SHORT-TERM RESEARCH GRANTS FLAD/ BNP |2020

The Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD) 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 both countries.

The National Library of Portugal (BNP) - http://www.bnportugal.gov.pt/ - is a public service with a national scope, under the Portuguese Central Government – Minister of Culture, responsible, among other functions, for the conservation, processing and diffusion of heritage collections that cover ten centuries of documentation of all kinds and genres. BNP’s holdings are fundamental for research in Portuguese history, culture and science, through exhibition, publishing and research activities developed mostly in connection with the academic community.

BNP and FLAD wish to host researchers affiliated with US universities or US research institutions in order to provide them with a fruitful stay in Portugal, supporting them with the required means to develop their work, and providing for their travelling and accommodation expenses.

The present terms aim at defining the conditions for obtaining fellowships awarded by the Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD) for research in Portuguese history, culture and language, including interdisciplinary and comparative studies, based on the collections of the National Library of Portugal.

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TERMS OF CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

1. The program is addressed to researchers affiliated with a US university, regardless of their nationality, who wish to study the collections at the National Library of Portugal in order to develop research work in Portuguese history, culture and language.

2. The fellowships awarded in 2020 will be for periods between one (1) and three (3) months. Applications for periods shorter than one month will not be considered.

3. Researchers will be entitled to a roundtrip ticket USA-Portugal, up to € 750,00 (seven hundred and fifty Euros), to be reimbursed upon receipt of the proof of payment, as well as a monthly allowance of € 1400,00 (one thousand and four hundred Euros).

4. Applications should be sent by email to bolsas@bnportugal.gov.pt until April 15, 2020.
5. Each application shall include: application form, curriculum vitae of the candidate, description of the studies’ plan to be conducted at BNP and how it intersects with the project in which it is integrated, document certifying the affiliation of the candidate with the University or Institution in the US, as well as other support materials, such as recommendation letters.

6. Applications will be evaluated by a selection board consisting of three representatives of BNP and one representative of FLAD, mainly based on the following criteria:
   a) Scientific merit of the project;
   b) Originality of the project;
   c) Justification for the purpose of studying BNP’s collections;
   d) Knowledge of the Portuguese language;
   e) Previous research carried out in Portugal.

7. The result of the applications’ evaluation will be submitted by the selection board to FLAD’s Executive Council.

8. The results will be communicated to the candidates via the e-mail address provided in the application form, until 30 April, 2020. There will be no appeal of the selection results.

9. The selected candidates must:
   a) Communicate to BNP their acceptance of the fellowship in the 15 days following the notification confirming the award;
   b) Indicate the preferred period for their research at the BNP;
   c) Declare that they do not benefit from any other funding for the same purpose, during the same period.

10. Any alteration to the previously approved conditions and period of stay is subject to reconsideration by BNP and FLAD. Ultimately, the fellowship is subject to cancellation if the dates agreed are not respected.

11. During the two months following the completion of the fellowship period, the researchers are required to deliver a report on the studies they have carried out, both to BNP and FLAD, without any cost or payment of copyright.

12. Future publications (books, articles, etc.) issued as a result of the research funded by this Program should necessarily mention the support granted by BNP and FLAD. Two copies of the works published should be sent to BNP and FLAD.

13. Failure to comply with the above obligations invalidates any other application submitted to both institutions.

14. Questions or omissions, as well as amendments to these terms, if necessary, will be decided jointly by BNP and FLAD.

Lisbon, 19 February 2020