

REGULATION FOR THE FELLOWSHIP AWARD TO RESEARCHERS FROM THE USA WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE JOINT PROGRAM DGARQ - LADF

The present Regulation aims at defining the conditions for obtaining fellowships awarded by the Luso-American Development Foundation (LADF) for the study of archives administration, history, social sciences and Portuguese language and culture in the Portuguese Archives Directorate-General (DGARQ).

The Luso-American Development Foundation carries out and sponsors actions for the promotion of the Portuguese Culture in the United States of America with the aim of establishing and intensifying the cultural and scientific interchange between Portugal and that country.

The Portuguese Archives Directorate-General (DGARQ) is a public organism of national scope, in the custody of the Portuguese Ministry of Culture. It integrates the National Archives of Torre do Tombo, the Portuguese Centre for Photography, and sixteen District Archives.

The headquarters of the DGARQ are located in Lisbon where function the central services and where is located the District Archives of Lisbon and the National Archives of the Torre do Tombo, which is considered to be one of the oldest and richest in the whole world. There are kept millions of records belonging to countless holdings and collections. There can be found true treasures which constitute the memory of the History of Portugal and of the World. Among others we can mention the bull *Manifestis Probatum* (1179), which confirmed internationally Portugal as an independent Reign, the books of the *Apocalipse do Lorrão* or the *Bíblia dos Jerónimos*, the *Tratado de Tordesilhas*, the secret *Instruções* to Vasco da Gama in his first journey to Índia, the *Carta de Pêro Vaz de Caminha*, the first *Constituição Portuguesa* (1822), the original manuscripts of Salazar's speeches or the books with the proceedings of the *Conselho da Revolução*, issued from the Revolution of 1974.

The District Archives contain diversified documentation, namely from the Registry Offices, the Notary Public's Offices, Courts, Local Governments, Financial Departments and Customs, among others.

The Reading-room of the National Archives of the Torre do Tombo is open from Monday to Friday between 10 am and 7.15 pm and on Saturdays from 10 am to 12.30 pm. During Summer this time-table will register some alterations which will be indicated in due time.

The DGARQ and LADF wish to host North-American researchers in order to provide them with a fruitful stay in Portugal, supplying them with the required means for their work, arranging the contact with Portuguese scholars interested in the same subjects and providing for their travel and sojourn expenses.

The scholars will have for their own use a working room, equipped with a terminal, in the premises of the DGARQ.

For further information please contact the DGARQ (e-mail grec@dgarc.gov.pt, telephone +351 21 793 72 22, fax +351 21 793 72 30).

RULES

1. The program is addressed to USA researchers who wish to study the sources of the National Archives of the Torre do Tombo with the aim of performing studies within the scope of archives administration, history, social sciences or Portuguese language and culture;
2. In 2010 five fellowships will be awarded, with the maximum duration of three months each;
3. Scholars will be entitled to a return fly ticket from the USA to Portugal up to € 750 (seven hundred and fifty Euros), as well as to an allowance of € 1400 (one thousand and four hundred Euros) for each month of the duration of the fellowship;
4. Applications should be mailed **until 28.02.2010** to: Direcção-Geral de Arquivos - Alameda da Universidade, 1649-010 Lisboa, Portugal;
5. Each application must include: application form, *curriculum vitae* of the candidate, description of his plan of studies and of the project where the same belongs to, document certifying his link to the University or Institution to which the candidate belongs as well as any recommendation letters which might be of interest for the assessment of his application;
6. The board of persons who will decide on the award of the fellowships will be formed by members appointed by the DGARQ and LADF and will consider the applications mainly based on the following criteria: scientific merit, originality of the projects and the justification for the purpose of studying the sources of the National Archives of the Torre do Tombo; preference may be given to candidates with previous research done in Portugal, possessing convenient knowledge of the Portuguese language;
7. The result of the board's evaluation will be communicated to the candidates until 31.03.2010; there will be no appeal from the board's evaluation;
8. The selected candidates must communicate to the DGARQ their acceptance of the fellowship in the 15 days subsequent to the reception of the communication confirming the award indicating the precise date for their stay in the Archives. They should also declare that they do not benefit from any other financing aid for the same purpose during the same period;
9. Any alteration of the previously approved conditions is subject to decision by DGARQ and LADF. The fellowship may be cancelled if the dates approved are not respected.
10. During the three months subsequent to the completion of the fellowship period, it is obligatory for the researchers to deliver to the DGARQ, without any cost or payment of copyright, a report on the studies they have carried out;
11. The works that will be published as a result of the research financed by this program should compulsory mention the support given by the DGARQ and LADF. It is also compulsory to offer a copy of those publications to the DGARQ and to LADF;
12. In case of doubts or omissions in the exercise of the present Regulation, the same is liable to be interpreted, amended or completed by agreement between the DGARQ and LADF.