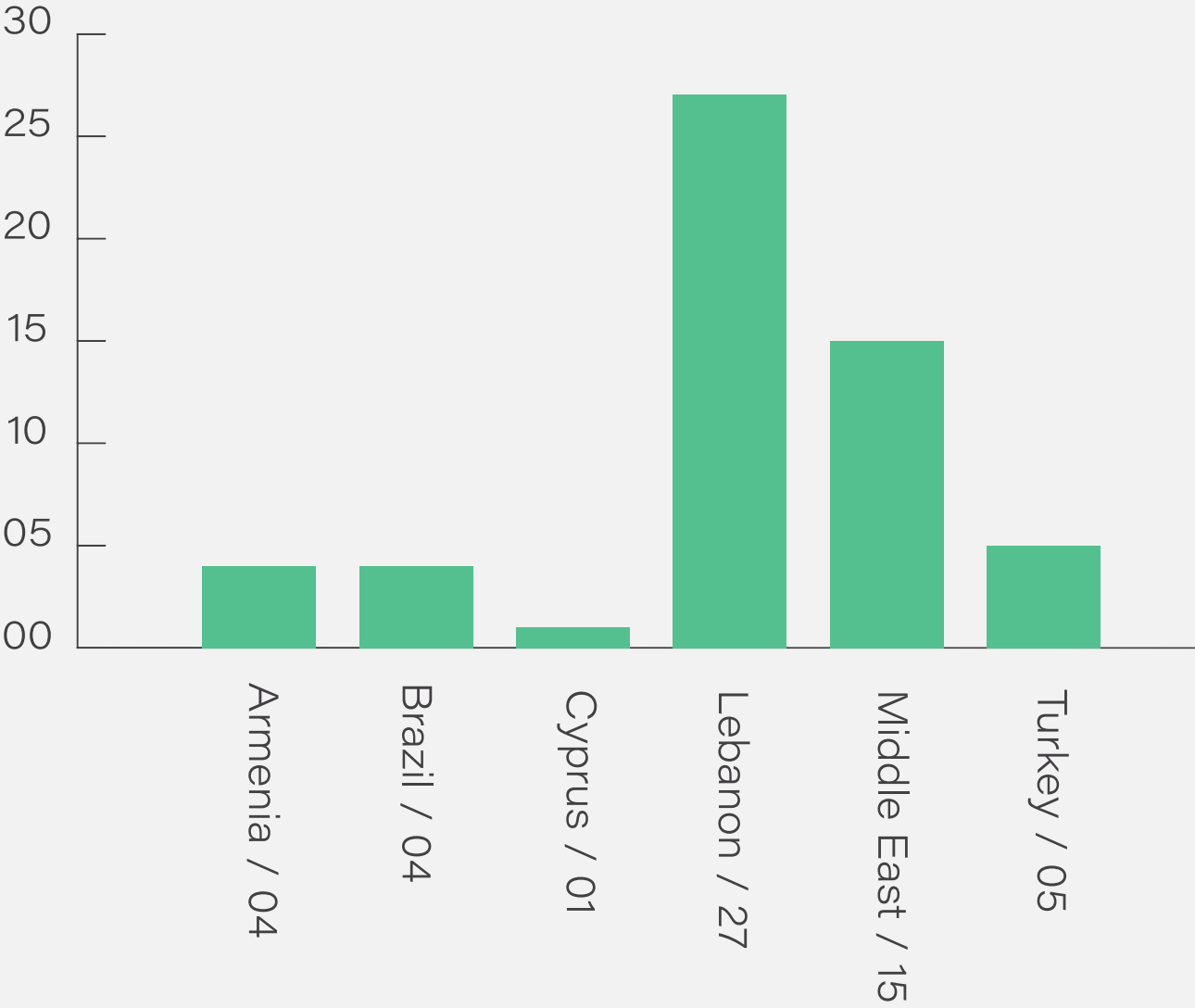
Distribution of awardees by gender

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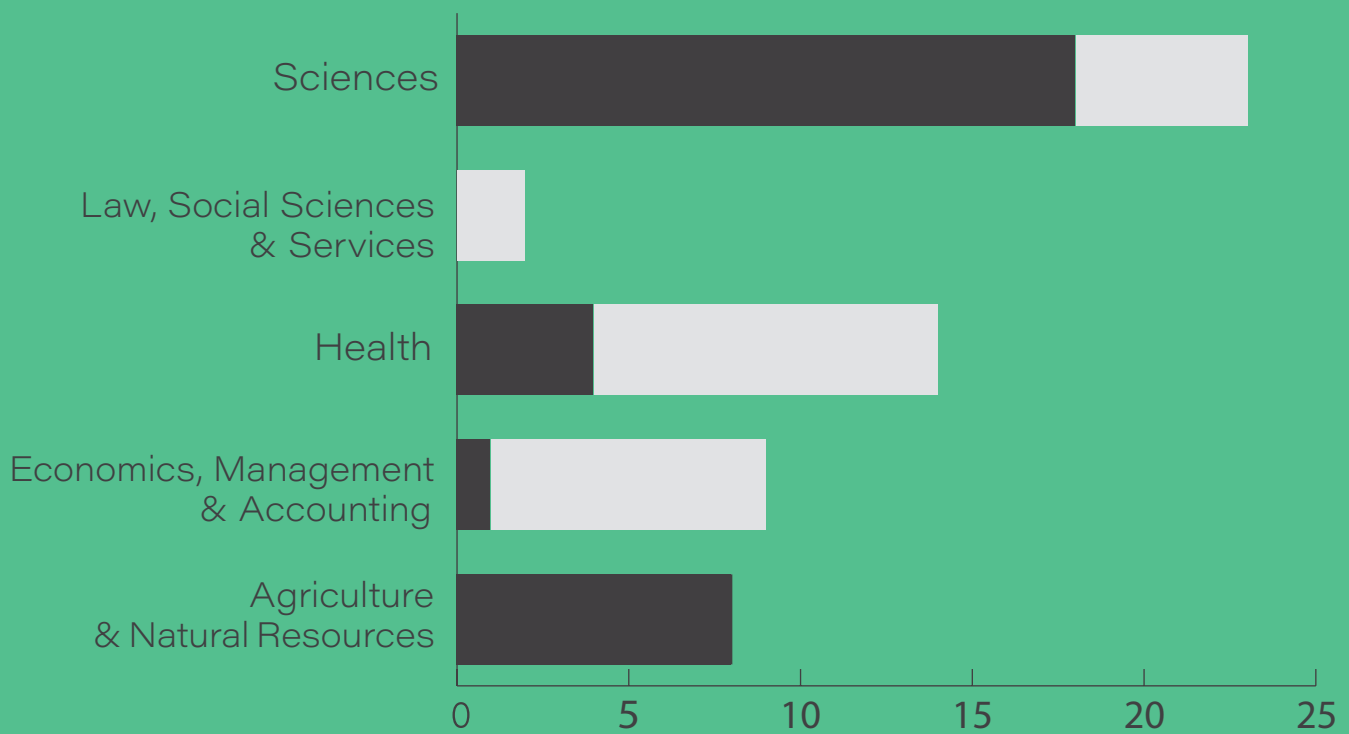
Distribution of awardees by country of citizenship

