

SHORT-TERM RESEARCH GRANTS FLAD / BNP | 2026

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 with the aim of establishing and fostering the cultural and scientific interchange between both countries.

The National Library of Portugal (BNP) <https://www.bnportugal.gov.pt/> is an agency of the Portuguese Government, under the tutelage of the Minister of Culture. Its mission is to collect, treat and preserve Portuguese documental heritage in the Portuguese language and about Portugal in various types of formats, ensuring its study, dissemination and conditions for its fruition, as well as guaranteeing the classification and inventorying of national bibliographic heritage.

BNP and FLAD wish to host students, teachers, and researchers affiliated with U.S. higher education institutions, in order to provide them with a fruitful stay in Portugal, supporting them with the adequate means to develop their research work, and subsidizing their travel and stay.

The Regulation below aims to define the conditions for obtaining short-term grants awarded by the Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD) for research on Portuguese history, culture and language, including interdisciplinary and comparative studies, based on the National Library of Portugal's collections.

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REGULATION

1. The program is intended for students, professors, and researchers affiliated with U.S. higher education institutions, regardless of 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 grant is awarded for a minimum duration of one (1) month and a maximum of three (3) consecutive months and must be carried out during the 2026 calendar year, with a start date 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 €1400,00 (one thousand and four hundred Euros) for each month of the grant's duration;
 - 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 via email to bolsas@bnportugal.gov.pt by **March 15, 2026**.
5. Each application shall include:
 - a) A completed Application Form, available at the [BNP website](#);

- b) Curriculum vitae of the candidate (in English or Portuguese);
 - c) Brief biography of the candidate (in English and Portuguese - maximum 500 characters, including spaces);
 - d) Description of the proposed study plan and how it intersects with the project in which it is integrated;
 - e) Document certifying the affiliation of the candidate with the University or Institution in the U.S.;
 - f) Recommendation letters which might be of interest for the assessment of the application.
6. Applications will be evaluated by a jury made up of representatives from BNP and FLAD, who will decide on the awarding of the grants. 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 collections;
 - 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 candidates by March 31, 2026, through the email address indicated in the application form. There will be no appeal.
8. The jury is responsible for evaluating and deciding the duration of the grant.
9. Selected candidates must:
- a) Confirm acceptance of the grant to BNP within 10 days from the date of communication of the results;
 - b) Confirm the intended period of research at 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 agreed period of the grant is subject to review by the jury, who reserves the right to reject the new proposed period. The fellowship shall be cancelled if the dates approved are not respected.
11. Within three months after the end of the grant period, the researchers must submit a report on their research to BNP and 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 BNP and FLAD. Two copies of any publication must be sent to the BNP and FLAD.
13. Failure to comply with these obligations invalidates any other application submitted to both institutions.
14. Questions or omissions, as well as revisions of this Regulation, if deemed necessary, will be jointly decided by BNP and FLAD.

[Start your application here](#)

Lisbon, January 15, 2026