

**REAL COLEGIO COMPLUTENSE  
AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

**(Complutense University – Harvard University)**



**Call for **Postdoctoral Research Fellowships** at Harvard  
University for Distinguished Junior Scholars**

**Academic Year 2022/2023**



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## INTRODUCTION

Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard University (RCC Harvard) is a Complutense center affiliated to Harvard University (HU) since 1990, under the presidencies of Gustavo Villapalos and Derek C. Bok. It is the result of the agreement between Harvard University and the Universidad Complutense (Madrid, Spain), renewed in 2009. As part of an expansion project, Real Colegio Complutense (RCC) has incorporated four [Partner Universities](#), namely Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM, 2013), Universidad de Alcalá (UAH, 2014), Universidad de Sevilla (US, 2015), and Universitat de València (UV, 2015).

RCC is the only *World Class Excellence Center* in the US and has an exclusive relationship with the Ivy League university. It is a non-profit organization, aimed at providing academic, scientific, and cultural cooperation between Harvard University and the Spanish system of Higher Education. It promotes and develops activities in every realm of the knowledge triangle.

In accordance with articles II and IV of the General Establishment Agreement of Real Colegio Complutense, 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 2022/2023, starting from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

### 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This Postdoctoral Research Fellowship program offers two-year postdoctoral fellowships of 24 months for junior scholars who have recently earned their PhD with honors (or the highest equivalent academic distinction), from Complutense University or any of the RCC Member Universities participating in the program. This program supports 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, environmental sciences, architecture, or any other field of study offered by Harvard University.

This call (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.

After the two-year Harvard University period, the candidate original university must accept the

reinstatement of the candidate for another two-year period with teaching duties as postdoctoral fellow (80 minimum – 120 suggested credits) in each academic year.

## **2. 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 may be complemented through any other public and private sources of funding and 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 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 consider 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 consider the above-mentioned reports as well as a detailed performance report submitted by the candidate.

## **3. REQUIREMENTS**

- 3.1.** Candidates must have completed their PhD (having enjoyed an FPU scholarship or equivalent) at Complutense University or any of the RCC Member Universities between May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and graduated with honors (or the highest equivalent academic distinction), within

the above-mentioned PhD excellence programs.

- 3.2.** Provide a Formal Letter from department at the candidate's university of origin, acknowledging the re-incorporation of the candidate at the end of the two-year Harvard University postdoctoral stay and under the contractual terms that better suit the university of origin's policies and goals. This letter must include the teaching duties of the candidate (80 - 120 credits) during two academic years and it must have the approval of the Departmental Council and be signed by the Department Head or the authority that the Member University designates.
- 3.3.** 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.
- 3.4.** 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.
- 3.5.** Submit their application and annexes online through the RCC's website ([rcc.harvard.edu](http://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. REQUIRED 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. Departmental Letter acknowledging the re-incorporation of the candidate to their university of origin.
- 5.5. 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 AdmissionLetter must be signed by a Tenure or Tenure-Track Faculty member that is willing to serve as the supervisorfor the applicant.
- 5.6 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.
- 5.7. 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 decide 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. If deemed 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 - Harvard, selected candidates must comply with the required mentioned documentation.
- 7.2. Promote and participate in the RCC activities 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- Harvard. 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](http://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.
- 7.7.** 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 other 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.
- 7.8.** 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 from the RCC Director.
- 7.9.** Be aware that any breach of the above requirements and obligations 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.

## **8. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS**

Applications must be submitted by June 30th, 2022, at 11:59 pm (EST).