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



Distribution of new grantees by field of study

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



67 scholarships were renewed in 2021 as part of the regular undergraduate studies scholarships awarded in previous years.

Furthermore, within the call for applications for candidates who wanted to pursue their studies in Special Education in Lebanese universities (launched in 2016), three scholarships awarded in 2019 were renewed in 2021.

The table below presents the amounts awarded in each granting phase, as well as the total for the 126 awardees:

<i>Higher Education Scholarship</i>	<i>Expenditure (in EUR)</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Regular Scholarship Programme - New Scholarships	107,642	56
Regular Scholarship Programme - Renewals	146.392	67
Special Education Lebanon - Renewals	11,185	3
Total	265.219	126

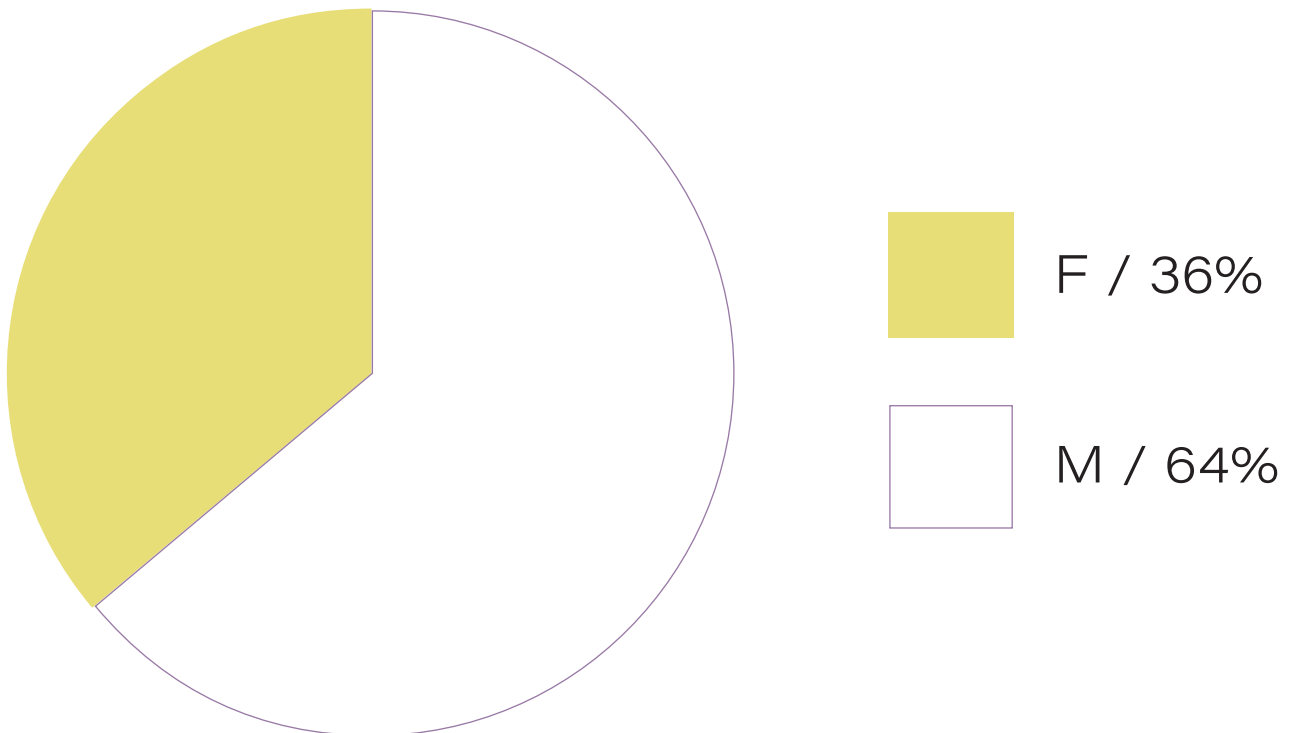
5. Support to Armenian Students in Portugal

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 2021, the Department received 11 applications for this category.

