

2025 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 2025 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

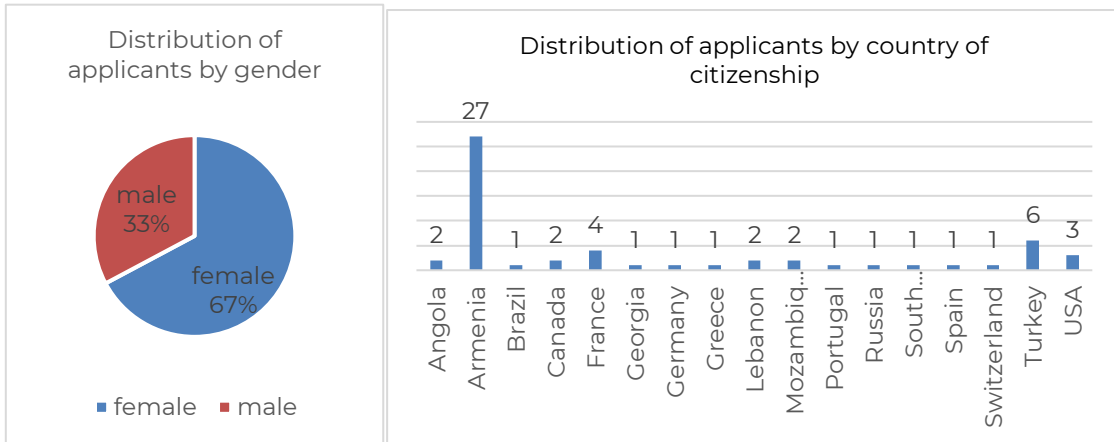
1. [Armenian Studies Scholarship](#)

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 a better understanding and knowledge of topics related to Armenia and Armenians, including the Diaspora, and to build a stronger theoretical and empirical research foundation.

In 2025, 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 2025, the Department received 57 applications, 44% 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:

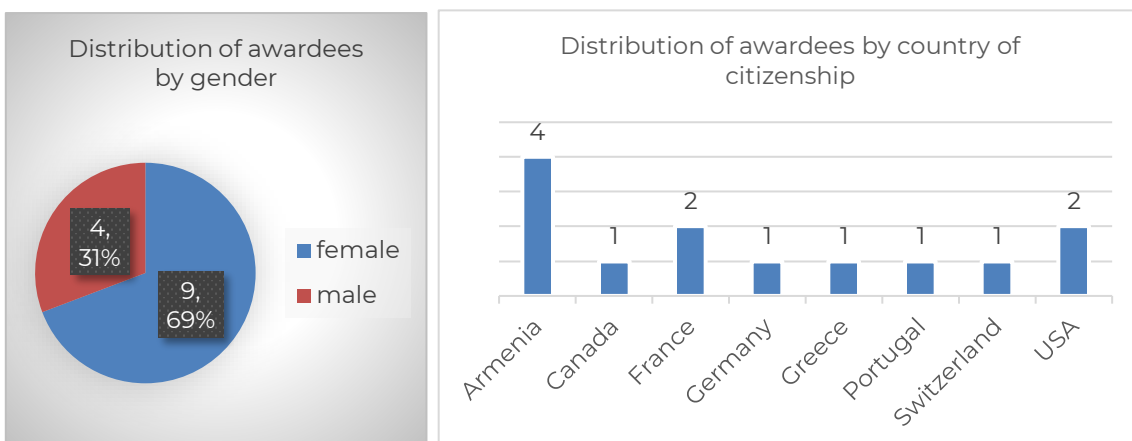


16 scholarships were granted within this category, three of them for a Master’s degree, eight for PhD’s, and two for Post Doc’s; scholarship amounts ranged from 7,000 to 25,000 EUR per year, and the maximum period granted was three years.

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.

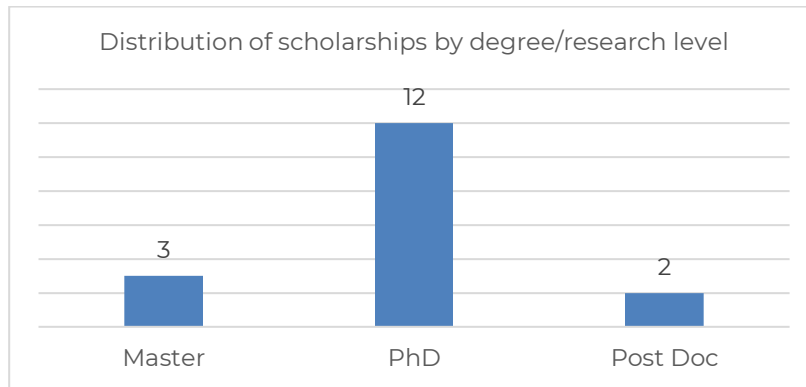
The charts below show the distribution of 13 awardees by gender* and the eight countries of citizenship:



In addition, four scholarships from previous years (2023 and 2024) were renewed in 2025.

