

Terms and conditions of the call

Research grant from the University of Andorra for sociolinguistic studies on the Portuguese language and culture.

In accordance with the principles of academic, scientific, managerial, administrative and financial autonomy of the University of Andorra, set out in Article 3 of Law 15/2018, of 18 July, of the University of Andorra (BOPA no. 44, of 18/7/2018) and in Article 1.2 of the Statutes of the University of Andorra (BOPA no. 26 of 13/3/2019), the grant is announced in order to promote the research and dissemination activities agreed for the year 2026 between the Research Group in Languages (GREL) and the Camões Institute within the framework of the Camões Chair.

Call for applications:

The call for the grant has been agreed by the Academic Board of the University of Andorra on June 30, 2026, at the proposal of the Language Research Group, after the previous call was abandoned. It is published in national and international format, and preference will be given to national candidacies in accordance with the terms and conditions of this call.

This grant is intended for research staff in topics related to the Portuguese sociolinguistic field in the Andorran context, as well as with Portuguese culture and language, and is awarded in accordance with the principles of equality, publicity, concurrence and objectivity.

Who can apply for the grant:

- Nationals or foreigners, individually or in groups. In the event that a group application is submitted, only one grant is awarded and the group must designate a person responsible for the project, who will also be the applicant and coordinator of the project. The rest of the members of the group will be taken into account as participants in the project.

- National or foreign entities (university institutions, research, technology or transfer centres, companies and other socio-economic actors) with their own legal personality. The entity is listed as an applicant, and must designate a person from the same institution to act as head of the project.

Submission of applications:

Applications must be submitted via email to grel@uda.ad, attaching the following documentation:

- a) Copy of the Passport / identity document of the person responsible for the project
- b) Letter of motivation indicating the contact details of the person responsible for the project (email, telephone, postal address).
- c) Curriculum vitae of all the people participating in the project.
- d) Summary of the research project of a maximum of 5 pages containing at least the following sections: objectives, methodology, planning, expected results and interest of the project for Andorra and/or for the University of Andorra.
- e) Affidavit of each person participating in the project stating that they do not have any outstanding debt with any public administration.

The University of Andorra reserves the right to request, at any time, the original documents to verify their authenticity.

Deadline for submitting applications: until **1:00 p.m. on 10 September 2026.**

Description of the grant:

The purpose of the grant is to carry out research, within the framework of the Camões Chair of the University of Andorra, on topics related to the Portuguese sociolinguistic field in the Andorran context. This work will be part of the Language Research Group (GREL) of the University of Andorra.

Research period:

The duration of the grant will be for a maximum period of one year, between 1 October 2026 and 30 September 2027. The work modality may be virtual or face-to-face, depending on the characteristics of the proposed research and in accordance with the minimum obligations to attend work meetings described in the section 'Obligations of the selected person'.

Requirements of the person responsible for the project:

- a) Have a doctoral degree or be pursuing a doctorate.
- b) Have demonstrable experience in research.
- c) Belong to a university or institution where research activities are carried out.

The following will be taken into account:

- The fit of the proposed research in the lines of work of the GREL.
- The feasibility of the research in the proposed period.
- Related research experience in the field of sociolinguistics.

Obligations of the selected person or entity:

- Attend a minimum of three meetings with the GREL with the following objectives: (1) define the work plan before December 1, 2026, (2) report on the progress of the research before June 14, 2027 and (3) present the final report before September 30, 2027, which must include a scientific communication proposal validated by the GREL.
- Inform and have GREL validate any change that may have an impact on the achievement of the objectives of the research project.
- Carry out at least one scientific communication derived from the research work, co-authored by GREL.
- Manage all the procedures inherent to travel to attend meetings with the GREL (travel arrangements, insurance, etc.), if applicable.

- State, in any publication or any other dissemination derived from the grant, that the beneficiary person or entity has received a grant from the UdA, following the following model: "(Name and surname of the person or data of the beneficiary entity) acknowledges the research grant of the University of Andorra, AD03 - UdA-2026/2027".
- Participate in the meetings, conferences and other activities of the UdA that GREL deems appropriate and in particular the annual research seminar that is organized, in order to present the research activities carried out within the framework of the grant.
- Make an official presentation of the results of the research between the months of October and November 2027.
- Consent the dissemination of their work, abstracts of scientific publications and other documents.

Work topics:

The research must be related to the Portuguese language and culture from a sociolinguistic approach in the Andorran context. Among the topics proposed by the candidates, those related to the following GREL lines will be favourably assessed:

- Portuguese language in Andorra from a sociolinguistic perspective.
- Relations between Andorra and Portugal in the educational, cultural, linguistic and social fields.

Endowment and payment:

The amount of the grant is €10,000 (ten thousand euros).

The payment of this amount will be made in three phases, counting from the beginning of the research project until the end of the agreed period. In order to make the payment of each phase, the selected person or entity must demonstrate the achievement of the following three expected results:

- Phase 1 (before 01 December 2026): 20% of the amount of the grant, at the time of submitting the research work plan and being validated by GREL.