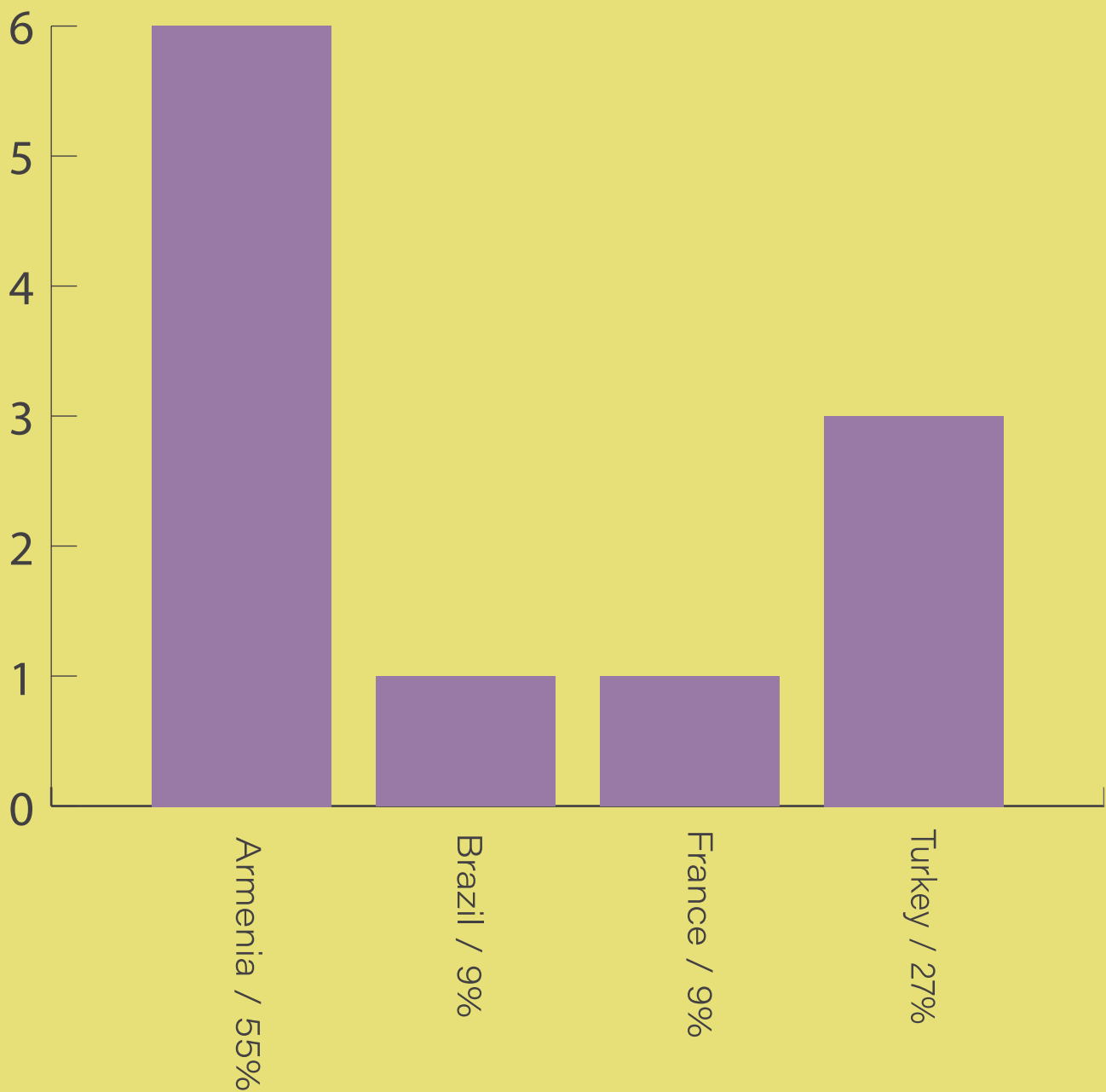
Support to Armenian Students in Portugal

The chart below shows the distribution of applicants by gender:



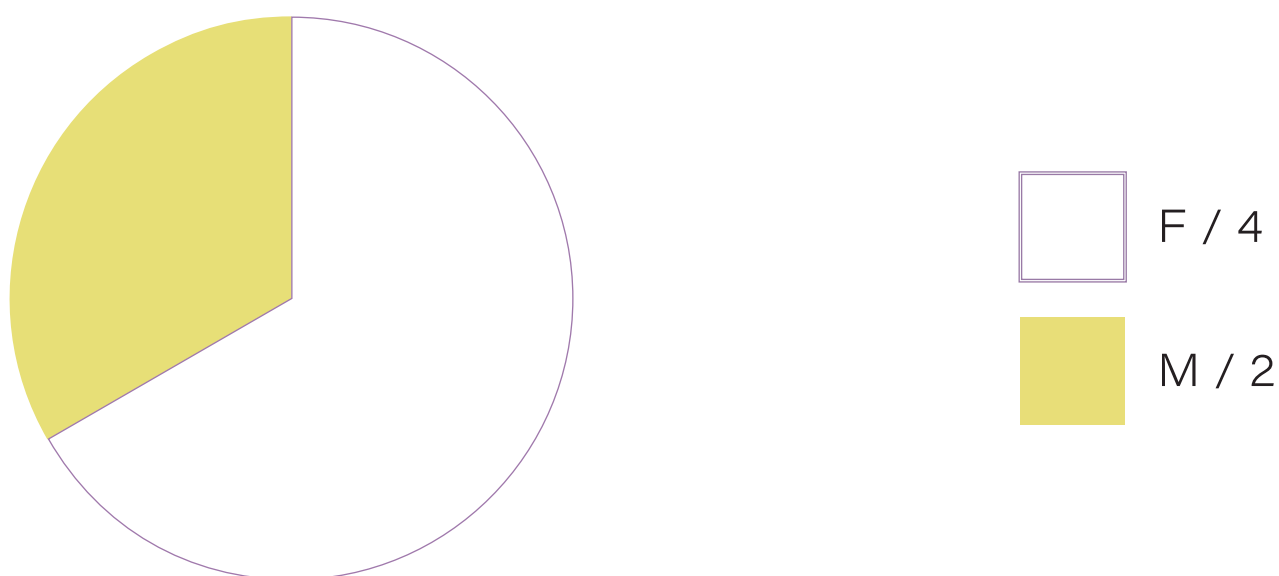
Distribution of applicants by country of citizenship

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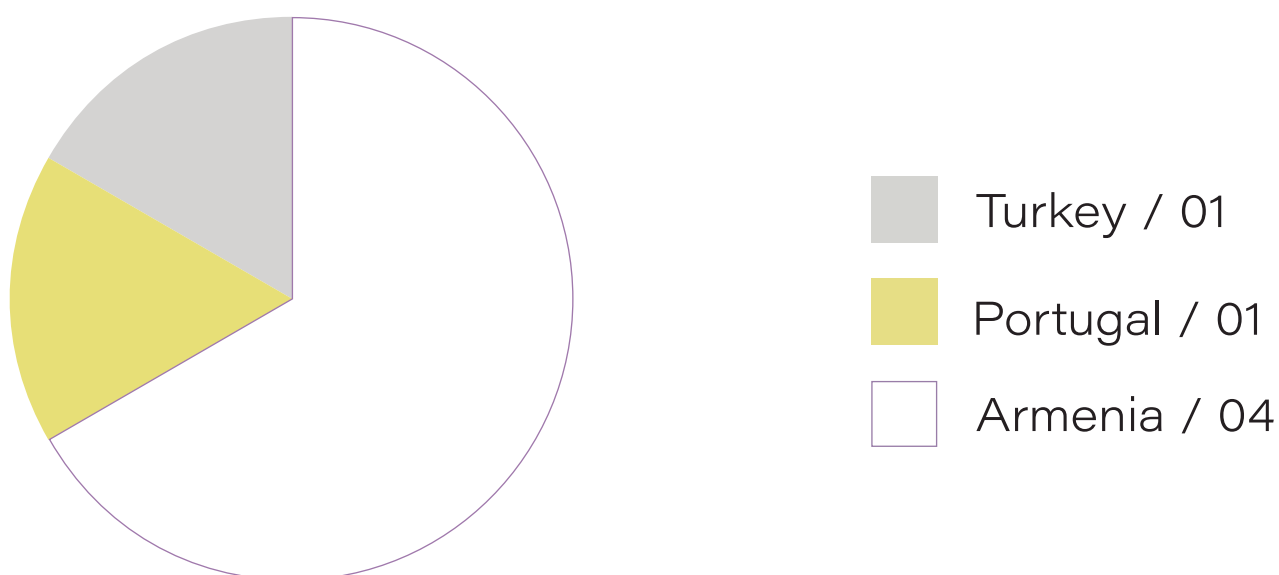