The chart below shows the distribution of the 13 new awardees by research level and the four awards from the previous years:

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



Three of our former scholarship awardees defended their PhD theses in 2025.

The table below shows the total amount spent for the Armenian Studies Scholarship in 2025:

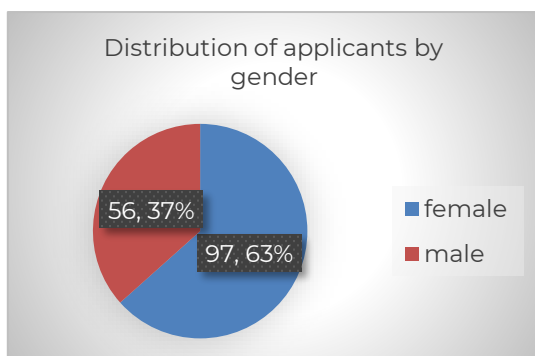
Armenian Studies Scholarship	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity
Regular Scholarship Programme - New	204,240	13
Renewals	58,250	4
Total	262,490	17

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 the possibility to participate in activities related to their fields of study, encouraging academic interaction and exchange of knowledge and ideas.

In 2025, the Department received 153 applications, which were evaluated on a case-by-case basis, as well as based on the amounts, and the duration of the grants. The maximum amount granted is 5000 Euros, and the maximum duration of each project cannot exceed three months. 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.

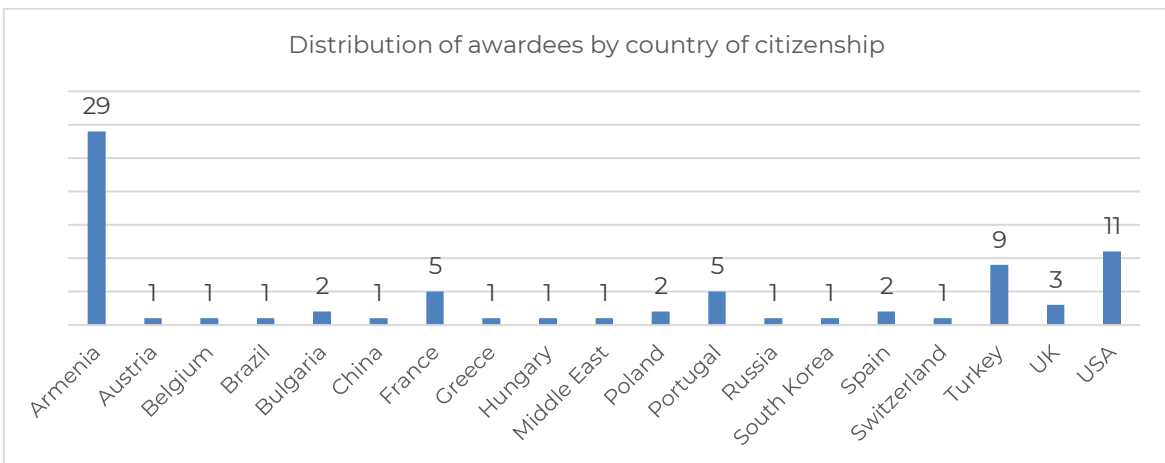
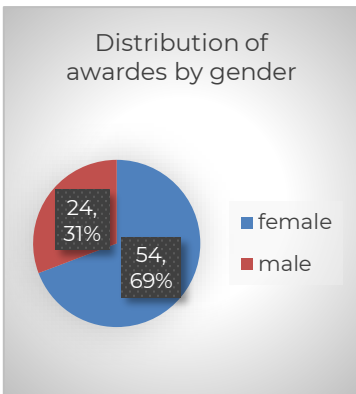
The charts below show the distribution of the applicants by gender and the 23 countries of citizenship:





In total, 84 grant recipients were selected in 2025, among which six were cancelled due to visa issues or other reasons, turning the total number of awardees into 78. Ten were for participation in the Armenian Summer Intensive course, and six for participation in the Armenian course at the Languages Institute of Nova University of Lisbon (ILNOVA).

