

GULBENKIAN SCHOLARSHIPS



VISITING
PROFESSORSHIPS
IN THE HUMANITIES
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CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN
FOUNDATION

Presentation

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation offers a limited number of scholarships for Visiting Professors at Portuguese Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to bring to Portugal academics from foreign universities with a high scientific merit and notable recognition in the field of Humanities. The Gulbenkian Visiting Professorships in the Humanities aim to enhance Portuguese HEIs, promote new skills, foster international cooperation of excellence, and develop national talent among researchers, academics, and students in the field of Humanities.

Art.º 1: Purpose

These regulations establish the rules governing the award of scholarships by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation under the “Gulbenkian Scholarships for Visiting Professors in the Humanities” programme, with the aim of ensuring fairness, sustainability, and transparency in the respective process.

Art.º 2: Scope of the Call

2.1) The “Gulbenkian Scholarships for Visiting Professors in the Humanities” initiative is promoted by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation with the following objectives:

- a)** To enhance Portuguese Higher Education Institutions through the hosting of senior academics who are internationally recognized in the field of the Humanities;
- b)** To promote the sharing and dissemination of specialized knowledge, fostering advanced training for researchers, academics, and students;
- c)** To stimulate international cooperation of excellence, contributing to the strengthening of academic and scientific networks in the Humanities.

2.2) The call aims to award a limited number of scholarships and will run from 1 July to 30 September 2026, until 17:00 (Lisbon time).

Art.º 3º: Eligibility Conditions

3.1) Under these regulations, applications submitted on behalf of individuals who meet the following conditions are eligible:

- a)** They are academics affiliated with foreign universities and possess an outstanding academic record with recognized excellence in the field of the Humanities;
- b)** They are senior researchers (well-established scholars) with demonstrated experience and significant scholarly output in the Humanities;

c) They are available to undertake an academic visit to a Portuguese Higher Education Institution lasting a minimum of three months and a maximum of nine months, commencing within 12 months of the approval of the application.

3.2) Applications must be submitted by the Portuguese host Higher Education Institution, through the professor responsible for coordinating the visit. Direct applications by the Visiting Professor are not permitted.

3.3) Applications will be automatically excluded in the following cases:

a) Failure, whether initially or subsequently, to satisfy one or more eligibility requirements established in these regulations;

b) Failure to comply with any obligations established in these regulations;

c) Failure to comply with obligations arising under other initiatives developed by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation;

d) Failure of the candidate to pass the prior assessment of suitability and exposure to the risks of money laundering, terrorist financing, and/or corruption and related offences, as carried out by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation under Article 8 of these regulations;

e) Failure by the candidate to provide the information and documents described in Articles 5 and 8 of these regulations;

f) The candidate is legally prevented or otherwise unable to receive the scholarship due to any actual or potential situation or conflict that may impede, hinder, or prejudice the regular award of the scholarship and/or the fulfilment of its purposes, including, but not limited to, sanctions or restrictive measures imposed by the European Union and/or the United Nations;

g) The proposed activity plan does not include at least one of the following activities: a seminar, a course, or an intensive course.

Art.º 4º: Scholarship

4.1) The scholarship amount is fixed and consists of the following components:

a) A monthly stipend of €4,000 (four thousand euros);

b) The amount payable for an incomplete month shall be calculated proportionally to the number of days in the relevant month;

c) A one-time grant of €4,000 (four thousand euros) intended to cover travel and relocation expenses.

4.2) Travel personal accident insurance will be provided automatically by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and does not require any request by the candidate.

4.3) Except where otherwise duly justified and approved by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, the scholarship shall be paid by bank transfer in accordance with the schedule established in the agreement/award instrument referred to in Article 10 of these regulations.

4.4) The Foundation shall award only one scholarship per selected candidate.

Art.º 5º: Submission of Applications

5.1) The application period opens on 1 July 2026 and closes on 30 September 2026 at 17:00 (Lisbon time).

5.2) Applications must be submitted through *MyGulbenkian* and must be accompanied by the following documentation:

- a)** Name and contact details of the professor at the Portuguese Higher Education Institution responsible for coordinating the visit;
- b)** Letter of commitment from the host institution, signed by the dean or director of the faculty or institute of the Portuguese Higher Education Institution;
- c)** *Curriculum vitae* of the Visiting Professor;
- d)** Letter of commitment from the Visiting Professor;
- e)** Provisional dates of the academic visit;
- f)** A brief description of the academic merit of the Visiting Professor, demonstrating their recognition and leadership status in their field of research (maximum 200 words);
- g)** A brief description of how the proposed visit may contribute to strengthening the capacities of the host institution (maximum 200 words);
- h)** A list of the activities to be carried out by the Visiting Professor, including, obligatorily, at least one seminar, one course, or one intensive course.

