

CAMÕES, I.P. PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

OPENING NOTICE

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – 2026

Camões – Institute for Cooperation and Language, I.P., hereinafter referred to as Camões, I.P., informs that the application period for the award of 13 scholarships under the Portuguese Language and Culture Scholarship Program will run from 5 to 18 May 2026.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Regulation of the Scholarship Program, approved by Order no. 1251/2011 of 14 January.

TYPES AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Programs that enable the learning of Portuguese in specific contexts, particularly in the field of Portuguese language and culture.

The scholarship Programs aim to support and promote:

(i) study and research in the field of Portuguese language and culture; (ii) scientific or professional training in the field of Portuguese as a non-native language; (iii) training and/or improvement in the field of translation and conference interpreting.

Research Program – Intended for foreign professors and researchers, as well as Portuguese nationals residing abroad, who wish to carry out in Portugal advanced studies in Portuguese language and culture, namely Master's and PhD Programs at Portuguese universities.

The duration of the scholarship varies as follows:

- between one month and one year for specialisation courses;
- two years for Master's Programs;
- three years for PhD Programs.

Research Program scholarships are generally awarded on an annual basis and may be renewed up to the maximum period established by the Program or by decision of the Board of Directors, subject to available budget.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS

The scholarship consists of a monthly allowance set by decision of the Board of Directors of Camões, I.P.

Research Program – Monthly allowance: €990/month (maximum 11 monthly payments per year)

Payments will be made via bank transfer to the account indicated in the specific form provided by Camões, I.P., after the selection of scholarship holders.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The scholarship holder is responsible for obtaining a passport, visa, and all other legal formalities.

Travel and accommodation costs are the responsibility of the scholarship holder.

The scholarship holder is also responsible for tuition fees and registration at the higher education institution attended.

FUNDING

Scholarships awarded under this call will be funded by budget allocations from the State Budget of Camões, I.P./Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, when eligible, by funds available under the status of the Promoter of the Portuguese Language (EPLP).

SCHOLARSHIP START DATE

Approved scholarships may only begin from September 2026 onwards.

APPLICATION PERIOD

Applications may be submitted **between 5 and 18 May 2026 (until 17:00, Lisbon time)**.

APPLICATION FORMALISATION (DOCUMENTATION)

Applications, including the form and all supporting documents required by the Scholarship Regulations of Camões, I.P., must be submitted electronically via the Camões, I.P. Services Portal:

<https://portalservicos.instituto-camoes.pt/>

Applications submitted by any other means, whether in person or electronically, will not be accepted.

Documents not submitted in Portuguese or English will not be considered. Any document not in Portuguese or English must be accompanied by a notarised translation.

Required documents:

- Proof of academic qualifications;
- Certificates of Portuguese language training (optional);
- Curriculum Vitae;
- Motivation letter explaining the reasons for applying and how the scholarship will contribute to the candidate's professional path and to the dissemination of Portuguese language and culture (100–400 words);
- Two letters of recommendation issued by reputable individuals, preferably university professors in the field of Portuguese;
- Structured work plan with clear objectives and deadlines (form available on the Portal) and proof of acceptance or enrolment in a Master's/PhD Program.

Granting of the scholarship depends on compliance with this notice and receipt of all required documentation.

EXCLUSION OF APPLICATIONS

Each candidate may submit only one application per Program; otherwise, all applications submitted will be cancelled.

Providing false statements will result in cancellation of the application.

Documents failing to meet these requirements will not be considered for evaluation or award.

Each admissible application will be evaluated by the jury.

APPLICATION EVALUATION

Applications will be evaluated by a jury composed of:

Chair: Rui Vaz (Director of Language Services)

1st Member: Rui Azevedo (Head of Division for the Coordination of Portuguese Teaching Abroad – DCEPE)

2nd Member: Paula Alves (Senior Officer, DCEPE)

1st Alternate: Anna Amado (Senior Officer, DCEPE)

2nd Alternate: Toríbia Cancela (Senior Officer, DCEPE)

Applications will be assessed considering, primarily:

bilateral agreements signed by Camões, I.P. with foreign countries and institutions;

projects arising from training Programs in Portuguese language and culture developed with other Portuguese or foreign institutions;

integration of Portuguese language and culture Programs in priority geographical areas for Camões, I.P. (Ibero-American countries, Eastern Europe, Maghreb, Southern Africa).

Final results will be listed and published on the Camões, I.P. Portal within **30 working days** from the application deadline.

RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

Final results will be listed and published on the Camões, I.P. Portal:

<http://www.instituto-camoes.pt/activity/o-que-fazemos/bolsas-estudo/bolsas-camoes/bolsas-lingua-cultura/candidaturas-lingua>

Results will also be communicated to candidates by email for the purpose of the prior hearing of interested parties.

After reviewing any submissions, the jury will prepare the final ranking list, which will be approved by the President of Camões, I.P., and published on the Camões, I.P. Portal.

HEARING OF INTERESTED PARTIES

After the publication of the provisional results, candidates have **10 working days** to exercise their right to be heard.

Candidates must present the arguments they consider relevant, which will then be analysed by the jury. After this period, a new ranking list will be issued, representing the final results.

NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL ACCESS POLICY

As a public entity, Camões, I.P. promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, and may not privilege, benefit, prejudice, deprive of any right, or exempt any candidate from any duty based on ancestry, sex, race, language, place of origin, religion, political or ideological beliefs, education, economic situation, social condition, or sexual orientation.

EXCLUSIVITY

The scholarship granted by Camões, I.P. may not be accumulated with any other scholarship of the same nature awarded by another Portuguese institution.