- Phase 2 (before 14 June 2027): 40% of the amount of the grant, in the presentation of the research progress in the mid-term of the work plan, specifying all the tasks carried out and those pending to be carried out until the final phase.
- Phase 3 (before 30 September 2027): 40% of the amount of the grant, once the final report has been submitted (which will include a scientific communication proposal validated by GREL) and the project has been publicly presented.

Failure to comply with any of the conditions specified in these terms and conditions by the beneficiary of the grant will result in the refund of the entire grant.

The allocation of this grant is exempt from Personal Income Tax (Article 1 of the Regulations for the application of Law 5/2014, of 24 April, on Personal Income Tax, and its subsequent amendments).

Selection process:

Once the deadline for submitting applications has ended, the selection process will follow the following steps:

- Week of 14 September 2026: Assessment and selection of candidates that meet all the requirements by GREL. The result will be communicated to all candidates.
- Week of September 21, 2026: GREL interviews with the finalists in order to complete the information presented in the application and communication of the selected person or entity through the communication channels of the UdA.

Priority will be given to national candidacies. In the event that the selection process of national candidacies is abandoned, the international candidacies will be evaluated by the same selection process and criteria as the previous ones.

Incompatibility:

The granting of the grant is incompatible with any other grant awarded for the same purpose, whether it comes from public or private entities, national or international, with the exception of grants that may be received in terms of travel, accommodation, short research mobility stays or attendance at conferences, meetings or scientific conferences.

In any case, the beneficiaries will be subject to the provisions of the Regulations on the procedure for the granting and control of subsidies and public transfers (BOPA no. 38 of 19 July 2000).

Selection Committee:

The selection committee will be made up of 3 members (2 members of GREL and 1 member of the Camões Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua), and must decide according to the principles of equality, merit, capacity and suitability.

Selection criteria:

The selection committee will evaluate the applications according to the following criteria:

- Merits (40 points). The candidate's CV will be taken into account and any aspect that accredits the candidate's abilities to carry out the research work, as well as the fit and feasibility of the proposed research project.
- Interview with the selection committee (60 points). In the interview, the candidate will have to defend his or her candidacy.

To pass the selection process, the candidate must obtain a minimum score of 50 points.

The grant will be awarded to the candidate or entity that obtains the best score in the selection process.

The call will be declared void in the event that none of the candidates or entities passes the selection process.

All persons or entities that have taken part in the selection process will be informed of the result.

Contract:

Within thirty days of the final award of the grant, the selected person or entity must sign a contract with the University of Andorra that will include the obligations of both parties in accordance with the terms and conditions of the call. If the selected person or entity does not sign the contract within this period, it is understood that they tacitly renounce the grant.

Termination of the grant:

The University of Andorra, at any time, can carry out checks on the monitoring of the activity carried out by the beneficiary. In the event that the beneficiary of the grant fails to comply with the obligations established in these rules, the grant will be terminated and revoked. Failure to comply with any of the conditions specified in these terms and conditions by the person or entity benefiting from the grant will result in the return of the entire grant.

This grant can be resolved for the following reasons:

1. End of duration.
2. Failure to comply with the obligations of the candidate person or entity selected for the grant.
3. The unforeseen impossibility, legal or material, of fulfilling the obligations.
4. The existence of incompatibilities.
5. Mutual agreement between the parties.
6. Other legally established causes.

In the event that the selected person or entity does not comply with the obligations indicated, abandons or does not complete the work subject to this grant, maintains any of the incompatibilities indicated in these rules, or in the event of unforeseen legal or material impossibility, and in the event of falsehood or deception, the UdA immediately suspends the payment of the grant, and initiates the resolution

procedure, with a hearing of the interested party; and a claim for the refund of the sums paid.

Personal data privacy:

In accordance with the regulations on the protection of personal data, candidates and entities who sign these terms and conditions and agree to participate in the process for awarding the grant are informed that their personal data will be processed in accordance with the provisions of the regulations.

The University of Andorra will process the personal data provided in order to include the candidate in this selection process, which is done on the basis of the execution of these rules, to which the candidate submits his or her candidacy to apply for this grant.

Finally, the UdA informs interested parties that in order to exercise their rights of access, rectification, deletion and opposition of their personal data, they must send a written and duly signed communication to the dpd@uda.ad email address.

If the interested party considers that he or she has not obtained full satisfaction in the exercise of his or her rights, he or she may file a complaint with the national supervisory authority, which in the case of Andorra is the Data Protection Agency of Andorra apda@apda.ad.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 129 of Law 14/2023, of 3 July, on the consolidated text of the Administration Code, an administrative appeal may be lodged against this call with the University Council of the University of Andorra within one (1) month from the date of publication of these rules in the Official Gazette of the Principality of Andorra (BOPA). In accordance with Articles 52 and 135 of the same Law, the lodging of any appeal will not suspend the execution of the contested act.