Art.º 6º: Evaluation, Selection and Ranking of Applications

6.1) Applications shall be evaluated, ranked and selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- a)** The academic merit of the visitor in terms of research and/or teaching;
- b)** The potential to contribute substantially to the capacities of the Portuguese institution;
- c)** The specificity and degree of organization of the proposed programme of activities for the visit.

6.2) In the event of a tie resulting from the application of the criteria set out above, the applications concerned shall be discussed in a plenary meeting of the entire evaluation panel in order to ensure that the tie is resolved.

Art.º 7º: Decision-Making Process

7.1) Applications shall be evaluated by a jury appointed by the Executive Board of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, composed of individuals of recognized impartiality and with appropriate expertise for the evaluation process, with measures having been implemented to prevent conflicts of interest.

7.2) The final decision regarding the evaluation, ranking and selection of applications rests with the Executive Board of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and is not subject to appeal.

Art.º 8º: Verification of the Suitability of Selected Candidates and Prior Assessment of Their Exposure to Risks of Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing, Corruption and Related Offences

8.1) In accordance with applicable law, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation carries out due diligence procedures intended to ensure prior knowledge and assessment of its counterparties, including verification of their exposure to risks of money laundering, terrorist financing and/or corruption and related offences, the absence of sanctions or corrective measures imposed by national and international authorities, and the absence of any non-compliance by the candidate under other programmes developed by the Foundation.

8.2) For the purposes set out above, selected candidates must provide the following documents and information:

- a)** Proof of ownership of a bank account;
- b)** A copy of an identification document;
- c)** The full address of their permanent residence and supporting evidence thereof.

8.3) Where deemed relevant or necessary for the purposes of verifying the candidate's suitability and/or compliance with legal obligations, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation may, at any time, request additional information from the candidate, including, where appropriate, information relating to their identity, reputation, academic background and/or professional experience.

Art.º 9º: Communication of Results

Applicants shall be notified of the outcome of their application through *MyGulbenkian* within a maximum period of 90 days after the closing date for applications.

Art.º 10º: Acceptance and Granting

- 10.1)** Acceptance of the scholarship by selected candidates shall be confirmed through the execution of the corresponding agreement with the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation or by signing the scholarship award instrument, which shall specify, inter alia, the recipient's responsibilities, the method and schedule of payment, and the eligible expenses.
- 10.2)** Selected candidates are required to return the signed agreement or scholarship award instrument to the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.
- 10.3)** For the purposes of the preceding paragraph, the agreement or scholarship award instrument may be signed using a qualified electronic signature and submitted electronically, or signed by hand and sent by post to the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation at the addresses specified therein.

Art.º 11º: Monitoring

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation may request additional information from, or undertake follow-up activities with, both scholarship recipients and unsuccessful applicants for the purposes of monitoring and evaluating the impact and outcomes of the Gulbenkian Scholarships for Visiting Professors in the Humanities programme, including through monitoring their academic and professional performance, conducting surveys, and carrying out interviews.

Art.º 12º: Suspension and Cancellation of the Scholarship

Improper use of the scholarship, failure to comply with the law, or failure to fulfil the obligations incumbent upon the recipient may result in the suspension or cancellation of the scholarship, and/or the requirement to reimburse the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation for any amounts received for which there is no valid justification.

Art.º 13º: Amendments

- 13.1)** These regulations may be amended by decision of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.
- 13.2)** Any amendments shall take effect on the date on which they are communicated through *MyGulbenkian*.

Art.º 14º: Personal Data Protection

- 14.1)** The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is the data controller for the processing of personal data.
- 14.2)** All personal data provided by applicants and beneficiaries (hereinafter, the “Data Subjects”) during the application process shall be processed exclusively for the purpose of managing the application process for funding awarded by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and for evaluating its impact and outcomes. Such processing is based on the relationship established with the Data Subjects through acceptance of these regulations and on the Foundation’s legal obligations concerning the verification of the suitability of selected candidates and the prior assessment described above.
- 14.3)** The personal data of the Data Subjects shall be retained for the period necessary for the management of the application process and the award and administration of the funding, except where a different retention period is required by applicable law. Certain data (namely the Data Subject’s name, application date, terms and duration of the funding, personal data potentially included in reports, final works and publications, as well as voice and image recordings relating to events and activities promoted by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation under this initiative) shall be retained indefinitely by the Foundation as part of its activities relating to the management and preservation of cultural, intellectual and artistic heritage.
- 14.4)** The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation guarantees Data Subjects the exercise of their rights regarding their personal data, including the rights of access, rectification, erasure, objection, restriction of processing and data portability, in accordance with applicable legislation.
- 14.5)** To exercise their rights or to address any issues relating to data processing in this context, Data Subjects may contact the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation through the [contact form](#).
- 14.6)** The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation implements all necessary and appropriate security measures to protect the personal data of Data Subjects, whether such data are processed directly by the Foundation or by entities acting on its behalf.