As shown by the charts below, four students from Armenia, one from Portugal and one from Turkey were awarded a grant within this category. In addition, four awardees from 2020 renewed their scholarships in 2021.

Distribution of awardees by gender



Distribution of awardees by country of citizenship



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

<i>Armenian Students in Portugal</i>	<i>Expenditure (in EUR)</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>
New Higher Education Grants	25,450	6	4	2
Renewals	20,800	4	3	1
Total	46,250	10	7	3

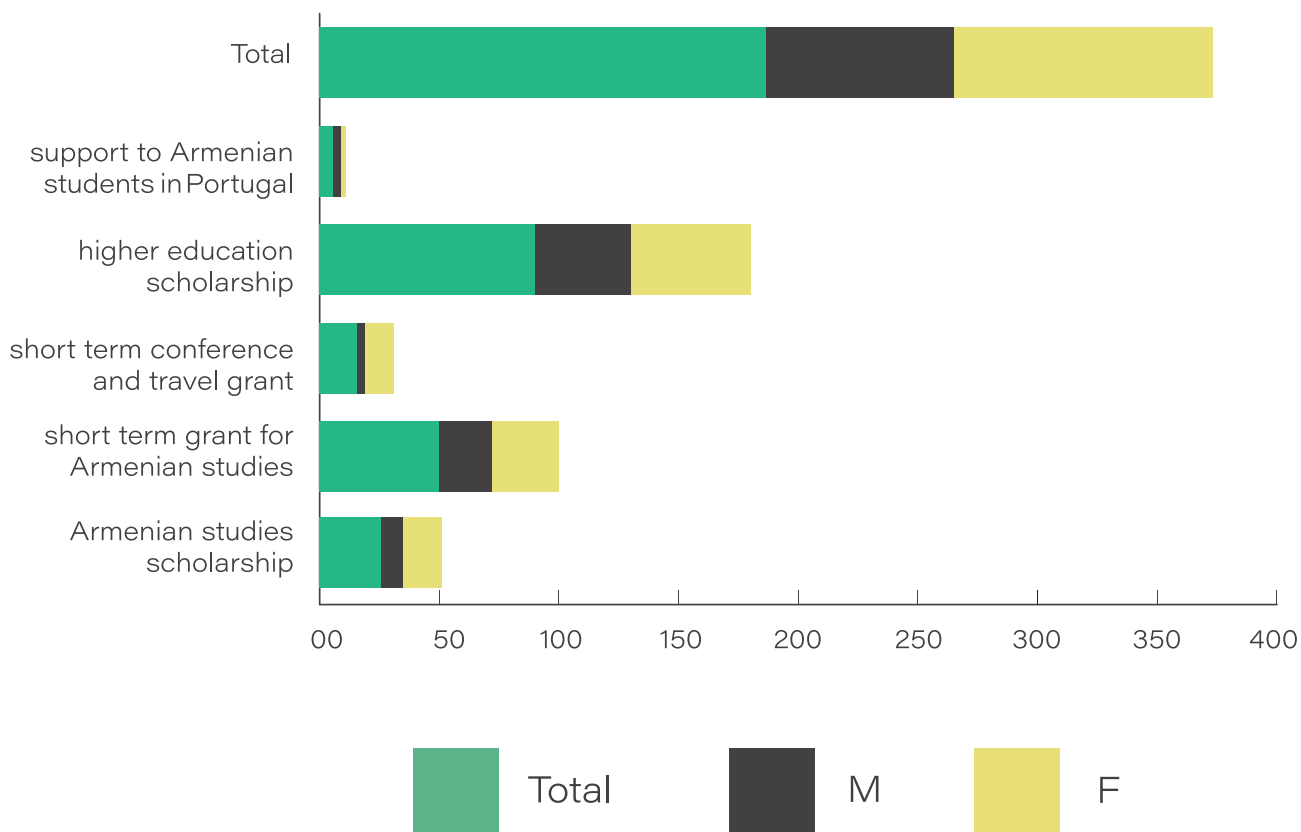
6. Emergency Scholarship

The aim of this scholarship category is to respond to emergency situations helping Armenian students who face severe crisis, enabling them to continue their education within possible limits. In 2021, the Department awarded five grants, in the total amount of 26,789 EUR to three students from Armenia and two from Lebanon (three were men and two women).

Concluding
remarks

Distribution of applicants 2021 by gender

Considering the 373 applications received in 2021, the chart below shows the gender of the candidates:

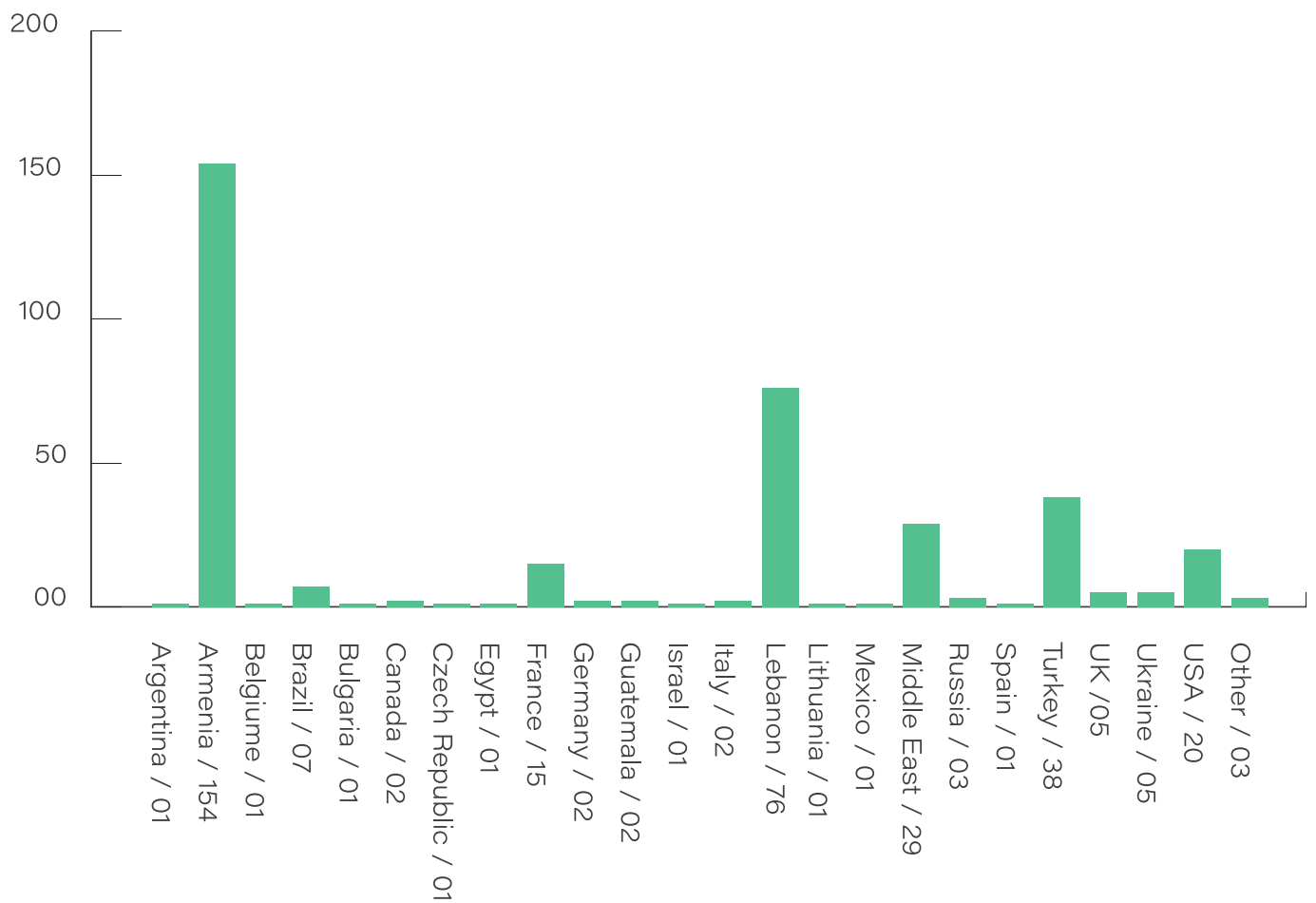


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- 58% of the candidates were female and 42% were male.

Distribution of the 2021 applicants by country of citizenship

The chart below shows the 28 countries of citizenship distribution of the candidates:

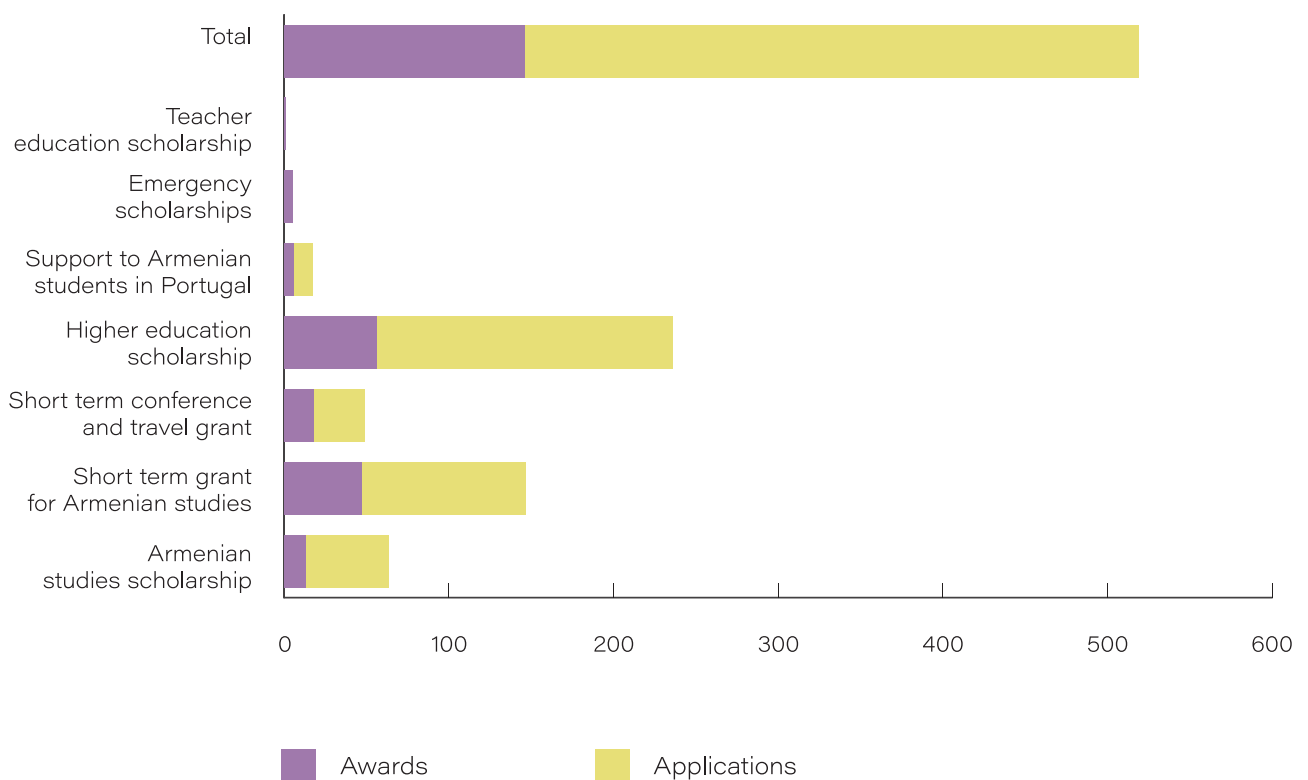


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- From the 28 countries, 41% were from Armenia, 20% from Lebanon, 10% from Turkey, 6% from the Middle East, 5% from USA, and the other 18% distributed over 23 other countries.

