



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

Academic Year 2017 / 2018

1. PURPOSE

This Postdoctoral Research Fellowship program is directed to junior scholars who have recently received earned 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 schools, departments or centers at Harvard University in the fields of sciences, humanities, law, medicine, public health, political science, economy, sociology, education, architecture, or any other field of study offered by Harvard University.

2. SCOPE

This call offers bianual postdoctoral fellowships of 24 months for scholars who have recently earned their PhD (having enjoyed been awarded a FPU scholarship or equivalent), with honors (or the highest equivalent academic distinction), from any of the RCC Member Universities participating in this program, after September 1, 2016, 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. Before the end of the first academic year of the corresponding fellowship, in the last month, the Director of the Department or Center where the fellowship is being carried out must deliver a positive report so that the fellowship can be extended to a second academic year. Should the report be negative, the fellowship will be finished.

This award will be compatible with any other public or private financial aid, funding and income from any source for the same purpose. After those two years of stay at Harvard University, the candidates will return to their RCC member universities where they will enjoy a two-year contract in a position that will include teaching and research responsibilities.

4. REQUIREMENTS

4.1. Candidates must have completed their PhD (having enjoyed a FPU scholarship or equivalent) at any of the RCC Member Universities by or after September 1, 2016, with with honors (or the highest equivalent academic distinction), within the above mentioned excellence PhD programs.

4.2. Provide Admission Letter from the Harvard University Department stating that they are supporting the applicants' research project, as well as sponsoring their J-1 Visa during the entire two-year period.

4.3. Provide a valid TOEFL iBT with a minimum result of 100 points. In order to be considered valid, TOEFL iBT scores must be sent directly from ETS to RCC. Expired TOEFL certificates will not be accepted as well as any other English test.

4.4. Submit the application and annexes online through the RCC's website (www.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.

5. DOCUMENTS

5.1. Application for the Postdoctoral Research Fellowship using the enclosed template Annex I.

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

5.3. Curriculum Vitae in accordance to the format required by the center of Harvard University that the applicant has applied to.

5.4. Copy of the Admission Letter from the Harvard University Department supporting the applicants' research project, as well as sponsoring a J-1 Visa.

5.5. Research Proposal of the project to be carried out during their stay at Harvard University.

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

Applicants must upload all these documents in the online application 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.

6. OBLIGATIONS OF THE FELLOWSHIPS

6.1. Prior to joining the RCC, accepted candidates must sign and send their Statement of Agreement, accepting all of these obligations. They will also have to complete official RCC Authorization Form, from the competent authority of their home institution granting permission to come to Harvard University, which includes the dates of the entire duration of the stay.

6.2. Participate in activities to strengthen the RCC (conferences, seminars, cultural cycles, etc.) under the guidance of the Director of the center.

6.3. Make noticeable mention in any publication, lecture, presentation or interview of their status as a Fellow of the RCC that may be made during the time of their stay.

6.4. Immediately notify the RCC of any grant, scholarship or funding from any public or private organizations for the same or another research project.

6.5. Submit a report in English, demonstrating all work carried out at Harvard University during the research period, two weeks after the finalization of their stay.

7. 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 above mention decision will be taken considering principles and procedures for an open, merit- and equal opportunity-based process. When considered necessary, RCC Academic Council could request an interview with the candidate. In these cases the candidate will be contacted in due time.

8. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

Applications should be submitted by May 1, 2017.

ANNEX I: APPLICATION FOR THE POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME	
ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE	
E-MAIL	
HOME INSTITUTION	
FIELD OF STUDY	
PhD PROGRAM	
SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTIONS (please, list up to three relevant articles and papers)	
PROPOSED RESEARCH TOPIC	
DEPARTMENT, CENTER OR SCHOOL AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY (1 st and 2 nd years)	
DEPARTMENT, CENTER OR SCHOOL OF RETURN AT RCC MEMBER UNIVERSITY (3 rd and 4 th years)	
EXPECTED DATE OF ARRIVAL	
EXPECTED DATE OF DEPARTURE	
EXPECTED RESULTS	

APPLICATION

Mr/Ms _____ with ID,
_____ Residing in _____ ZIP Code
_____, Street _____, with telephone number
_____ and email _____ (Please, provide your University
Email)

DECLARE:

1. That I am a PhD at _____ University.
2. That I intend to carry out research/project on the topic: _____

3. That I applied for a research grant to visit Harvard University between September 1st, 2017 and August 30th, 2019 in order to carry out my research at the Harvard Department (center, school) of

4. That I demonstrate to be fluent in English with a TOEFL Score of _____ points.
5. That if accepted I will join the RCC on ____/____/____.

I therefore APPLY to receive one of the RCC Postdoctoral Research Fellowships for the following years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 at Harvard University

Date and Place: _____

Signed by: _____

Director of Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard University