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**CALL FOR FOUR PHD SCHOLARSHIPS**

The PhD Programme in Psychology of ISCTE-IUL, Lisbon (PDPIUL: Programa de Doutoramento em Psicologia do Instituto Universitário de Lisboa) was selected for funding by the Portuguese Foundation of Science and Technology (FCT- Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia) and granted with 16 PhD Scholarships (4 Scholarships for 4 successive cohorts of the programme).

The Directive Board of PDPIUL will select the fellowship awardees, which will then sign a research scholarship contract directly with FCT. Each fellowship foresees tuition fees and other benefits, including a monthly living allowance, as specified in applicable fellowship regulation (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.en>).

All information about this PhD programme, which is hosted by the University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL) (managed jointly by the Centre for Social Research and Intervention (CIS-IUL) and the Department of Social and Organizational Psychology) can be found at <https://www.iscte-iul.pt/course/48/phd-program-in-psychology>

Accordingly, and taking into consideration the applicable regulations, namely the current version of the Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação Científica, Law n.º 40/2004 de 18 de Agosto and the Regulamento de Bolsas of FCT, the Directive Board of PDPIUL opens the call for individual scholarships for the attendance of the 1st year of this doctoral programme in the academic year 2017/2018.

**1. NUMBER OF AWARDBLE PhD SCHOLARSHIPS (BOLSAS DE DOUTORAMENTO - BD): Four**

The call targets those fulfilling the conditions prescribed in the applicable regulations, namely n.º 1 do artigo 30.º do Decreto-Lei n.º 74/2006, de 24 de março, revised by Decretos-Leis n.ºs 107/2008 de 25 de junho e 115/2013 de 7 de agosto, e 230/2009 de 14 de setembro. These scholarships are for one year in length, renewable for up to a total of four years.

**2. TARGET GROUP**

The programme targets individuals engaging in the development of research in Psychology, and therefore preferably candidates with a master's degree in Psychology. As most of the offered courses and seminars are held in English, the PhD students of this programme should be fluent in spoken and written English.

To the current call individuals may apply that are:

- Portuguese citizens, or citizens of other European Union member states;
- Citizens of other countries who hold permanent residency permits in Portugal or who hold the status of long-term resident, according to the regulation outlined in Lei n.º 23/2007, de 4 de julho, revised by Lei n.º 29/2012, de 9 de Agosto;

- Citizens of other countries whose applications are made in the framework of agreements or international partnerships in which the Portuguese state is a part or has committed itself to abide.
- Other citizens of third countries.

Considering that our PDPIUL scholarships are mixed, only national or foreign citizens who reside permanently in Portugal may apply for PhD scholarships that entail any part of the program being completed at a foreign institution.

The documents accepted as proof of permanent residence in Portugal are as follow

- National citizens – proof of residency emitted by Junta de Freguesia;
- Citizens of European Union member countries – permanent resident permit emitted by Immigration And Borders Service;
- Citizens of third countries – permanent resident permit emitted by Immigration And Borders Service.

If a foreign citizen does not hold a permanent resident permit, the foreseen scholarship can be national. In this particular case, the permanent resident permit can be replaced by an individual interview-based selection method.

All the documents must be issued with a date not later than the deadline of this call and be valid at the day of the signature of the contract.

### **3. HOST INSTITUTION**

The University Institute of Lisbon (Instituto Universitário de Lisboa: ISCTE-IUL) is the host institution and the Centre for Social Research and Intervention (CIS-IUL) is the participating institution in the PhD programme according to the norms and regulations of PDPIUL.

### **4. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates can apply if they:

- a) hold a master degree, or legal equivalent, in Psychology or in other scientific domains that are recognized by the Directive Board of the PhD programme as adequate for pursuing this particular PhD programme;
- b) hold a bachelor degree, or legal equivalent, in Psychology or in other scientific domains that are recognized by the Directive Board of the PhD programme as adequate for pursuing this particular PhD programme;

Candidates for the PhD scholarships must have completed the required academic degree and have received official documentation (e.g., diploma) before submitting their application to be eligible for the scholarship.

Academic degrees awarded by Non-Portuguese higher education institutions must be submitted for recognition to one of the entitled institutions in Portugal (Decree-Law No. 341/2007, 12<sup>th</sup> October), or alternatively, the holder of a Non-Portuguese academic degree may present proof of previous recognition or equivalence provided by an entitled institution (Decree-Law No. 283/83, 21<sup>st</sup> June). Applicants are advised to consult the website of the General Directorate of Higher Education: <http://www.dges.mec.pt/en/>. The registration of the recognition of Non-Portuguese academic degrees must be completed at the time of submission of the application.

In order to prove the registration of the foreign diploma, it is mandatory to present a copy of the registration of the diploma that confers a recognized degree.

c) have an educative, scientific or professional track record that is recognized by the Directive Board of the PhD programme as adequate for pursuing this particular PhD programme;

d) For candidates that hold a master degree in a scientific domain other than psychology the Directive Board can, after referring to the supervisor, recommend further complementary training. The approval of the candidate in the first year will be dependent upon the successful completion of the courses defined for this complementary training;

e) All candidates should have as supervisor a PhD in Psychology or related scientific domain with a record of accomplishment that is relevant for the area of the PhD project. Apart from holding a PhD in Psychology or related relevant disciplines, a supervisor of a PhD students of this programme should:

1) Have published (or accepted for publication) at least 3 articles in international journals indexed in Web of Science (WoS) (2 articles in case supervisors have defended their PhD thesis in the last 4 years)

2) Fulfil at least two out of the following conditions:

2.1 Having experience as a Principal Investigator in a funded research project (or as junior researcher obtained a post-doc grant, Marie Curie fellowship or comparable competitive funding)

2.2 Having successfully supervised a PhD (concluded) in Psychology

2.3 Having at least one WoS publication for each year since the year following their own PhD viva.

3) The number of simultaneous supervisions of PhD theses is limited to a maximum of five for each supervisor.

