

CEDIS

Notice of Call for Applications for 5 (five) PhD Research Scholarships

CEDIS - Centre for Research and Development on Law and Society – has 5 (five) PhD Research Scholarships financed by the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. («FCT»), to assign to those who attend or will be admitted to attend one of the doctoral programmes of the School of Law of NOVA University of Lisbon.

Thus, under the terms of the Scientific Research Fellowship Holder Statute¹ and the FCT Regulation of Studentships and Fellowships², CEDIS opens a call to award the 5 (five) referred individual doctoral scholarships (BD) starting from 1st September 2020, addressed to all students already admitted and enrolled in any of the PhD courses at the School of Law of NOVA University of Lisbon, as well as students who come to be admitted and enrolled to attend any of these doctoral courses in the academic year 2020/21.

The scholarships will be financed by the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) under the Collaboration Protocol for Financing the Multiannual Plan for Research Scholarships for PhD Students, signed between FCT and CEDIS (UID 714).

Within the scope of this call, it is the responsibility of the Selection Committee to select the students who will receive the grants funded by FCT. Subsequently, the selected students will sign their research grant contracts directly with FCT.

SELECTION COMMITTEE:

Chair:

- Professor Armando Marques Guedes, Full Professor of the School of Law of the NOVA University, Lisbon;

Members:

- Professor Mariana França Gouveia, Full Professor of the School of Law of the NOVA University, Lisbon;

- Professor Margarida Lima Rego, Associate Professor of the School of Law of the NOVA University, Lisbon;

- Professor Francisco Pereira Coutinho, Associate Professor of the School of Law of the NOVA University, Lisbon;

- Professor Athina Sachoulidou, Assistant Professor of the School of Law of the NOVA University, Lisbon;

Alternates:

Public Law:

- Professor Helena Pereira de Melo, Associate Professor with Agregation of the School of Law of the NOVA University, Lisbon;

- Professor Vera Eiró, Assistant Professor of the School of Law of the NOVA University, Lisbon;

Private Law:

¹ Approved by Law 40/2004, of 18 August, with amendments, and available, in its current version, at <http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/estatutobolseiro>.

² Available at <http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.pt>.

- Professor Vítor Neves, Assistant Professor of the School of Law of the NOVA University, Lisbon;
- Professor Miguel Moura, Assistant Professor of the School of Law of the NOVA University, Lisbon;

Legal and Related Sciences:

- Professor Soraya Nour-Sckell, Associate Professor of the School of Law of the NOVA University, Lisbon;
- Professor Cristina Nogueira da Silva, Assistant Professor of the School of Law of the NOVA University, Lisbon;

No member who is advisor or co-advisor of some of the applicants may participate in the assessment and ranking of applications. Thus, once the application period has ended, members in such circumstances must declare themselves prevented, being replaced by one of the alternate members of the group to which they belong.

PHD RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS – 5 (five) PhD grants

Research grants awarded as part of this scheme are intended for graduates with bachelor and/ or master's degrees. The grants are awarded for a period of one year, renewable up to a total of four years.

The work plan may take place entirely or partially in a national institution (scholarship in the country or mixed scholarship, respectively).

In the case of a mixed scholarship, the work plan period that takes place in a foreign institution cannot exceed 24 months.

TARGET APPLICANTS

In order to receive a grant, recipients should satisfy the conditions set out in Article 30(1) of the (Higher Education Diplomas and Degrees Legal Framework).³

Those eligible to apply are all students already admitted to and enrolled in any of the doctoral courses of this School of Law and all candidates who apply to any one of this School's doctoral programmes in its 2020/2021 Edition⁴ who are Portuguese nationals or citizens of other member states of the European Union; third-country nationals, stateless persons or beneficiaries of political refugee status. Only applicants who have permanent residence in Portugal may apply for grants for work programmes undertaken, wholly or partly, at foreign institutions.

Applicants, in order to qualify for this competition, cannot have been awarded with a doctoral scholarship or doctoral scholarship in companies directly financed by FCT, regardless of its duration.