The charts below show the distribution of the 78 awardees by gender and by the 19 countries of citizenship:



The table below shows the total amount spent for the Short Term Grant for Armenian Studies in 2025:

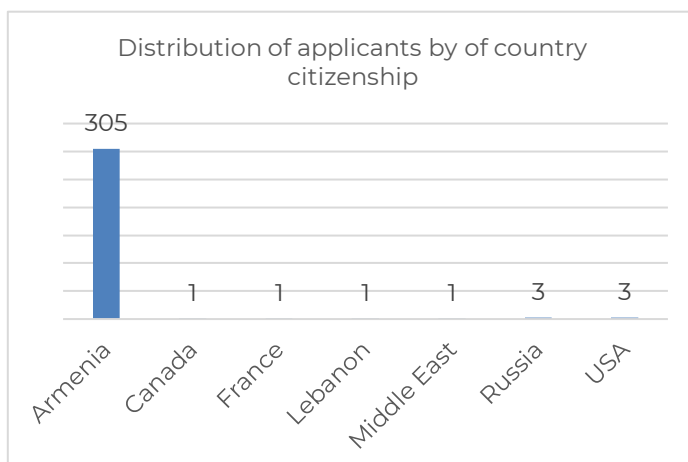
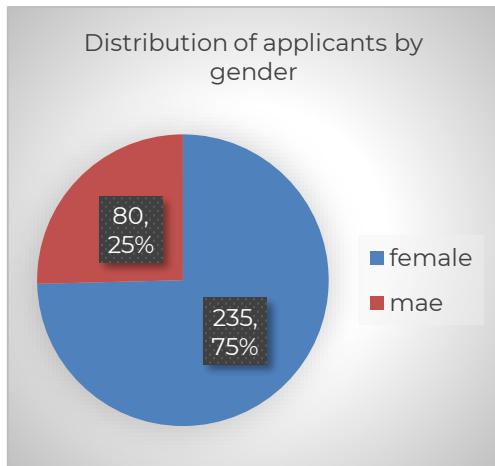
Short Term Grant Armenian Studies	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity
Short Term Grant Armenian Studies	163,707	62
Armenian Language Courses	18,878	16
Total	182,585	78

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.

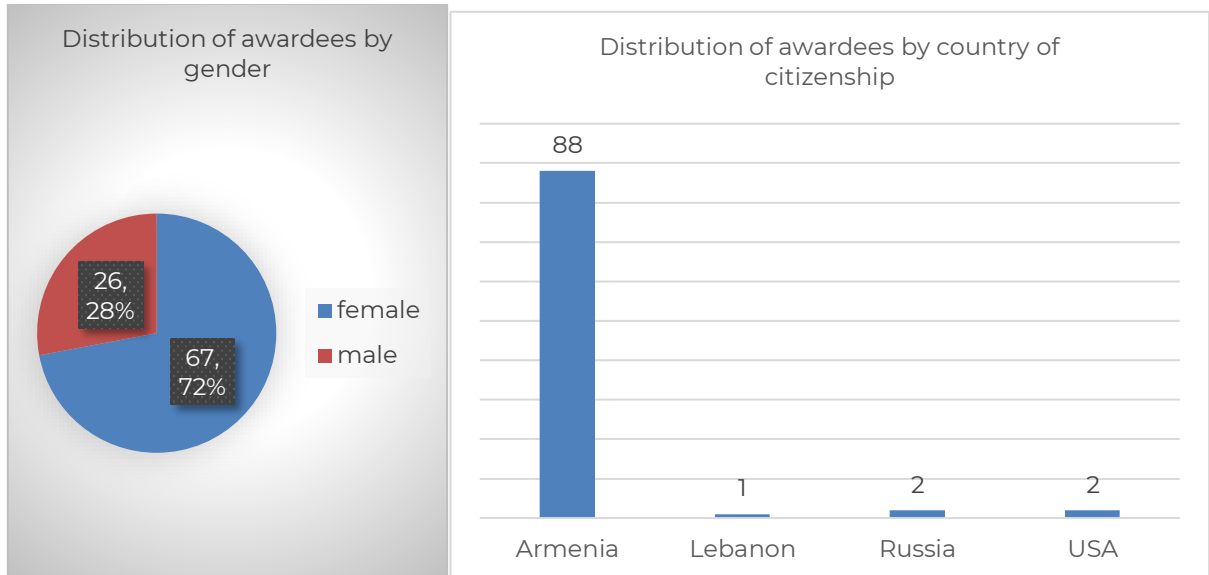
In 2025, the Department received 315 applications.

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



In 2025, 100 grants were awarded for participation in conferences or research programmes outside Armenia, from which seven were cancelled.

The chart below shows the distribution of the 93 awardees by gender and country of citizenship:



The amounts ranged from 550 to 1,200 EUR and the global expenditure for the 93 scholarships was 93,537 EUR.

