



GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE HARAMBEE PROJECT “BECAS GUADALUPE ORTIZ DE LANDÁZURI”

CALL 2019

Objective

The NGO Harambee is creating a programme to give greater visibility to female African scientists, on the occasion of the beatification of Guadalupe Ortiz de Landázuri, so that the said scientists can collaborate more effectively in the development of their countries. The programme, henceforth called “Becas Guadalupe” (Guadalupe scholarships), will be supported by the sponsorship of private and public institutions, together with the NGO Harambee’s own resources, plus part of the donations of the participants in the beatification.

“Becas Guadalupe” is a program aimed to promote the leadership of African women in scientific research, so they can effectively foment and improve the performance of their country’s research centres, creating new fields of research and new research teams, particularly in the two most challenging areas with the greatest personal and social impact: Life (including the healthcare sciences) and The Planet Earth (including resources, climate change, waste management and sustainable agriculture).

The “Becas Guadalupe” Project offers 100 grants, 10 per year over a period of 10 years. They intend to support mobility plans for female African researchers, so they can make research visits of between 1 and 6 months to other research centres or universities. They will be run by Harambee-Spain, and will cover living and travelling expenses (return journey) and medical insurance. The following points constitute the regulations for the 2019 convocation of the “Becas Guadalupe”.

I) Candidates for the scholarships

African women, living in Africa and active in some research group of a university, or a hospital or other institution, located in African countries. Doctoral students will also be considered.

The applications fall into 3 categories:

- A) **Predoctoral scholarships.** This modality includes the possibility of doing a Master or Postgraduate studies in Institutions which have signed an agreement with Harambee. If this is the case, the scholarship could be extended till completion of the Master or Postgraduate studies (See a list of agreements already active in this link www.harambee.es).
 - B) **Postdoctoral scholarships** (under 35 years of age).
 - C) **Postdoctoral senior scholarships** (over 35 years of age).
- The applicants must certify their link with a research group in their own country.
 - Doctoral students must certify their registration in a doctoral programme of their own university.
 - A level B-2 of English or Spanish is required to enjoy these scholarships.

II) Characteristics of the “Becas Guadalupe”

Each scholarship aims to make possible the integration of the applicant into a senior research group. Either in Spain or in an African country, or in the University Biomedical Campus of Rome (Italy).

The collaboration with the host group will contribute to the development of scientific skills, to create links for further joint research and also to complete the personal specialization in their own particular field of research. For doctoral students this can be the grounding of their future activity. The stay should be in a research group in a university different from their own with a duration of between 1 and 6 months before December 2020 (this can be extended for 3 months pending finance and the agreement of the scientific committee).

Harambee-Spain is calling for 10 scholarships in 2019 for African women who fulfill the criteria. They will be supplied with 1200€ per month during the period of the stay, plus the return journey and medical insurance.

In the application they will indicate the Research Group in which they want to be hosted, and they must personally contact the team, so that they can get an “invitation letter”. If necessary, Harambee-Spain can intermediate to ease the acceptance of the candidate in the research group.

III) On the applications.

The deadline for applications will be one month from the day following the publication of this call in the web page of Harambee - Spain (<http://www.harambee.es/>).

The following documents must be sent by e-mail to becasguadalupe@harambee.es :

1. **Completed application form** provided in the web-page www.harambee.es.
2. **Curriculum Vitae** (following the model provided in the web).
3. **(Only for category A) Academic record** with the grades obtained prior to inscription in the doctoral programme. **It must include the average mark.**
4. **Recommendation letter** of the main researcher in the African research group, or the thesis director, or the tutor of the PhD programme. This letter should highlight the importance of the stay for the candidate's professional future.
5. **Acceptance letter of the host research group.** If this letter is not ready on application, it can be sent later on, before the beginning of the stay, provided the scholarship has been granted. Also a change of destination can be admitted if there are reasons for it. Reasons must be provided in writing.
6. **Brief memory of the Research Project** to be developed (maximum 2 pages). The applicant will have to prove her capacity and experience to carry out the proposed Project, which must be integrated within the research lines of host group. The expected contribution of the stay to the reinforcement of her own research must also be justified.
7. **Return commitment** (the model is also in the web page www.harambee.es).
8. **Proposal of travel expenses.**
9. **Copy of ID/Passport.**
10. **Declaration of veracity** of the data and documents enclosed (the model can be downloaded from the web page www.harambee.es).

If some of the necessary documents are not provided with the application, they should be sent within 10 days if required by the Scientific Committee. Otherwise the application will not be accepted.

IV) Criteria for bestowal of scholarships.

A rigorous selection process of applicants will be applied, based upon academic and research merits, as well as scientific quality and impact of the proposed research.

The Scientific Committee could prioritize those applications which have not so far received other Harambee funds.

The approved candidates in the 2019 call will initiate their work in the corresponding research group at a convenient date starting from September 1919, with the only limitation being to finish the stay by December 2020.

V) Formalities after enjoying the scholarship.

After the mobility has taken place, the following papers should be sent within one calendar month:

1. **Certificate of stay** with the original signature of the main researcher of the host group, dated on the last day of the stay or later. The document can be downloaded from the web: www.harambee.es.
2. **An abstract of the activity carried out during the stay**, signed by the director of the research group, or the person responsible for the work of the scholar (maximum 2 pages).
3. **A justification of the travel expenses**, including bills and boarding passes, etc.

VI) Resolution of the call

The resolution of the call will take place not later than 3 months after the deadline for applications. Harambee-Spain will contact the selected candidates by e-mail and the list of successful candidates and reserves will be published in its web page.

VII) Dissemination and Publicity

Those enjoying the “Becas Guadalupe” commit themselves to promote and thank Harambee-Spain in the publications or presentations derived from the research supported by the scholarship.

Harambee, as a sponsor, can also mention their condition of sponsor of the programme “Becas Guadalupe”.

VIII) Confidentiality and data protecting.

The information contained in the applications will be considered confidential. It will only be revealed by judicial requirements, following the laws.

The acceptance of a scholarship implies the candidate’s consent to incorporate the personal data to the files of Harambee-Spain, and the publication of the list of accepted applications.

IX) Conflict of interests.

The grants are incompatible with the perception of other sources of a similar nature, given by any Institution, either public or private, for the same objective.

X) Renunciations.

The renunciation of any scholarship must be done in writing by e-mail to the address becasguadalupe@harambee.es.

XI) Falsehood in the applications.

The hiding or falsehood of data will cause the automatic withdrawal of the accepted scholarship. The funds obtained must be returned, independently of the penalties which might be associated.

XII) Breach of contract by the beneficiary

In the case of breach of contract on the part of the beneficiary, given the nature of the grant, all funds received must be returned.