

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

### **OPENING NOTICE**

#### **VIEIRA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – 2026**

Camões – Institute for Cooperation and Language, I.P., hereinafter referred to as Camões, I.P., hereby announces that the application period for the award of **two scholarships** under the Portuguese Language and Culture Scholarship Program will open on **5 May 2026**.

#### **APPLICABLE LEGISLATION**

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

#### **TYPE AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

These scholarship programs support 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 area of Portuguese language and culture; (ii) scientific or professional training in Portuguese as a non-native language; (iii) training and/or advanced development in translation and conference interpreting.

#### **Vieira Program**

The Vieira Program scholarships are intended for foreign graduates and Portuguese nationals residing abroad who are involved in training and/or advanced development projects in the field of translation and conference interpreting.

The duration of the scholarship ranges from **one month to one year**.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS**

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

**Vieira Program – €990/month**, up to a maximum of 11 monthly payments, to be defined in accordance with the contract to be signed.

Payments will be made by bank transfer to the account indicated on the official form provided by Camões, I.P., once the selection process has been completed.

#### **FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The scholarship holder is responsible for:

- obtaining a passport, visa, and any other legal formalities;

- all travel and accommodation expenses;
- payment of registration fees and tuition fees at the higher education institution to be attended.

## FUNDING

Scholarships awarded under this call are funded by the State Budget of Camões, I.P./Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, when eligible, by funds made available under the status of the Promoting Company of the Portuguese Language (EPLP).

## SCHOLARSHIP START DATE

Approved scholarships may start no earlier than September 2026.

## APPLICATION PERIOD

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

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE (DOCUMENTATION)

Applications, including the form and all supporting documents required under 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 written in Portuguese or English** will not be considered unless 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 future professional development and to the dissemination of Portuguese language and culture (100–400 words);
- Two letters of recommendation issued by reputable individuals, preferably university lecturers in the field of Portuguese;
- Candidates to the Vieira Program must submit a **structured work plan**, clearly stating objectives and deadlines (form available on the Services Portal).

Award of the scholarship is conditional on full compliance with the requirements of this notice and receipt of all required documentation.

## EXCLUSION OF APPLICATIONS

- Each candidate may submit only **one application per program**, otherwise all applications will be cancelled.
- Providing false statements will result in cancellation of the application.
- Documents that do not meet the required conditions will not be considered for evaluation or award.
- Each admissible application will be evaluated by the program jury.

## EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications will be evaluated by a jury composed of:

**Chair:** Rui Vaz (Director of Language Services)

**1st Member:** Cristina Caetano (Director of Cultural Services)

**2nd Member:** Rui Azevedo (Head of Division for the Coordination of Portuguese Teaching Abroad – DCEPE)

**1st Substitute:** Paula Alves (Senior Officer, DCEPE)

**2nd Substitute:** Anna Amado (Senior Officer, DCEPE)

Applications will be assessed considering, primarily:

- bilateral agreements signed by Camões, I.P., with foreign countries and institutions;
- projects arising from the Portuguese language and culture training programs developed by Camões, I.P., with other Portuguese and foreign institutions;
- translation projects under the LATE – Translation and Publishing Support Line;
- the presence of Portuguese language and culture programs in the priority geographical areas of Camões, I.P. (Ibero-American countries, Eastern Europe, the Maghreb, and Southern Africa).

Final results will be compiled in a list drawn up by the jury and published on the Camões, I.P. Portal within **30 working days** from the application deadline.

## PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

Final results will be 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>

Candidates will also be notified by email for the purposes of the **prior hearing of interested parties**.

After considering any statements submitted, 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.

### **PRIOR HEARING OF INTERESTED PARTIES**

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

Candidates must submit any arguments they consider relevant, which will then be examined by the jury. A new final ranking list will subsequently be issued, representing the final results of the competition.

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL ACCESS POLICY**

As a public institution, 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 on the basis of ancestry, sex, race, language, place of origin, religion, political or ideological beliefs, education, economic situation, social condition, or sexual orientation.

### **EXCLUSIVITY**

It is strictly prohibited to combine a scholarship awarded by Camões, I.P. with any other scholarship of the same nature granted by another Portuguese institution.