## RESIDENCY VISA FOR RESEARCH, STUDY, HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS EXCHANGE, INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEER WORK

Name and surname of applicant:		
E-mail address: Telephone no.:		
Purpose of the journey to Portugal:		
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS		
	YES	NO
<u>National</u> Visa application filled and duly signed by applicant (For minors and incapacitated, forms should be signed the legal guardian)		
<u><b>2 Photos</b></u> , even, passport type, recent and in good condition to identify the applicant (1 for this form).		
<u>Passport</u> or other travel document, valid for 3 months after the estimated date of return.		
<b>Proof of regular situation</b> in case of residence in a country other than the country of current nationality, which must be valid 3 months after the estimated date of return.		
<b>Valid travel insurance,</b> covering necessary medical expenses, including urgent medical assistance and possible repatriation.		
Criminal record certificate, issued by the competent authority of the country of the applicant's nationality or of the country where the applicant has resided for over a year (except for applicants under sixteen) issued by the FBI; This document must be requested with an apostille or remain unopened in original sealed envelope.		
Request for criminal record enquiry by the Immigration and Border Services (SEF) (Not applicable to minors under the age of sixteen)		
<b>Personal Statement;</b> Statement signed by applicant specifying reason for settling in Portugal, intended area of residency and type of accommodations (rental, purchase of private property, or family home		
Proof of accommodation; Lease agreement signed, or letter from inviting institution, or declaration from family member residing in Portugal. Hotel/Airbnb reservations may be admitted, but they will have to be long stay.		
SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS		
<ul> <li>Work contract or host agreement with the research centre or university; or,</li> <li>Letter of acceptance by the research centre or university and prof of scholar-ship or research grant; or,</li> <li>Statement of responsibility signed by the research centre or university to cover admission and living costs.</li> </ul>		



Researchers admitted to a research centre or higher education institution officially recognized under the terms of the legislation in force (Article 91-B of Law 23/2007) are exempt from presenting health insurance or equivalent, employment contract or convention, travel insurance and means of subsistence. Whenever the applicant is the beneficiary of a study or research grant, he is exempt from presenting the document proving admission, as well as proof of sufficient means of subsistence, provided he informs the Consular Post of this fact.		
HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS		
<ul> <li>Fulfils admission criteria or has been accepted to university for a study program and has enough financial resources to attend such program.</li> </ul>		
Higher education students admitted to a higher education institution officially recognized under the terms of the legislation in force (Article 91-B of Law 23/2007) are exempt from presenting health insurance or equivalent, from proving admission conditions or how they were accepted in a higher education institution, travel insurance or means of subsistence.		
All students benefiting from a scholarship, as well as beneficiaries of a scholarship awarded by Camões – Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua, are exempt from presenting the document proving admission and proof of sufficient means of subsistence.		
An applicant for a residence visa, a third-country national with Portuguese as an official language, is exempt from the means of subsistence test when admitted to a higher education institution.		
Students benefiting from a scholarship are exempt to provide proof of means of subsistence, as well as nationals from Portuguese-speaking countries.		
SECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENTS		
<ul> <li>Evidence of having been admitted attending a recognized education program equivalent to levels 2 and 3 of the international standard education classification, in a student exchange framework or through individual admission to an educational project carried out by a recognized educational establishment;</li> </ul>		
Be between 14 and 21 years of age;		
<ul> <li>Proof of having been hosted by a family or having secured accommodation in suitable facilities, within the educational establishment or elsewhere;</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Proof of having been admitted attending a course of qualification levels 4 or 5 of the National Qualifications Framework (QNQ) or training courses given by educational or vocational training establishments, if they prove they have the means, travel insurance and insurance of health.</li> </ul>		
In the case of student exchange, proof of means of subsistence can be carried out by submitting a statement of responsibility by the organization responsible for student exchange programs.		
All students benefiting from a scholarship awarded by Camões – Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua are exempt from presenting the document proving admission and proof of sufficient means of subsistence.		



<ul> <li>INTERNSHIP Proof of internship acceptance by the certified host institution, proof of practical and theoretical training in the field of studies obtained or ongoing, including:         <ul> <li>Description of the training program, including objectives and learning components;</li> <li>Duration and schedule for training;</li> <li>Location and supervising conditions;</li> <li>The legal status of the intern within the host institution;</li> <li>A statement that internship does not constitute a replacement for a professional post and acknowledgement of responsibility of payment by the host institution of living costs and removal in case of illegal stay.</li> </ul> </li> <li>For proof of means of subsistence, it can be done through the presentation of a term of responsibility by the host entity for interns.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Contract with the host entity responsible for the volunteer program, with the duration, schedule, supervision conditions and guarantee of covering food and accommodation expenses, including a minimum amount of subsistence allowance or pocket money; and,</li> <li>Subscription of civil liability insurance by the host entity, except in the case of volunteers participating in the European Voluntary Service.</li> </ul> Proof of means of subsistence can be done by submitting a statement of responsibility by the organization responsible for volunteer programs.	
<b>Proof of Address in USA:</b> Copy of Lease agreement and/or copy of driver's license.	
IMPORTANT: Applicants applying in San Francisco and Washington DC are required to pay the Visa Fee for National Visa  D/E (all categories) by way of a money order or Banker / Cashier check in favor of the "Consulate General of Portugal".  VFS Service Fee can be paid via Debit/Credit card at the center while submitting the application.	