Ratio of applications/ new scholarships

As shown in the chart below, the overall percentage of grants awarded in relation to the applications received was 39%:

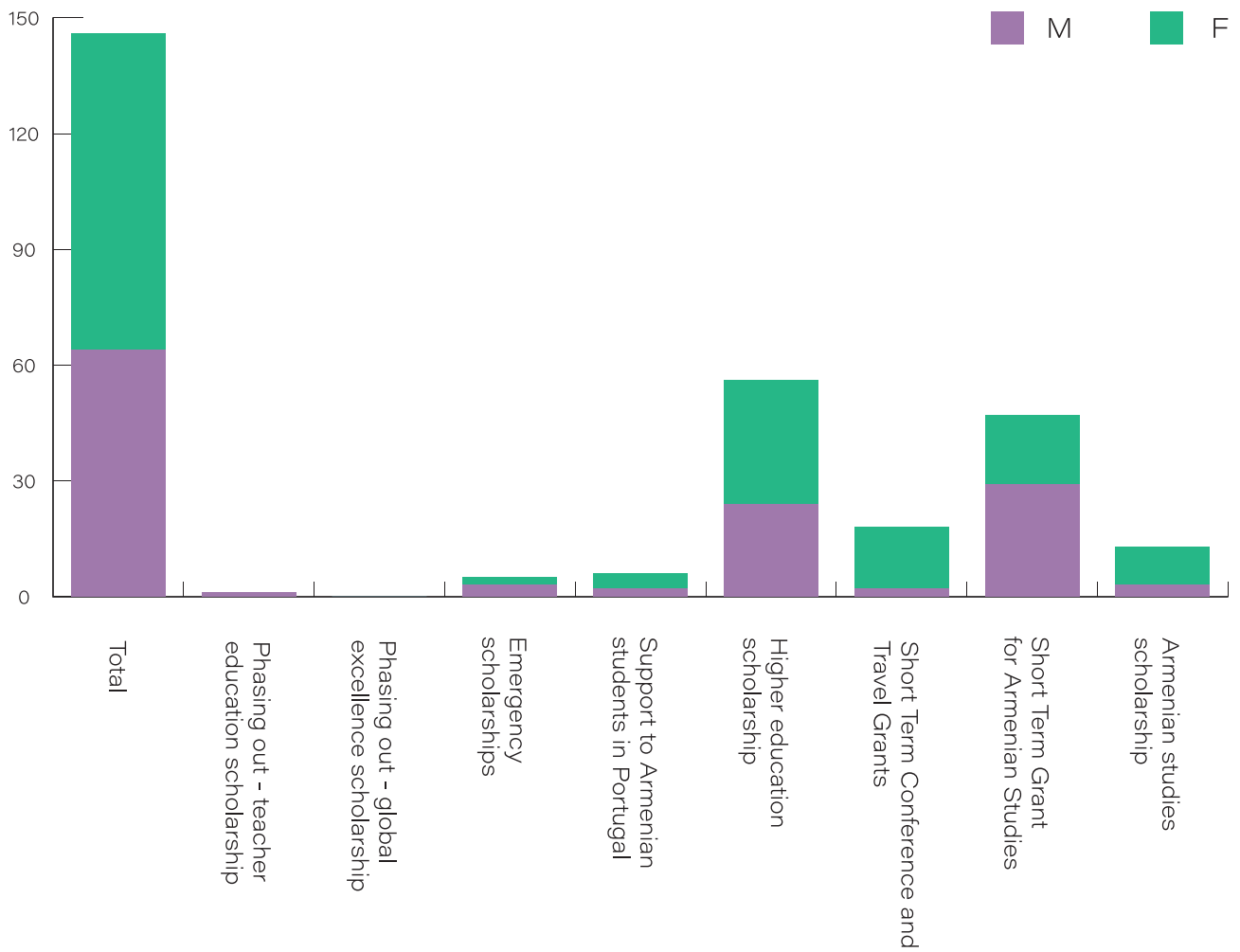


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- 39% of the applications received were granted a scholarship.

Distribution of new awardees by gender

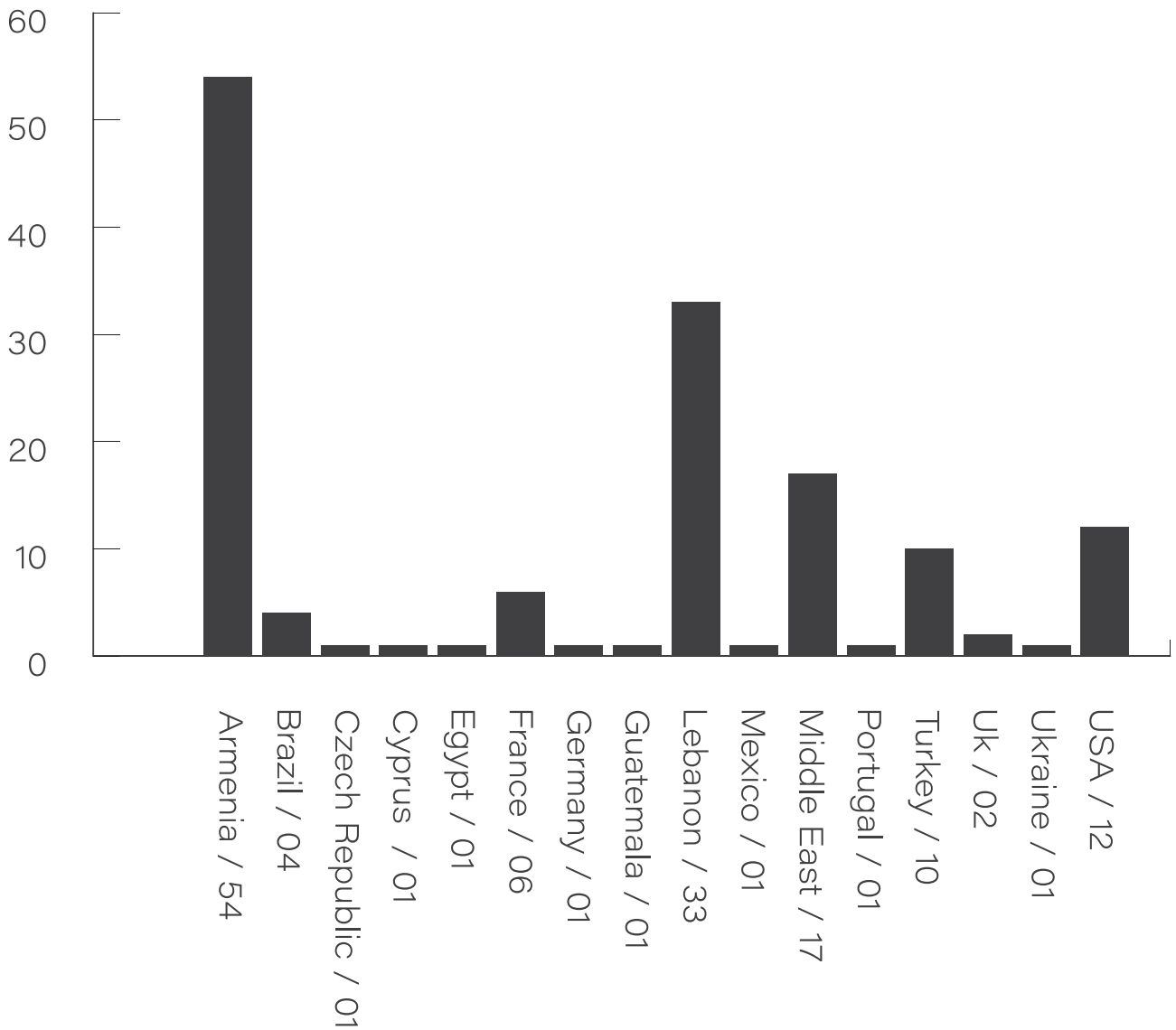
The following chart shows the distribution of the new 146 awardees by gender:



56% of the new awardees were female and 44% were male.

Distribution of new awardees by country of citizenship

The following chart shows the distribution of the new 146 awardees by the 16 countries of citizenship:



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37% of the awardees were from Armenia and 33% were from Lebanon.

In sum, in 2021, the Department awarded a total number of 236 scholarships in the total amount of 919,591 EUR.

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

<i>Scholarship Programme 2021</i>	<i>Expenditure (in EUR)</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>
1. Armenian Studies Scholarship	382,059	26	17	9
2. Short Term Grant for Armenian Studies	152,821	47	18	29
3. Short Term Conference and Travel Grants	20,453	18	15	3
4. Higher Education Scholarship	265,219	126	80	46
5. Support to Armenian Students in Portugal	46,250	10	7	3
6. Emergency Scholarship	26,789	5	2	3
Phasing out - Global Excellence Scholarship	15,000	2	2	0
Phasing out - Teacher Education Scholarship	11,000	2	1	1
Total	919,591	236	142	94

Several awardees, from different categories, defended their theses in 2021: three PhD student beneficiaries from the Armenian Studies programme, one PhD student beneficiary of the Global Excellence scholarship, and one Master's student beneficiary of a grant from the Armenian Students in Portugal category.

2021 Lists of Awardees*

*The countries mentioned throughout the report signify where the study or academic event took place, and not the country of origin of the awardees.

Appendix 1

scholarship category:

Armenian studies

scholarship

Study level: **Master's Degree**

- 1. Chougher Maria Doughr Amajian, MA,**
Multigenerational forced displacement:
Armenians from the Middle East during
the Nagorno-Karabakh war,
Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
- 2. Lerna Babikyan, MA,**
Methodology for Western Armenian
teachers and social workers,
ArtEZ University of the Arts, the Netherlands
- 3. Susanna Gevorgyan, MA,**
Impact of good governance on
income inequality in Armenia,
Pantheon Sorbonne Paris 1, France
- 4. Gayane Tcharkhoutian, MA,**
Armenian studies degree,
Institut Nationale des Langues
et Civilisations Orientales, France

Study level: **PhD**

- 1. Amelia Barnes, PhD,**
A participatory approach to exploring
women's rights activism in postrevolutionary
Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh,
University of Kent, UK
- 2. Lilit Ghazaryan, PhD,**
Ethnographic study of the ways language policies
and ideologies effect children's Armenian identity,
University of California, Los Angeles
- 3. Adrineh Gregorian, PhD,**
Cross-border peace building and
gender inclusivity: the case of NagornoKarabakh,
Claremont Graduate University, USA
- 4. Tsovinar Kuiumchian, PhD,**
Traumatic aspects of Armenian subjectivity
in the digital collection of Armenian art,
University of Oxford, UK

5. Simon Maghaky, PhD,

The application of remote-sensing technologies to detect and deter heritage crime (Armenian case study),
Cranfield University, UK

6. Anahit Margaryan, PhD,

The problems of translation of the Armenian Genocide in contemporary Spanish and English literature,
Universities of Cadiz and Granada, Spain

7. Nareg Seferian, PhD,

Armenia's Geopolitical Culture,
Virginia Tech University, USA

**Study level:
Post Doc**

1. Suzan Meryem Rosita Kalayci, Post Doc,

Fragments of insanity:
shattered lives after the Armenian Genocide,
University of Oxford, UK

**Appendix 2
Scholarship Category:
Short Term Grant for
Armenian Studies**

1. Sarin Akbas,

Short Term Armenian Studies, teaching, UK

2. Ani Apyan,

Short Term Armenian Studies, conference, Hawaii

3. Rosie Vartyter Aroush,

Short Term Armenian Studies, publication, USA

4. Hovig Atamian,

Short Term Armenian Studies, research, Lebanon

5. Kristian Batikyan,

Short Term Armenian Studies,
research and publication, France

6. Angela Brussel,

Short Term Armenian Studies, research trip, Lebanon

- 7. Razmig Garabed Derounian,**
Short Term Armenian Studies,
research and coordination, Lebanon
- 8. Can Erzurumluoglu,**
Short Term Armenian Studies,
research trip, Armenia
- 9. Daniel Fittante,**
Short Term Armenian Studies,
book research, Sweden
- 10. Samvel Grigoryan,**
Short Term Armenian Studies,
research trip, France
- 11. Shahan Hawatian,**
Short Term Armenian Studies,
course, Lebanon
- 12. Anna Karapetyan,**
Short Term Armenian Studies, internship
and research trip, UK and Austria and Czech Republic
- 13. Alexi Vicken Kayayan,**
Short Term Armenian Studies,
research trip, Lebanon
- 14. Marine Khachatryan,**
Short Term Armenian Studies,
research, Armenia
- 15. Gerard Libaridian,**
Short Term Armenian Studies,
research and publication, USA
- 16. Simon Maghakyan,**
Short Term Armenian Studies,
research trip, UK
- 17. Armen Manuk-Khaloyan,**
Short Term Armenian Studies,
research trip, Turkey and Armenia
- 18. Ara Melkonian,**
Short Term Armenian Studies,
conference, Armenia
- 19. Taline Ter Minassian,**
Short Term Armenian Studies,
research trip, Armenia

