

PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OF CAMÕES, I.P.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

SUMMER COURSE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – 2026

Camões – Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua, I.P., hereinafter referred to as Camões, I.P., informs that, in order to ensure the procedure for awarding scholarships for attendance of Summer Courses, priority will again be given this year to attendance of in-person and online Summer Courses developed within the Consortium established between Camões, I.P. and the Universities of Aveiro, Coimbra (FLUC), Lisbon (FLUL), Minho, Nova University of Lisbon (FCSH) and Porto (FLUP).

Accordingly, applications will open on **5 May 2026** for the awarding of:

- **10 scholarships** for attendance of **in-person Summer Courses**
- **58 scholarships** under the Portuguese Language and Culture Scholarship Program, for attendance of **online Summer Courses**

Applicable Legislation

Regulations of the Scholarship Program, approved by Order no. 1251/2011 of 14 January.

Type and Duration of Scholarships

These scholarship programs allow the learning of Portuguese in specific contexts, particularly in the field of Portuguese language and culture.

The scholarship programs aim to support and promote:

- (i) study and research in Portuguese language and culture;
- (ii) scientific or professional training in Portuguese as a non-native language;
- (iii) training and/or improvement in translation and conference interpreting.

Scholarship Program

Summer Course – One-month scholarships for attendance of Summer Courses in Portuguese language and culture, in-person or online, intended for foreign students and Portuguese citizens living abroad who wish to improve their linguistic competence.

In-person courses may be attended at any Portuguese university.

Online courses, within the consortium established between Camões, I.P. and Portuguese universities, will be delivered at the following levels:

- **A1 Level** – Faculty of Arts of the University of Porto
- **A2 Level** – Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Nova University of Lisbon

- **B1 Level** – University of Aveiro
- **B2 Level** – University of Minho
- **C1 Level** – Faculty of Arts of the University of Coimbra
- **C2 Level** – Faculty of Arts of the University of Lisbon

Scholarship Amounts

In-person Summer Scholarships

- Monthly stipend – €1,150.00

Online Summer Scholarships

- Covers course registration/tuition fee

Financial Conditions

In-person Scholarships

Each grantee is responsible for paying the registration and tuition fees at the higher education institution where the course will take place, as well as all travel and accommodation expenses.

Online Scholarships

The grantee is responsible for ensuring all technical conditions necessary to attend the online course. All associated expenses are exclusively the grantee's responsibility.

Funding

Scholarships awarded under this competition will be funded by the State Budget of Camões, I.P./Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, when eligible, by funds provided under the status of Promoting Company of the Portuguese Language (EPLP).

Start of Scholarship

Online Summer Course scholarships will be awarded to students selected under this call, who will attend the summer programs in **2026**.

Application Period

Applications must be submitted between **5 and 18 May 2026** (until 17:00, Lisbon time).

Application Submission (Documentation)

Applications, including the form and supporting documents required under the Scholarship Regulations of Camões, I.P., must be submitted electronically through:

- **In-person courses** – <https://portalservicos.instituto-camoes.pt/>
- **Online courses** – <https://tinyurl.com/CursosVerao2026>

Applicants are responsible for enrolling in the Summer Course on the platform of the university they will attend.

Applications submitted by any other means (in-person or electronically) will not be accepted.

For evaluation purposes, documents not in Portuguese or English will **not** be considered. Documents in other languages **must be accompanied by a notarised translation**.

Required documents:

- Proof of academic qualifications
- Certificates of Portuguese language training (optional)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Motivation letter (100–400 words), explaining the reasons for applying and how the scholarship will contribute to the applicant’s professional path and to the promotion of Portuguese language and culture. The document must state the proficiency level of the course to be attended.
- Two letters of recommendation from reputable individuals, preferably university professors in Portuguese.

Scholarship award is dependent on compliance with the conditions of this call and on receipt of all required documentation.

Exclusion of Applications

Providing false statements will result in cancellation of the application.

Documents that do not meet the stated requirements will not be considered for evaluation or scholarship award.

All admissible applications will be evaluated by the selection committee.

Evaluation of Applications

The evaluation will be conducted by a jury composed of:

- **Chair:** Rui Vaz (Director of Language Services)
- **1st Juror:** Rui de Azevedo (Head of Division, Coordination of Portuguese Teaching Abroad - DCEPE)
- **2nd Juror:** *Paula Alves* (Senior Officer, DCEPE)
- **1st Substitute:** Anna Amado (Senior Officer, DCEPE)
- **2nd Substitute:** Toríbia Cancela (Senior Officer, DCEPE)

Scholarship Allocation Criteria

Priority will be given to candidates whose scholarship is tied to cooperation protocols or agreements.

Applications will be analysed primarily considering:

- Bilateral agreements signed by Camões, I.P. with foreign countries and institutions
- Projects arising from Portuguese language and culture training programs by Camões, I.P. with other institutions
- Presence of Portuguese language and culture programs in Camões, I.P.'s priority geographic areas (Ibero-American countries, Eastern Europe, Maghreb, Southern Africa)

Final results will be published on the Camões, I.P. Portal within **30 working days** after the application deadline.

Publication of Results

Final results will be published on the Camões, I.P. Portal at: <http://www.instituto-camoes.pt/activity/o-que-fazemos/bolsas-estudo/bolsas-camoes/bolsas-lingua-cultura/candidaturas-lingua>

Results will also be communicated to candidates electronically (email) for the hearing of interested parties.

After reviewing the submissions, the jury will prepare the final ranking list, to be approved by the President of Camões, I.P., and published on the Portal.

Hearing of Interested Parties

After publication of the provisional results, candidates may submit comments within **10 working days**.

Candidates must present arguments they deem relevant, which will be analysed by the jury. A new ranking list reflecting the final results will then be issued.

Non-Discrimination and Equal Access Policy

Camões, I.P., as a public body, promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access. It shall not privilege, benefit, harm, deprive of any right or exempt any candidate based on ancestry, sex, race, language, place of origin, religion, political or ideological beliefs, education, economic situation, social condition or sexual orientation.

Exclusivity

Holding this scholarship is **not compatible** with any other scholarship of the same nature granted by another Portuguese institution.

ONLINE COURSES – TIMELINE

Dates	Stage/Action	Notes
5–18 May	Application period	Online and in-person courses
19–24 May	1st analysis of applications	Camões
25 May	Publication of provisional lists	Camões – data shared with universities
26 May – 9 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearing of interested parties, appeals/improvements • Placement test BY LEVEL + Interview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camões • Universities
11–12 June	Analysis of appeals	Camões
By 15 June	Publication of final lists (scholarships)	Camões
By 19 June	University enrolment	Universities
29 June	Start of summer courses (4 weeks)	Universities
24 July	End of courses	Universities
27–31 July	Final assessment	Universities
By September	Certificate issuance	Universities

The attendance and achievement certificate issued at the end will be awarded by the institution where the student completes the level but will include the logos of all member institutions of the consortium, thus representing a joint and mutually recognised certification.

Training begins on **29 June** and includes, over four weeks, **20 to 30 hours of direct contact**, with class sizes up to **15 students**, and **40 to 60 hours of autonomous work**.