The table below shows the total amount spent for the Short Term Conference and Travel Grants in 2025:

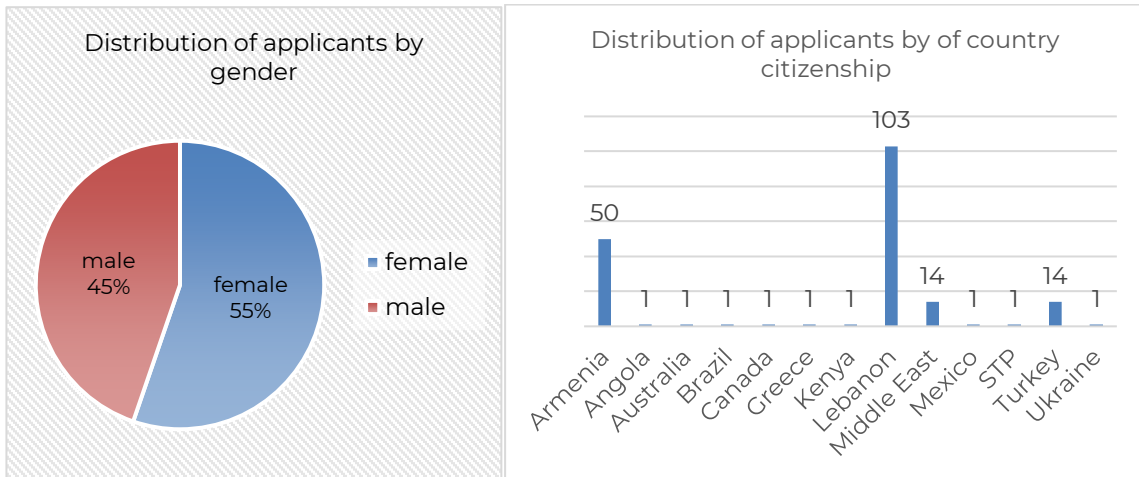
Short Term Conference and Travel Grants	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity
Short Term Conference and Travel Grants	93,537	93

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 190 applications during the months of April, May, and June. 27% of these applications, from 13 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:

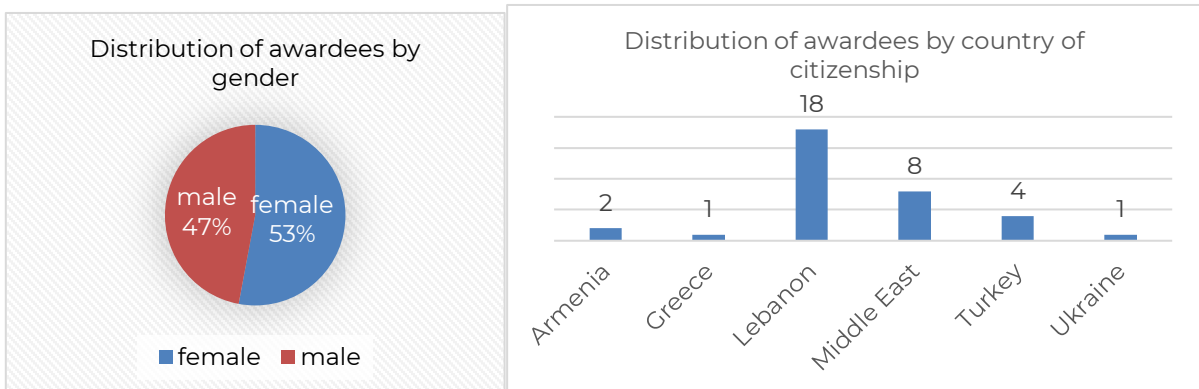


42% of applications were ineligible and/or incomplete, while within the eligible applications, 59% had an average grade of 80% or more.

The Department selected 34 applications based on merit and financial hardship, including five Masters degree students. There were two different amounts for the annual scholarships: 1000 EUR for students in Syria, where tuition fees at universities are negligible, and 4000 EUR for students in other countries such as Lebanon.

