



**Call for Postdoctoral
Research Fellowships
at Harvard University
for Distinguished Junior Scholars
Academic Year 2020 / 2021**

In accordance with articles II and IV of the General Establishment Agreement of Real Colegio Complutense (RCC), its Academic Council has decided to open the following call for Research Grants to work at schools, departments or research centers at Harvard University during the Academic Year 2020/2021, starting from September 1, 2020.

1. PURPOSE

This Postdoctoral Research Fellowship program is directed at junior scholars who have recently received their PhD with honors (or the highest equivalent academic distinction), from any of the RCC Member Universities participating in the program to support the development of a research project at any of the Harvard University Schools, Centers or Departments in the fields of the sciences, humanities, law, medicine, public health, political science, economy, sociology, education, engineering, architecture, or any other field of study offered by Harvard University. Affiliated centers or hospitals are not eligible.

2. SCOPE

This call offers two-year postdoctoral fellowships of 24 months for scholars who have recently earned their PhD (having enjoyed a FPU scholarship or equivalent), with honors (or the highest equivalent academic distinction), from any of the RCC Member Universities participating in this program, and in the above mentioned fields of knowledge.

3. COVERAGE

Fellows receive a maximum amount of \$30,000 per academic year, during two consecutive academic years upon successful completion and evaluation of the first academic year, up to a maximum of \$60,000. This award will be compatible with any other public or private financial aid, funding and income from any source and for the same purpose.

Before the end of the first academic year of the corresponding fellowship, and in order to have access to funding for a second academic year, the following requirements must be met:

- a. A favorable report from the Director of the Department or Center where the fellowship is being carried out. Should the report be negative, the fellowship will be terminated.
- b. A positive report from the RCC Director regarding the activities carried out by Fellows with the goal of the institutional strengthening of the RCC.
- c. A positive evaluation from the Academic Council. This evaluation should take into account the above-mentioned reports as well as a detailed performance report submitted by the candidate.

Upon completion of the second academic year, the following requirements must be met:

- a. A favorable report from the Director of the Department or School where the fellowship is being carried out.
- b. A positive report from the RCC Director regarding the activities carried out by Fellows with the goal of the institutional strengthening of the RCC.
- c. A positive evaluation from the Academic Council. This evaluation should take into account the above-mentioned reports as well as a detailed performance report submitted by the candidate.

4. REQUIREMENTS

4.1. Candidates must have completed their PhD (having enjoyed an FPU scholarship or equivalent) at any of the RCC Member Universities between May 1, 2019 and April 30, 2020 and graduated with honors (or the highest equivalent academic distinction), within the above-mentioned PhD excellence programs.

4.2. Provide an Admission Letter from the Harvard University department, center or school stating that they are supporting the applicant's research project, as well as sponsoring their J-1 Visa during the entire two-year period. The Admission Letter must be signed by a Tenure or Tenure-Track Faculty member that is willing to serve as the supervisor for the applicant. If the supervisor has a Tenure-Track Faculty appointment, the term of the appointment must be enough to cover the two years of the Postdoctoral Fellowship.

4.3. Provide a valid TOEFL iBT with a minimum score of 100 points. To be considered valid, TOEFL iBT scores must be sent directly from ETS to the RCC. Without this document the Research Grant cannot be awarded, as it is a necessary requirement. Expired TOEFL certificates, and any other English proficiency tests, will not be accepted. Candidates must submit proof that they have taken the test on or before the stated deadline for applications, when completing their online application form.

4.4. Submit their application and annexes online through the RCC's website (rcc.harvard.edu).

Applicants must submit the online application and all required admission materials no later than the stated deadline to be considered for admission. Only applications which fulfill all of the requirements of the call in due time will be taken into account. Those who do not comply with the procedures and deadlines will not be taken into account.

5. DOCUMENTS

5.1. Online Application for the Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, completed through the RCC website.

5.2. Certificate of having been granted a PhD, specifying the date of completion and the grade obtained.

5.3. Curriculum Vitae in accordance with the format required by the Harvard University School or Department that the candidate has applied to. Affiliated centers or hospitals are not eligible.

5.4. Copy of the Admission Letter from the Harvard department, school or research center supporting the applicant's research project, as well as sponsoring a J-1 Visa for the entire two-year period. The Admission Letter must be signed by a Tenure or Tenure-Track Faculty member that is willing to serve as the supervisor for the applicant.

5.5. A current, valid TOEFL iBT official score report for English knowledge sent directly from ETS to the RCC, with a minimum result of 100 points.

5.6. Research Proposal for the project that will be carried out during the stay at Harvard University (10 pages maximum).

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

The RCC Academic Council will make a decision on selected candidates by the end of the month of May prior to the beginning of the applicable academic year. The Academic Council decision is based on the principles and procedures of an open, merit, and equal opportunity-based process. When considered necessary, the RCC Academic Council may request an interview with the candidate. In these cases, the candidate will be contacted and given notice with due time.

7. OBLIGATIONS

7.1. Prior to joining the RCC, selected candidates must comply with the following obligations:

- a. Submit their Letter of Acceptance.
- b. Submit an Authorization Letter from the competent authority at their home institution granting permission to come to Harvard University, which must include the dates of the entire duration of the stay.
- c. A copy of the Harvard Admission letter submitted with the application. The Admission Letter must be signed by a Tenure or Tenure-Track Faculty member that is willing to serve as the supervisor for the applicant.

7.2. Promote and participate in at least one RCC activity and one RCC project during the period of their Fellowship. Among others, these activities and projects may include those aimed at strengthening the RCC (such as conferences, seminars, cultural cycles, study groups, set-up, etc.) under the guidance of the RCC Director and RCC Academic Council members.

7.3. Make noticeable mention in any publication, lecture, presentation or interview of their status as a Fellow of the RCC. This includes any publication, lecture, presentation or interview made during the time of their stay, as well as those published or carried out as a result of their stay.

7.4. Immediately notify the RCC of any grant, scholarship or funding obtained from any public or private organization for the same or a different research project.

7.5. Fellows have the obligation of notifying the RCC of any periods of travel or absence from the Harvard school, department or research center where they normally carry out their research during the full term of their scholarship. Fellows must fill out an information form available at rcc.harvard.edu where they must state the dates of travel or absence.

7.6. Submit a report, written in English, describing all work carried out at Harvard University during the research period. The report must be submitted two weeks prior to the end of their stay or whenever they are required to do so by the RCC. The report must include a letter addressed to the RCC Director and signed by the Fellow's supervisor at the Harvard school, center or department where the Fellow carried out his or her activities and certifying that the Fellow concluded the research stage satisfactorily and within the period of duration of the grant. Both the letter and report must be submitted using the letterhead from the center or department.

7.7. At any point during the fellowship, the RCC Director may request a report, written in English, describing all work carried out at Harvard University up until that point of the research period. The report must be delivered electronically no later than one week after the request by the RCC Director.

8. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

Applications must be submitted by April 30th, 2020, at 11:59 pm (EMT).

Be aware that any breach of the above requirements without justified reason or prior permission will lead to the total or partial loss of rights and privileges granted by this Fellowship, including suspension of any further payments and the obligation to refund any aid already given.