APPLICATION PERIOD

Applications must be submitted between 00h00 on 1st June 2020 and 24h00 on 26th June 2020 (Lisbon time).

³ Decree-Law No. 74/2006, of 24th March (in its current version, available at <https://dre.pt/web/guest/legislacao-consolidada/-/lc/75316582/201308070100/73324850/diploma/indice>).

⁴ Students who apply can only benefit from a scholarship if they are admitted and enroll in one of the doctoral programs at the School of Law of NOVA University of Lisbon.

APPLICATIONS

Applications must be **written in English** and submitted via e-mail to the following address: concurso.bolsasFCT@fd.unl.pt. Documents supporting the application should be scanned and attached to the electronic application. Applications submitted by any other means will not be accepted.

Applications must include the following documents demonstrating that the applicant satisfies the conditions required for the respective type of grant, according to art. 10 of the FCT Regulation of Studentships and Fellowships:

- Research project that the candidate plans to develop (maximum of 25,000 characters);
- Full *curriculum vitae*, including the final average of all academic degrees obtained and lists of publications with respective DOI (if any) and language skills (according to Common European Framework for languages);
- Supervisor's brief *curriculum vitae*, including a list of publications and scientific production, as well as previous supervising experience, in the case that the supervisor is external to the School of Law of NOVA University of Lisbon;
- Statement by the supervisor taking responsibility for the work program;
- FCT form duly completed and signed⁵;
- Candidate's association key⁶;
- ORCID identifier number⁷;
- Copy of an identification document and tax identification number;
- Document proving the country of residence, residence permit or other legally equivalent document, when applicable;
- Up-to-date documentation proving employment status during the time the applicant wishes to benefit from a grant, or, alternatively, a sworn statement that there will be no professional activity or service provision. Should the applicant wish to render teaching services whilst benefitting from a grant, he/she should indicate the nature of the employment contract, duties and average weekly teaching time. In the case of civil servants, applicants must submit a written statement committing to suspend their employment contract.⁸⁻⁹
- Certificates of language skills (if any).
- Certificates of all academic qualifications obtained on which the applicant intends to base their application, with a final average and, whenever possible, the respective percentile, as well as the diploma supplement relating to all academic qualifications already completed¹⁰, and grades of all subjects taken. With regard to academic degrees, we note the following:

- the **academic degree** required for admission to this call **must necessarily have been concluded by the date of submission of the application**, being required as a document

⁵ Available at <http://www.fd.unl.pt/cursos.asp?tipo=70&curso=13>

⁶ If you are not registered on the FCTSIG platform, the candidate must register by accessing the link <https://sig.fct.pt/fctsig/>

⁷ To be obtained at <http://orcid.org/>.

⁸ Mandatory presentation of all documents proving the conditions required for the respective type of scholarship, as provided in art. 16 of the FCT Regulation of Studentships and Fellowships.

⁹ The declaration on honor must refer the date from which the applicant intends to benefit from the scholarship. The professional situation is only relevant to the extent that the candidate wants and can maintain it during the scholarship period.

¹⁰ Ordinance No. 30/2008, of 10th January

evidencing the award of the degree to be submitted with this application. The mere provision of other evidence that the applicant has concluded the study cycle is insufficient;

- The presentation of the original documents proving the ownership of the academic degree (s) and diploma (s), or the respective recognition when they have been awarded by foreign higher education institutions, is exempted in the application phase, being **replaced by a declaration of honour** from the applicant according to his / her own draft, with the verification of this condition only during the contractualization phase of the scholarship;
- if the academic degree (s) with which the candidate presents themselves to the competition is **awarded by a foreign higher education institution**, the **registration of the recognition of the academic degree** (process regulated by Decree -Law 341/2007, of 12th October) is no longer mandatory, nor the submittal of the **process of equivalence/recognition** regulated by Decree-Law 283/83 of 21st June nor, alternatively, the **recognition of foreign degrees and diplomas** (regulated by Decree-Law n° 66/2018, of 16th August). For more information, please check the General-Directorate of Higher Education website at <http://www.dges.mctes.pt/DGES/pt> (information available in English). The registration of the degree **must be concluded by the date when the contract with FCT is entered into**.