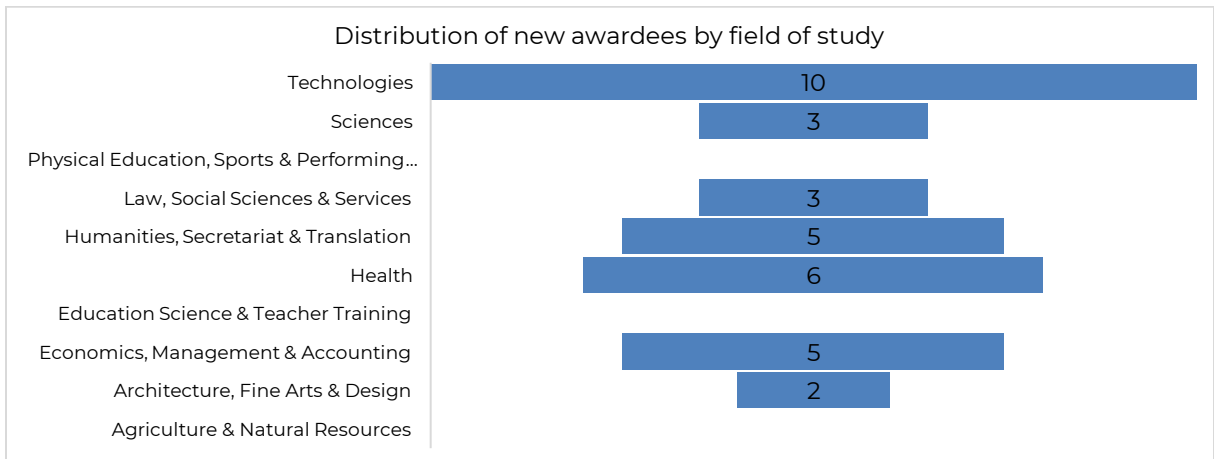
Study subjects included: Accounting, Architecture, Armenian Studies, Advertising, Banking and Finance, Biology, Business and Management, Marketing and Communication, Computer Science, Engineering, Medicine, Dentistry, English Literature, Political Science, Music, Psychology, Sociology, and Social Work.

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



One scholarship was given to a student with Greek citizenship studying in Lebanon.

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



51 scholarships were renewed in 2025 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	124,000	34
Renewals	183,672	51
Total	307,672	85

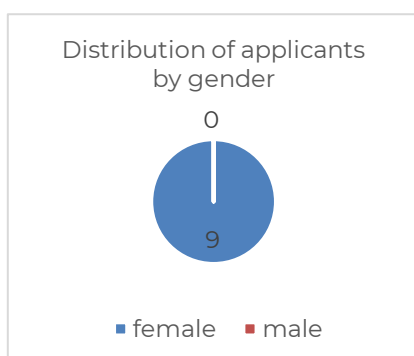
5. Support to Armenian Students in Portugal

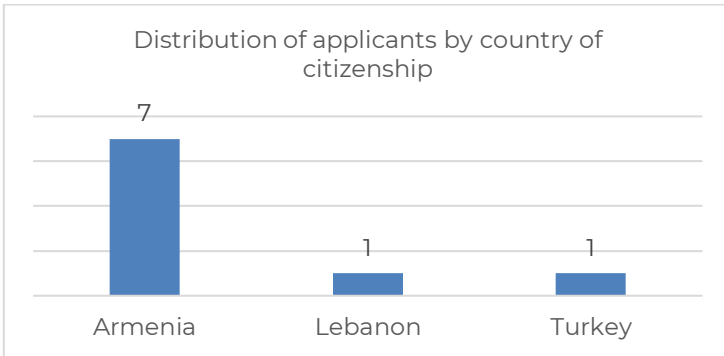
Within the framework of this scholarship programme, the Department supports Armenian students enrolled in higher education institutions in Portugal.

The evaluation of applications was made on a case-by-case basis, throughout the year.

In 2025, the Department received nine new applications for this category, all of them women, seven from Armenia, one from Lebanon, and one from Turkey.

The charts below show the distribution of applicants by gender:





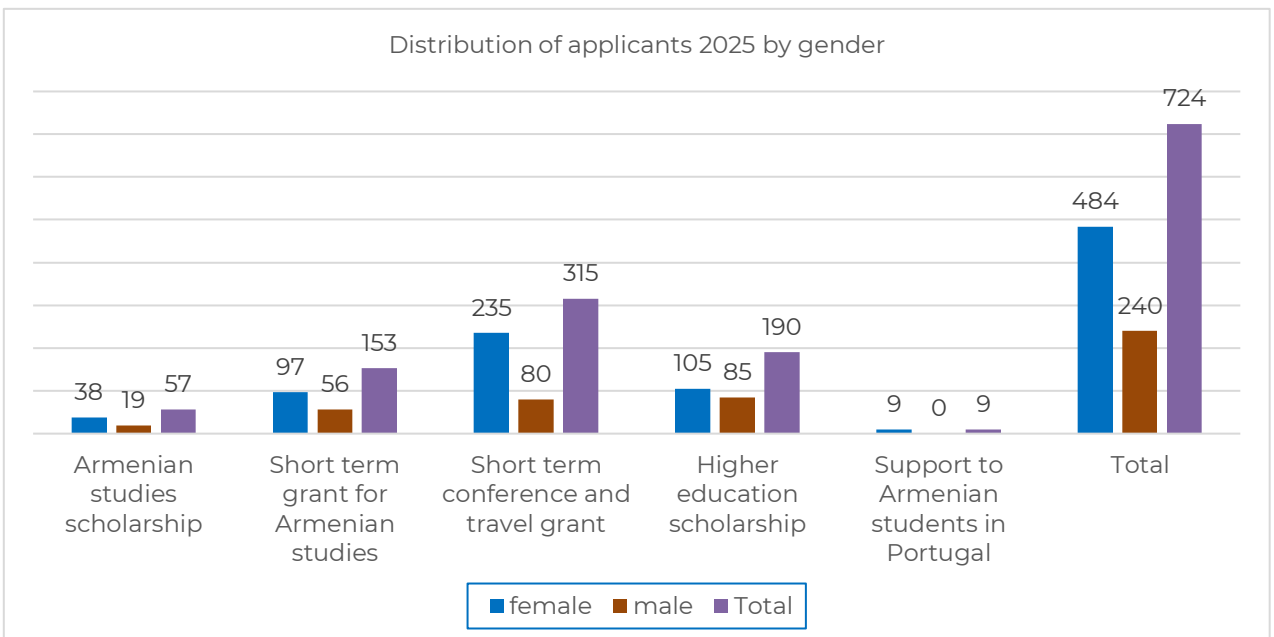
Seven grants were awarded and one grant from 2024 was renewed.

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

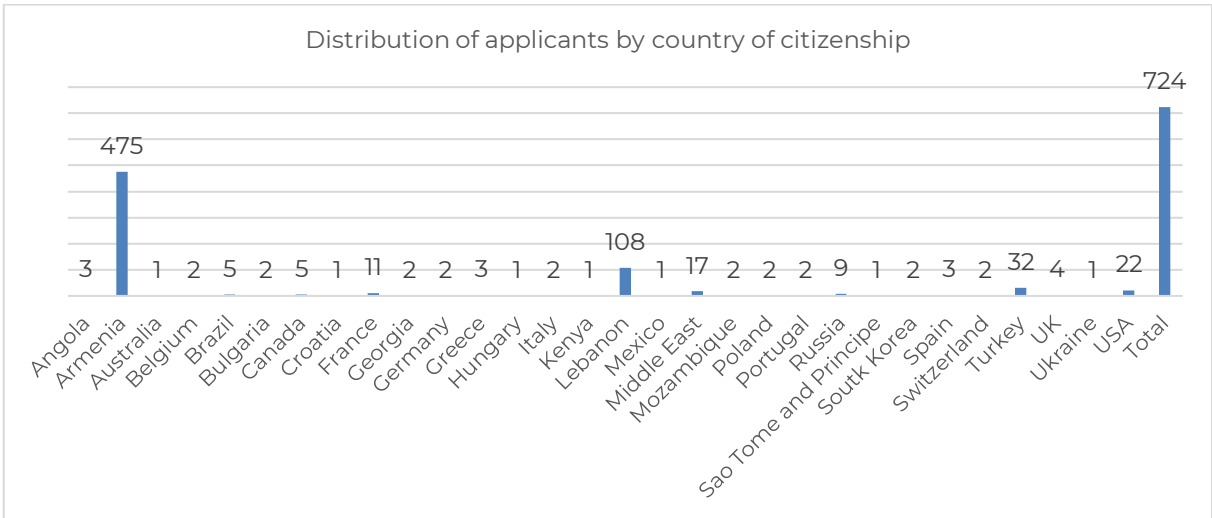
Armenian Students in Portugal	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity	F	M
Higher Education - New	34,900	7	7	0
Higher Education - Renewals	3,500	1	0	1
Total	38,400	8	7	1

CONCLUDING REMARKS

For the 724 applications received in 2025, the charts below show the distribution by gender and the 30 countries of citizenship of the candidates:

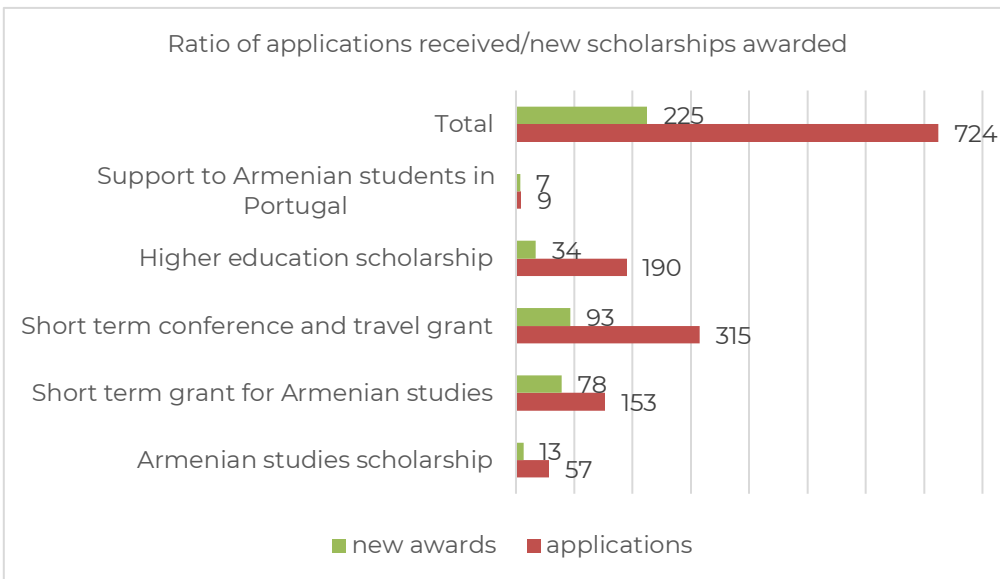


— 67% of the candidates were female and 33% were male.

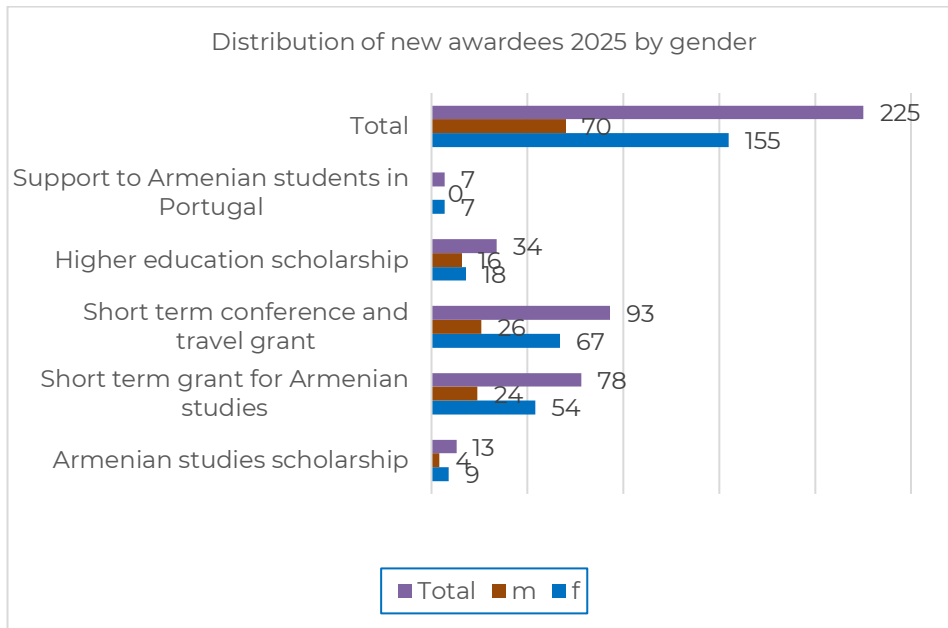


— From the 30 countries, 66% were from Armenia and 15% from Lebanon.

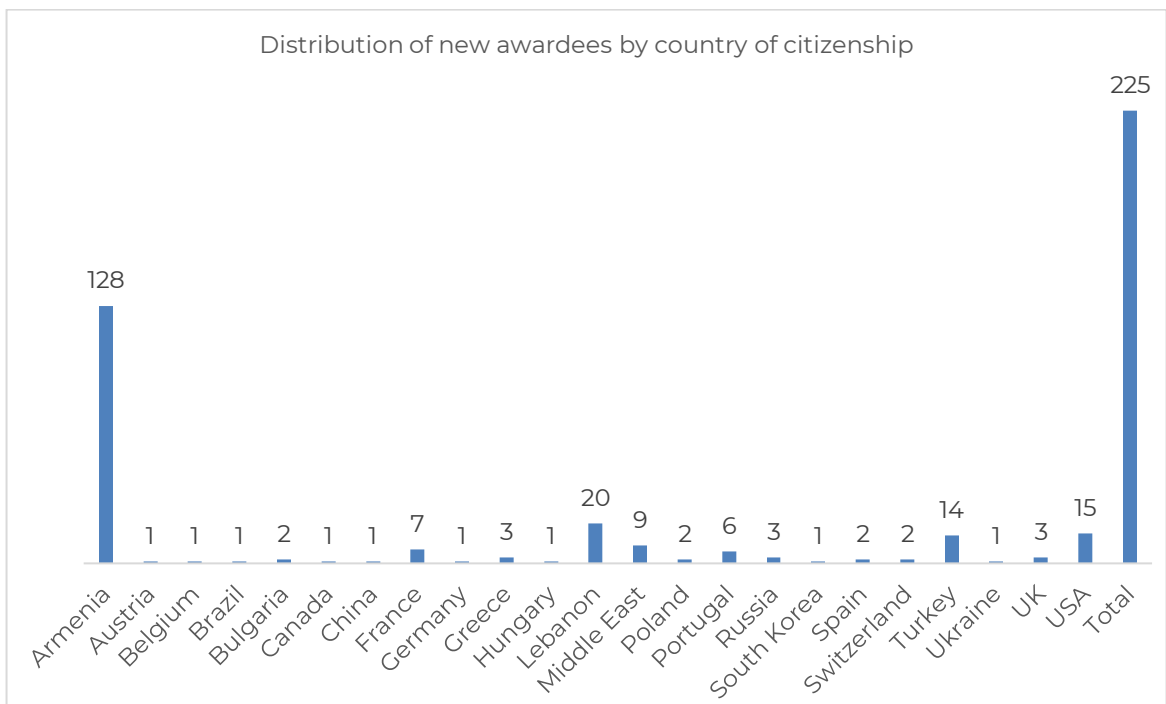
As shown in the chart below, the overall percentage of new awards in relation to the applications received was 31%:



The two following charts show the distribution of the 225 new awardees by gender and the 23 countries of citizenship:



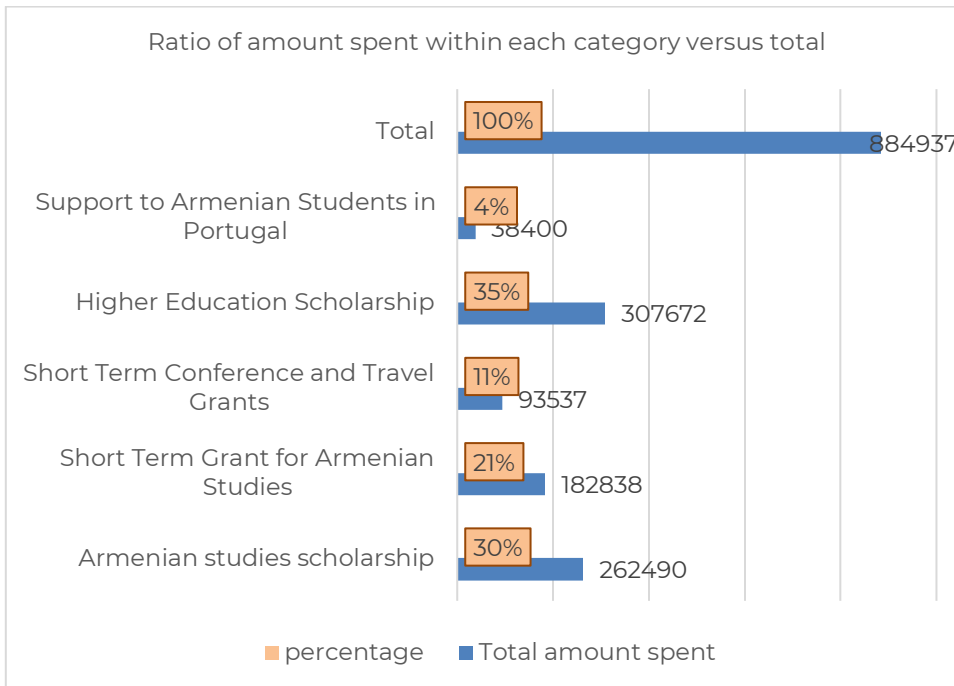
— 69% of the new awardees were female and 31% were male.



— 57% of the new awardees were from Armenia, 8% were from Lebanon.

In sum, in 2025 the Department awarded a total number of 281 scholarships in a total amount of 1,015,763 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 2025.



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

Scholarship Programme 2025	Expenditure (in EUR)	Quantity	F	M
1. Armenian Studies Scholarship	262,490	17	13	4
2. Short Term Grant for Armenian Studies	182,585	78	54	24
3. Short Term Conference and Travel Grants	93,537	93	67	26
4. Higher Education Scholarship	307,672	85	51	34
5. Support to Armenian Students in Portugal	38,400	8	7	1
SUB-TOTAL PAID IN 2025	884,684	281	192	89
Armenian Studies Scholarship allocated in previous academic years paid from 2025 budget year.	131,079	/	/	/
TOTAL PAID IN 2025	1,015,763	281	192	89

Approximately, 27% of the Department’s grantmaking budget was allocated to scholarships in 2025.