

SHORT-TERM RESEARCH GRANTS FLAD / BNP | 2022

The Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD) <https://www.flad.pt/> 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 based in the US, 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 Regulation below aims at defining the conditions for obtaining short-term 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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REGULATION

1. The program is addressed to researchers affiliated with a US based university, regardless of their nationality, who wish to study the collections of the National Library of Portugal (BNP) for research work in Portuguese history, culture and language
2. The 2022 fellowships will run for periods ranging from one (1) to three (3) months and are due to begin until December 2022. Applications for shorter periods will not be considered.
3. Researchers will be entitled to a roundtrip ticket USA to Portugal, up to €750,00 (seven hundred and fifty Euros), to be reimbursed upon receipt of proof of payment, as well as a monthly allowance of €1400,00 (one thousand and four hundred Euros).
4. Applications should be sent in Portuguese by email to bolsas@bnportugal.gov.pt until **April 17, 2022**.

5. Each application shall include:
 - a) A completed Application Form;
 - b) Curriculum vitae of the candidate (in English or Portuguese);
 - c) Description of the proposed study plan and how it intersects with the project in which it is integrated;
 - d) Document certifying the affiliation of the candidate with the University or Institution in the US;
 - e) Recommendation letters which might be of interest for the assessment of the application.
6. Applications will be evaluated by a selection board consisting of three representatives of the BNP and one representative of FLAD. Applications will be reviewed 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 collections¹;
 - d) Knowledge of the Portuguese language sufficient to read the proposed type of documentation;
 - e) Previous research carried out in Portugal.
7. The selection board shall submit the results to FLAD's Executive Council.
8. The results and duration of the scholarship will be communicated to the candidates to the e-mail address provided in the application form, by **29 April 2022**. There will be no appeal from the selection results.
9. It is up to the jury to evaluate and decide the duration of the scholarship.
10. Selected candidates must:
 - a) Confirm to BNP acceptance of the fellowship within 30 days from receipt of the communication;
 - b) Confirm the period when they intend to carry out their research at the BNP;
 - c) Declare that they do not benefit from any other funding for the same purpose, during the same period.
11. Any alteration to the previously approved conditions and period of stay is subject to reconsideration by the jury, who has the right to reject the proposed period. The fellowship shall be cancelled if the dates approved are not respected.
12. During the two months following the completion of the fellowship period, the researchers should necessarily turn in to BNP and FLAD, without any cost or copyright payment, a report about the research they have carried out.
13. The works published 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 both the BNP and FLAD.

¹ NOTE: Applications whose documental or bibliographical records are fully available on line will not be considered.

14. Failure to comply with the above obligations invalidates any other application submitted to both institutions.
15. Questions or omissions, as well as revisions of this Regulation, if deemed necessary, will be decided jointly by the BNP and FLAD.

Lisbon, February 1, 2022