

REAL COLEGIO COMPLUTENSE AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY



Call for **Faculty Research Fellowships** at Harvard University

2024 Call



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INTRODUCTION

Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard University (RCCHU) 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 (UCM, Madrid, Spain). As part of an expansion project, Real Colegio Complutense (RCCHU) has incorporated four [Partner Universities](#), namely Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM, 2013), Universidad de Alcalá (UAH, 2014), Universidad de Sevilla (US, 2015), Universitat de València (UV, 2015), and Universidad de Oviedo (UOVI, 2022).

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.

1. PURPOSE

This Faculty Research Fellowships program is directed to:

- 1.1 Reinforce faculty mobility and academic collaboration with Harvard University faculty, departments, centers, and schools.
- 1.2 Build academic collaborations with Harvard community.
- 1.3 Set-up and follow-up of study groups, projects and PhD thesis that are co-directed by faculty from Harvard University and RCCHU member universities.
- 1.4 Preparation of joint applications for competitive research grants.
- 1.5 Research at RCCHU.

2. SCOPE

This yearly call is published by academic year and offers a fixed monthly sum to carry out the research stay at Harvard University **from 2 to 11 months** from **September 2024 through July 2025** (both included). The month of August is not available for funding.

3. COVERAGE

Fellows will receive an amount of **\$3,000 per month**. This sum will be given to the grantee upon arrival at RCCHU.

The number of fellowships in each call is limited and it will be conditioned yearly by the budgetary availability.

4. REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Be full time Faculty (*Catedrático, Profesor Titular, Profesor Contratado Doctor, Profesor Permanente Laboral* or *Ayudante Doctor*) in one of RCCHU's member universities.

4.2 Certified academic license for absence during the entire requested period of stay acknowledged by the Department's Director or competent academic authority from the home University.

4.3 Acknowledgement of support from Harvard University faculty, department, center, or school for the intended visit. This acknowledgement can be a letter, or an email addressed to rcc@fas.harvard.edu.

4.3. Submit the application and annexes through the RCCHU mentioned email. Applications must be submitted no later than three months before the intended start date of the visit.

4.4 A proof of the fellow US visa when it has been issued by the US Consulate at Spain.

5. DOCUMENTS

- 5.1 Application for the travel grant, according to point 4. of this call.
- 5.2 Letter or email addressed to rcc@fas.harvard.edu acknowledging the intended the research stay at one of the Harvard University departments or schools. The letter or email must be signed by a Tenure or Tenure-Track Faculty member that is willing to serve as the supervisor for the applicant. A Harvard University Faculty Member may only sponsor up to two visitors per year under this program.
- 5.3 Provide a Formal Letter from the candidate university of origin, acknowledging academic license for absence during the entire period of stay, signed by the authority that the Member University designates.
- 5.4 Report describing the scientific background of the Harvard hosting group or department.
- 5.5 Report describing the activities to be developed with the Harvard hosting group and RCC.
- 5.6 The candidate's *curriculum vitae* limited to the last 5 years and a maximum of 6 pages. The *curriculum vitae* must include research project participation, research external evaluation, and thesis supervision.

Applicants must submit the online application and all required admission materials **on time of this call**. Only applications which fulfill all the requirements of the call-in due time will be taken into consideration.

We strongly recommend all the applicants to visit the webpages of the U.S. Embassy & Consulate in Madrid (<https://es.usembassy.gov/es/>) and Harvard International Office (HIO) in order to assure the viability of their programmed research stay (<https://www.hio.harvard.edu/>).

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be considered and evaluated by the RCCHU Executive Committee, assisted by the Advisory Council and/or invited experts according to the

following criteria:

6.1 The quality of the activities to be developed at the Harvard University hosting group and RCCHU and its adequacy with the purpose of this call.

6.2 The candidate's *curriculum vitae*.

6.3 The relevance and suitability of the Harvard hosting group.

The RCCHU Executive Committee will decide on selected candidates during the two consecutive months after the call due date. The above-mentioned decision will be taken considering principles and procedures for an open -merit and equal opportunity- based process. When considered necessary, RCCHU Executive Committee could request an *online* interview with the candidate.

7. OBLIGATIONS

7.1 Promote and participate in several RCCHU activities during the stay period.

7.2 Immediately notify RCCHU of any grant, scholarship, or funding from any public or private organizations for the same or another stay.

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

7.4 Submit to RCCHU a report describing all work carried out at Harvard University School or Department during their research stay, no later than two weeks after the finalization of their stay. The report must include a favorable report from the Harvard University School or Department where the fellowship is being carried out. The report must be signed by the Harvard University Faculty Sponsor and must be in official letterhead.

7.5 At any point during the fellowship or after it has concluded, the RCCHU 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 RCCHU Director.

8. DEADLINE

Applications should be submitted **before April 30th, 2024**, to facilitate the procedures and visa requirements.