



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

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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 UCM or 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 UCM or any of the RCC Member Universities participating in this program, by or 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. 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 UCM or 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. Without this document the Research Grant cannot be awarded, as it is a necessary requirement. 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. A current, valid TOEFL iBT official score report for English knowledge sent directly from ETS to RCC, with a minimum result of 100 points.

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

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.

In addition to these forms the following materials must be submitted to the RCC: a copy of the Harvard Admission Letter submitted in the application, and a copy of the official J-1 Visa in the passport.

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. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

Applications should be submitted by May 1, 2017.