Also for applicants with diplomas issued by foreign institutions of higher education:

- Candidates with diplomas issued by foreign higher education institutions can apply and will be evaluated using the same criteria as candidates with diplomas issued by Portuguese institutions, provided that they present, in their application, proof of recognition of academic degrees and the conversion of the final classification for the Portuguese classification scale under the terms of the applicable legislation.
- Candidates with foreign degrees who do not show proof of conversion from the final classification to the Portuguese classification scale will be evaluated with the minimum classification (10 points) in criterion (a).
- In any case, scholarship contracts with candidates with diplomas issued by foreign institutions will only be concluded upon presentation of proof of recognition of academic degrees and conversion of the final classification, as indicated above.

Important: the submittal of an application for an individual research grant does not exempt the applicant from the submission of an application to one of this School's PhD programmes, in the case of applicants who are not already enrolled (and vice versa).

ASSESSMENT

The Selection Committee evaluates applications according to the rules set forth in this notice, in line with the applicable legal and regulatory provisions, considering the parameters below, and will approve an ordered list of candidates. By default, the provisions of the Evaluation Guide for the FCT 2020 Call for PhD Research Scholarships will apply.¹¹

Applicants will be **assessed solely on merit**, on a scale of 0 to 100%, taking into account the following parameters and their respective weighting:

- a) academic *curriculum vitae* (academic degrees, additional training not conferring a degree also being valued; in the case of students who already attend one of the doctoral programs at this School of Law, the grades obtained in the program will only be considered for the

¹¹ Available at https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/concursos/docs/Bolsas_2020_Anexo_I_Guiao_Avaliacao_PT.pdf

purposes of classification solely in relation to other enrolled students, this criterion not being applied in relation to non-registered candidates, in order to safeguard absolute equality of conditions between registered and non-registered candidates) (40%);

b) scientific *curriculum vitae* (publications, other scientific production indicators and verified research experience) (15%);

c) relevant professional *curriculum vitae* (taking into consideration the project that the candidate plans to develop; applicants with a degree completed less than five years ago will be exempted from this criterion, with the corresponding increase in ten percentage points of the relative weight of the criterion stated in a) (10%);

d) language skills (5%);

e) quality and relevance of the research project to be developed (30%).

The Committee will assess the quality of the research projects submitted taking into account the following sub-criteria: (i) correctness and accuracy of writing (10%); (ii) scientific interest of the project (30%); (iii) integration of the project in the research strategy of CEDIS (30%); and (iv) feasibility of completing the project in the time available for that purpose (30%).

The assessment of applicants' merit shall include individual interviews, in person or using telematic means. The interviews will not have an autonomous score, serving the purpose of clarifying any doubts, contributing to a rigorous assessment of the parameters listed above, and can be waived by unanimous decision of the Committee, as to all or some candidates.

DISCLOSURE OF RESULTS

The results of the assessment will be published by 10 July 2020 on the School of Law's website and communicated to applicants by e-mail. The minutes of the Selection Committee meeting(s) will also be available for consultation.

Those applicants not selected to receive a grant have 10 working days after the publication of the results in which to request a hearing, according to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Code. Appeals against the final decision can be made to FCT within 15 working days of the respective notification, or alternatively, an appeal may be lodged to the FCT, within 30 working days, both counted from the respective notification. Applicants who choose to submit a complaint should address their pronouncement to the member of the FCT Board of Directors with delegated competence. Applicants who choose to submit an appeal must address it to the FCT Board of Directors.

FINANCING

The scholarships awarded under this call will be financed by funds from the State Budget of the Ministry of Education and Science and, when eligible, by funds from the European Social Fund through the Operational programmes of the 2014-2020 programming period, from Portugal 2020, namely the Thematic Operational Program for Human Capital, the Regional Operational Program for the North, Centre or Alentejo, in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Specific Regulation.

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