THE INSTITUTION:
The Universidad Complutense is a public research university founded by Cardinal Cisneros in 1499, by decree of Pope Alexander VI to provide instruction in Theology, Canon Law and Liberal Arts. It is named after the ancient Roman settlement of Complutum, now an archaeological site in Alcalá de Henares, just east of Madrid. It enrolls over 86,000 students, making it the third largest non-distance European university by enrollment. It is one of the most prestigious Spanish universities and consistently ranks among the top universities in Spain. Since its foundation, it has attracted numerous scholars, intellectuals and students from all over Spain and the world, establishing itself as one of the main international centers of learning.
https://www.ucm.es/english/

THE PROGRAM:
The exchange program was established in 1990 by the Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard to facilitate institutional exchange.

LENGTH OF THE PROGRAM:
The Exchange Program covers one academic year to be spent at the Universidad Complutense in Madrid. The academic year at UCM runs from October 1 to June 30. Some activities may start in the third week of September.
https://www.ucm.es/english/academic-calendar

TEACHING OBLIGATIONS:
This is primarily a teaching exchange; there is no financial support provided by Harvard. It is supported by teaching courses at the Complutense either in one of the two Departments of Communications or one of the four Departments of Spanish Philology, on topics in Spanish or Hispanic language, literature, culture, visual arts, communications, etc. The courses are conducted in Spanish. In some special cases, teaching may be arranged through the Department of English Philology, in which case the RLL student participant would be
responsible for teaching English language courses. The program participant’s affiliation while at UCM is that of Profesor Asociado-Lector, with a teaching load of approximately 8 hours per week for both the fall and spring semesters. The specific teaching assignment is determined in consultation with the host Departments, the Director of the Real Colegio Complutense here in Cambridge, and the RLL Spanish section, on a case by case basis, depending on the RLL student’s interests and qualifications. The salary for the 2020/2021 academic year was 21.927,64 €/gross, disbursed in 14 payments.

**ELIGIBILITY/APPLICATION PROCESS:**
RLL students have priority, but other GSAS graduate students are welcome to apply (G2 and above). Both US citizens and non-citizens are eligible to participate. Non EEU citizens will need to apply for a work visa. Katherine Killough, the Language Program Coordinator, will send out an email with the application link to the rllgrads list in late October; the application deadline for the following academic year is on or before November 15, to align with the Departmental deadline for RLL internal fellowships.

**THE ACTIVITIES:**
The Harvard graduate student participant will be assigned an informal faculty mentor or contact person at the Complutense, and will enjoy privileges at the Complutense analogous to those offered by Harvard, including access to the Library and other University facilities, and participation in the intellectual and cultural activities of the University community. As a Profesor Asociado-Lector, the exchange participant will be eligible for national medical coverage (Seguridad Social.) The Complutense offers classes and graduate seminars, as well as conferences and workshops.

https://www.ucm.es/cultura

https://www.ucm.es/english/university-life

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