

**FLAD SHORT-TERM GRANTS  
PORTUGUESE ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES 2026**

With the aim of strengthening the promotion and accessibility of research in archives and libraries in Portugal, the Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD) <https://www.flad.pt/> awards grants to students, teachers and researchers, affiliated with higher education institutions in the US, who wish to conduct research on Portuguese archives and libraries, regardless of their location or size in Portugal (mainland and islands).

This grant reinforces FLAD's commitment to promoting, researching, and disseminating documentation and its respective contents from local, municipal, ministerial, and other collections in Portugal. It diversifies current opportunities FLAD has in place with DGLAB-National Archives Torre do Tombo and with the National Library of Portugal. This call is aimed at candidates who wish to do research in other archives and libraries in Portugal.

The Regulation defines the conditions of access to these grants for research in any field of study in archives, libraries, or similar repositories located in Portugal.

**REGULATION**

1. The grant is intended for students, professors and researchers affiliated with higher education institutions in the USA, regardless of their nationality, who are interested in learning about or furthering their knowledge by consulting Portuguese collections that are not available online, and who can justify the relevance of this research to their academic and professional career.
2. The grant is awarded for a minimum duration of one (1) month and a maximum of three (3) consecutive months and must be initiated no later than December 2026. Applications for periods of less than one month will not be accepted. Applications for research on documents that are fully available online will not be considered.
3. Researchers will be entitled to:
  - a) A monthly allowance of €1,400.00 (one thousand and four hundred Euros) for each month of the scholarship duration, regardless of location in Portugal;
  - b) Additional support of €750,00 (seven hundred and fifty Euros) to subsidize travel-related costs. The total amount of the fellowship will be paid in one single instalment.
4. Applications should be sent in Portuguese through the following [link](#) by **March 1, 2026**.
5. Applicants must submit the following documents in Portuguese:
  - a) Curriculum vitae;
  - b) Brief biography of the candidate (in English and Portuguese. max. 500 characters, including spaces);
  - c) Description of the proposed study plan and how it intersects with the project in which it is integrated;
  - d) Document certifying the affiliation to the University or Institution in the U.S. to which the candidate is associated;
  - e) Document of approval/invitation letter from the host Library or Archive in Portugal.

This document must contain the following information:

1. Approval of the research proposal agreeing with its relevance for the host Archive;
  2. Confirmation of the requested dates for the research;
  3. Confirmation of the need for on-site access to information and research.
- f) Credentials that support the project and are of interest to the evaluation of the application (letters of recommendation or others).
6. Applications will be evaluated by a jury consisting of professors, academic researchers and professional archivists and by a member appointed by FLAD, who will decide on the awarding of the grants.
- The selection of the applications will be based on the following criteria:
- a) Scientific merit of the project;
  - b) Originality of the project;
  - c) Importance and relevance of the funds and collections to the project;
  - d) Knowledge of the Portuguese language sufficient to read the proposed type of documentation;
  - e) Candidate's profile.
7. The result of the selection and duration of the grant will be communicated to the applicants by March 31, 2026 via the email address indicated in the application form. There will be no appeal from the decision.
8. It is up to the jury to evaluate and decide the duration of the scholarship.
9. Selected candidates must:
- a) Confirm acceptance of the grant with FLAD and the Archive within 10 days from the date of the communication of the results;
  - b) Confirm the intended period for the research to be carried out;
  - 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 agreed upon grant period is subject to review by the Archive/Library and FLAD, who reserves the right to reject the new proposed period. The fellowship may be cancelled if the approved dates are not respected.
11. Within two months after the end of the grant period, the researchers must submit a report on their research to the Archive/Library and to FLAD, free of charge and without copyright fees.
12. Any work that is published, in whole or in part, as a result of research funded by this Program must make reference to the support provided by the Archive and FLAD. Two copies of any such publication must be sent to each institution.
13. Failure to comply with these obligations will invalidate any other application that may be submitted to FLAD.
14. Questions or omissions, as well as revisions of this Regulation, if deemed necessary, will be decided by FLAD.

Start your application [here](#).