20. Vardan Mkhitaryan,
Short Term Armenian Studies, research, Armenia

21. Rafael Oganesyanyan,
Short Term Armenian Studies, survey,
USA and Armenia

22. Anne Redgate,
Short Term Armenian Studies,
books for publication, UK

23. Haykush Sahakyan,
Short Term Armenian Studies,
conference and research trip, Russia

24. Lusine Sargsyan,
Short Term Armenian Studies, research trip, UK

25. Lory Tachjian,
Short Term Armenian Studies, publication, Lebanon

26. Paul Wolkenstein,
Short Term Armenian Studies,
research trip, Armenia

27. Anush Yeghiazaryan,
Short Term Armenian Studies, publication, Germany

**Scholarship recipients for
attending the Armenian
Language and Culture
Summer course organized
by Association Padus-
Araxes in Venice, Italy**

1. Houry Hrant Attarian

2. Yildiz Deveci Bozkus

3. Salah Abdel Aziz Mahgoub Edris

4. Armen Piloyan

5. Carlos Antaramian Salas

Research on Nagorno Karabakh I Scholarship Programme Awardees

1. Armen Asryan
2. Ruben Elamiryan
3. Adrineh Gregorian
4. Gharib Harutyunyan
5. Albert Hayrapetyan
6. Carol Mann
7. Taline Papazian

Research on Nagorno Karabakh II Scholarship Programme Awardees

1. Aram Ananyan
2. Erik Davtyan
3. Taron Hakobyan
4. Nzhdeh Hovsepyan
5. Asbed Kotchikian
6. Tigran Mikayelyan
7. Sossi Tatikyan

Appendix 3

scholarship category: short term conference and travel grants to students in Armenia

1. Lusine Abgaryan,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
research trip, France

2. Mariya Antonosyan,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
research trip, Germany

3. Ani Asatryan,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
congress, Croatia

4. Sofi Atshemyan,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
research internship, Denmark

5. Mane Avetisyan,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
symposium and congress, Switzerland

6. Ani Grigoryan,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
research trip, Russia

7. Hayk Hakobyan,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
research trip, Russia

8. Saten Hovhannisyan,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
fellowship training programme, Taiwan

9. Asmik Iritsyan,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
research trip, Italy

10. Vergine Ohannes Jerejian,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
internship, France

11. Sargis Khachatryan,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
congress, Croatia

12. Ovsanna Keshishyan,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
research trip, Jerusalem

13. Seda Manukyan,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
research trip, Jerusalem

14. Lusine Minasyan,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
executive programme, France, Spain and Italy

15. Nensi Mkrtchyan,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
general assembly meeting, Belgium

16. Syuzanna Petrosyan,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
conference, UAE

17. Arpine Simonyan,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
research trip, Italy

18. Sevak Tamamyán,

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant,
residency, Germany

Appendix 4 scholarship category: higher education scholarships

1. Arev Abanalyan, BA,

Maltepe University, Turkey

2. Shanta Adajian, BA,

American University of Armenia, Armenia

3. Nanor Aiki Akjian, BA,

Haigazian University, Lebanon

4. Arin Alexanian, BA,

American University of Armenia, Armenia

- 5. Avo Alexanian, BA,**
American University of Armenia, Armenia
- 6. Caroline Arissian, BA,**
International University of Science and Technology,
Middle East
- 7. Nazany Atamian, BA,**
Lebanese International University, Lebanon
- 8. Roupen Avinguolo, BA,**
Yerevan State Medical University, Armenia
- 9. Marcela Baronian, BA,**
Universidade de Mogi das Cruzes, Brazil
- 10. Sarin Bayzar, BA,**
Medipol University, Turkey
- 11. Nayda Bidikian, BA,**
American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- 12. Nanor Bourounsouzian, BA,**
Yerevan State Medical University, Armenia
- 13. Bedros Boyadjian, BA,**
International University of Science and Technology,
Middle East
- 14. Nairy Bzdigian, BA,**
American University of Armenia, Armenia
- 15. Rafi Degirmenci, BA,**
Bahcesehir University Turkey
- 16. Kalin Derkhatchadourian, BA,**
American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- 17. Jessica Dichakdjian, BA,**
National Polytechnic University of Armenia, Armenia
- 18. Sarkis Dirajian, BA,**
National University, Middle East 1
- 9. Giovanni Etymezian, BA,**
Notre Dame University, Lebanon
- 20. Rafael Da Fonseca, BA,**
Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil

- 21. Hrach Garabedian, BA,**
National University, Middle East
- 22. Hrag Garabedian, BA,**
Lebanese American University, Lebanon
- 23. Levon Ghougassian, BA,**
American University of Science and Technology,
Lebanon
- 24. Mariah Guluzian, BA,**
Universidade Presbiteriana Mackenzie, Brazil
- 25. Karine Hajian, BA,**
American University of Science & Technology,
Lebanon
- 26. Nanar Havatian, BA,**
Haigazian University, Lebanon
- 27. Shoghag Havatian, BA,**
Haigazian University, Lebanon
- 28. Shahan Hawatian, BA,**
American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- 29. Beros Hergelian, BA,**
Lebanese American University, Lebanon
- 30. Karen Jabbour, BA,**
Tishreen University, Middle East
- 31. Nerces Jouljian, BA,**
Lebanese American University, Lebanon
- 32. Hovhannes Kabounian, BA,**
Notre Dame University, Lebanon
- 33. Taline Kenderjian, BA,**
Haigazian University, Lebanon
- 34. Seza Kerjikian, MA,**
American University of Armenia, Armenia
- 35. Maren Kourmsian, BA,**
Tishreen University, Middle East
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