
Católica Fellowships for Portuguese American Students Regulation

Universidade Católica Portuguesa annually awards 5 grants to U.S. Students of Portuguese descent applying for Undergraduate (Licenciatura), Integrated Masters or Master degree programs¹ in any field of study offered at the University, with the exception of Medicine.

Although the grants are awarded by UCP's Schools, and each School is prepared to award one grant per year, in total, only 5 grants will be given each year.

The CFPAS are merit-based and consist of a full tuition and fee waiver as stated below:

- 3 academic years for a 3-year Undergraduate (Licenciatura)
- 4 academic years for a 4-year Undergraduate (Licenciatura) (Law/Nursing)
- 5 academic years for a 5-year Integrated Master's (Dentistry)
- 2 academic years for a 2-year Master's

Grants are awarded for 1 year and are renewable to the extent of the maximum number of academic years mentioned above, provided the student maintains a minimum GPA of 15 (out of 20). Each year the grantee must complete the number of ECTS foreseen in the study plan. (The number of ECTS expected per year may vary for each degree program, therefore, it is the student's responsibility to verify the degree program before applying)

Admitted Students are responsible for taking care of [their visa, travel arrangements, health insurance, accommodation, etc.](#) to be able to travel and live in Portugal.

The application to the CFPAS is conditional to the admission to the [degree program to which the students are applying.](#) This means that after being granted the CFPAS, students must formalize their application to the degree program.

Students applying for an Undergraduate Degree or Integrated Master's Degree, [should check the admission conditions for international students](#), and students applying for a Master's Degree, should check their degree program's admission requirements.

¹ Please note that in Portugal L.L.M.s and MBAs are not degree programs, so they are not included in this grant offer.

I. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a) Applicants must be U.S. Citizens of Portuguese descent, meaning they must have at least one relative of Portuguese nationality in a vertical line up to the second degree, of which they will have to produce proof. (UCP considers to be sufficient proof a Certificate of Portuguese Birth, Identification Card or Portuguese Passport);
 - b) Must have been residing in the United States for the last 3 years (proof of residency required);
 - c) Applicants cannot already be enrolled at UCP;
 - d) Applicants must have graduated from High School or College with, at least, a B or 3.0 GPA;
 - e) The CFPAS grant is not cumulative with other grants nor scholarships for the same degree.
- 1) Application requirements:
- a) Online application;
 - b) Motivation letter, detailing how your background and the academic program you are applying for will prepare you for your career goals (max. 1 page);
 - c) *Curriculum Vitae* (max. 1 page);
 - d) Proof of Portuguese fluency should the program be fully taught in Portuguese;
 - e) Official transcripts of completed degrees (High School diplomas and College degrees);
 - f) Up to 2 recommendation letters; (optional)

- g) Applicants should provide, to the extent possible, proof of activities mentioned in the CV.

Notice:

Following the application period and before deliberation, the Jury may request the applicants to provide additional information, should the documents listed reveal to be insufficient. Applicants may also be required to pass interviews or submit specific essays as part of the application process of the program they are applying to.

Preference will be given to applicants applying for a degree they do not yet hold. For instance, if the applicant already holds an Undergraduate degree and is applying for a second Undergraduate degree, preference will be given to other applicants who are applying for a degree they do not yet hold.

II. JURY COMPOSITION

- a) The Jury will be composed of three members from the Rector's Office and one from the Schools to which the applicants are applying to.
- b) The Jury will grade the applications on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 being the lowest, according to the following scheme:

GPA and Academic Background	0 - 4
Motivation Letter	0 - 3
<i>Curriculum Vitae</i>	0 - 2
Recommendation Letters or other information	0 - 1
Total	0 - 10

III. CONDITIONS

To renew the grant, grantees must have a minimum GPA of 15 out of 20, at the end of each academic year. If a grantee loses the grant in one particular academic year, he/she may regain it in the following, should their average once again be of at least 15.

IV. APPLICATIONS

- a) The application period will be posted yearly on UCP official website.

The applicant has 15 workdays to accept the grant offer, counting from the day the results are announced by email. To accept the offer, applicants must reply by sending the grants regulation's document signed. (Digital certified signatures are accepted)

Selected applicants who have not completed their required degree programs in order to be considered eligible by the set deadline, will be admitted conditionally and must provide official transcripts with the expected grade, by the deadline published on the website.

V. FORCE-MAJEURE

Force-Majeure cases will be analyzed by the Jury on a case-by-case basis.



VI. SIGNATURE

To be filled in and signed by the applicant:

I, _____ (full name),
with identification card/passport nº _____, valid until __ / __ / ____ (dd/mm/yyyy),
stated to have read and understood the Regulations above.

(SIGNATURE)

Data: __ / __ / ____ (dd/mm/yyyy)