- 14.7)** The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation may process personal data collected in this context directly and/or through subcontracted entities, which shall process such data exclusively for the purposes determined by the data controller and in accordance with its instructions, being contractually bound to confidentiality and to ensuring the security of data processing. Appropriate agreements shall be entered into with such subcontractors in accordance with applicable legislation.
- 14.8)** For the purposes of awarding and managing funding, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation may communicate the personal data of Data Subjects to partner entities for publication management and institutional communication purposes. These entities may be located within or outside the territory of the European Union, and in the latter case appropriate legal safeguards shall at all times be implemented to ensure the security of the personal data processed.
- 14.9)** Data Subjects may lodge a complaint with the Privacy Committee of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation through the contact form referred to above. They may also lodge a complaint with the Portuguese Data Protection Authority (CNPD) if they believe that the Foundation has failed to comply with applicable data protection legislation.

Art.º 15º: Prevention of Corruption and Related Offences

- 15.1)** The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation adopts and maintains internal measures and procedures designed to prevent, detect, remedy and sanction acts of corruption and related offences committed against or through the Foundation. It also collects and retains, in electronic form and for the period necessary, all information required to ensure compliance with the applicable obligations in this area, in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations.
- 15.2)** For this purpose, and without prejudice to any other measures and procedures in force that may be applicable, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation carries out, in accordance with Article 8, a prior assessment of its counterparties and their exposure to the risk of corruption and related offences.
- 15.3)** The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation has adopted a Code of Conduct, available on its [website](#), which forms an integral part of these Regulations. The Code establishes the general rules and principles of ethics and professional conduct applicable to members of its governing bodies and all its staff, both in their relations with one another and with third parties, and serves as a reference for the standard of conduct expected of the Foundation in its relations with external parties.

Art.º 16º: Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing

- 16.1)** The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation adopts and maintains internal measures, procedures and control systems aimed at preventing and combating money laundering and terrorist financing. It also collects and retains, in electronic form and for the legally required period, all information necessary to ensure compliance with the applicable obligations in this area, in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations.
- 16.2)** Without prejudice to any other measures and procedures in force that may be applicable, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation shall keep electronic records of all transactions and transfers carried out under the scholarships awarded pursuant to these Regulations.
- 16.3)** The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation adopts and maintains internal measures, procedures and control systems designed to ensure full compliance with sanctions and restrictive measures adopted by the European Union and/or the United Nations, as well as with its legal duties and obligations in this area, including, without limitation, obligations relating to compliance with sanctions and restrictive measures, cooperation with competent authorities, reporting and information duties, disclosure obligations and confidentiality requirements.

Art.º 17º: Harassment Prevention

- 17.1)** The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation promotes and adopts non-discriminatory practices, irrespective of nationality, ethnicity, sex, age, physical disability, religion, sexual orientation, political opinion or political affiliation, and condemns any form of moral or sexual harassment, verbal or physical humiliation, coercion, threats, or sexual abuse and exploitation.
- 17.2)** The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation has implemented measures to prevent and combat all forms of sexual exploitation, abuse and/or harassment, in accordance with the principles set out in its Code of Good Conduct for the Prevention and Combating of Workplace Harassment and its Policy on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, both available on the Foundation's website.

Art.º 18º: Environmental Sustainability

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is committed to the path towards sustainability, seeking to comply with applicable environmental legislation and to implement best environmental management practices in relation to its operational processes and to the implementation of this initiative, through a life-cycle approach to the project and its value chain.

Art.º 19º: Final Provisions

19.1) The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation shall have sole responsibility for clarifying any questions relating to these Regulations.

19.2) Requests for clarification should be addressed to the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation via the following email address: bolsasgulbenkian@gulbenkian.pt.

19.3) Any matters not expressly provided for in these Regulations shall be decided by the Executive Board of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.

Art.º 20º: Entry into Force

These Regulations shall enter into force on the date of their publication on the Gulbenkian [website](#).

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