Non-Portuguese candidates are expected to take residence in Portugal, and all candidates are expected to take residence at a location that permits her/his regular attendance at ISCTE-IUL, for the duration of the PhD (except for the periods in which they engage in research internships abroad).

## 5. APPLICATION PROCESS

To formalize their scholarship application, those interested should apply online to the PhD Programme in Psychology of ISCTE-IUL via the webpage <https://www.iscte-iul.pt/course/48/phd-program-in-psychology/candidacy> and annex the application form (available at the webpage) filled-in, as well as the CV of the supervisor. Moreover, they should state (in the application form) their acknowledgment and acceptance of the applicable norms and conditions as stipulated in the Regulations for Research Fellowships of FCT.

A copy of the document of permanent residence permit in Portugal (see section 2) and, if it applies, a copy of the document of the registration of the diploma that confers a recognized degree (see section 4, a) and b)) must be send to [phd.psychology@iscte.pt](mailto:phd.psychology@iscte.pt)

## 6. APPLICATION PERIOD

The call is open between May 2nd and September 4th of 2017.

## 7. SELECTION AND RANKING CRITERIA

The selection of candidates foresees an individual interview (face-to-face interview or videoconference interview), that evaluates the knowledge of the project and the English level, and follows the criteria defined at the Ata de fixação dos critérios de avaliação from February 3rd, 2017:

1 - The evaluation of the candidates' academic curriculum will be based on the following criteria:

- a) Final classification in their Bachelor's degree: up to 14 out of 20 - 0.5 points; 15 out of 20 - 1 point; 16 out of 20 - 1.5 points; 17 out of 20 - 2 points; from 18 to 20 out of 20 - 2.5 points;
- b) Final classification in their Master's degree: up to 14 out of 20 - 0.5 points; 15 out of 20 - 1 point; 16 out of 20 - 1.5 points; 17 out of 20 - 2 points; from 18 to 20 out of 20 - 2.5 points.
- c) Scientific domain of the Bachelor's degree: 1 point if it is psychology and zero in all the remaining situations;
- d) Scientific domain of the Master's degree: 1 point if it is psychology and zero in all the remaining situations.

(In the case that candidates have obtained their qualifications outside of Portugal the official rules of equivalence between the classifications of each country and the Portuguese scale of 0-20 apply.)

2 - The evaluation of the candidate's scientific curriculum will be based on the following criteria:

a) Participation in research projects:

- no involvement - 0 points;
- low intensity participation (equivalent to involvement in research activities without holding a fellowship or an internship in a research centre) - 1 point;
- medium intensity participation (equivalent to involvement in research activities in part-time up to 12 months or a total of less than six months full-time) - 2 points;
- high intensity participation (equivalent to 6 months or more full-time research fellowship or one year or more as a part-time research assistant on projects not related to the application) - 3 points;
- high intensity participation in projects in a relevant area (equivalent to 6 months or more full-time fellowship or one year or more as a part-time research assistant on projects related to the application – either at the theoretical and / or methodological level) - 4 points.

b) Scientific publications: 2 points for each scientific paper in English indexed in WoS; 1 point for every scientific article in another language indexed in WoS; 0.5 each other peer reviewed publications. The maximum value of the criterion 2b) cannot be higher than 6.

3 - The evaluation of the professional curricula of the candidates excludes activities considered in preceding criteria and will be based on the following criteria:

- Not relevant to the PhD project (e.g., distinct professional field) - 0 points;
- Relevant to the PhD Project, up to 6 months experience (cumulative, full-time equivalent) - 1 point;

- Relevant to the PhD Project, and 6 months to 1 year of experience (cumulative, full-time equivalent) - 2 points;
- Relevant to the PhD project and more than 1 year of experience (cumulative, full-time equivalent) - 3 points.

4 - The evaluation of the PhD project (template available at the webpage) will be based on the following criteria:

- a) The Programme Director will appoint two reviewers to evaluate the project, from the existing pool of researchers working on the specific area of the project;
- b) Each reviewer will recommend the acceptance or refusal of the project. Projects that were accepted are ranked by the reviewers with A (10 points), B (6 points) or C (2 points). The classification will be assigned by the mean of the two independent evaluations.

5 – The overall score will be presented on a scale from 0 to 20 which results from the following formula :  
(academic curriculum + scientific curriculum + professional curriculum + evaluation of the PhD project) \* 2/3.

## 8. DISSIMINATION OF RESULTS

The results of the evaluation and ranking will be sent to the candidates by email and posted at <https://www.iscte-iul.pt/course/48/phd-program-in-psychology/candidacy> . After being notified of the results, the candidates have 10 working days to request a hearing according to the Code of Administrative Proceedings (Código do Procedimento Administrativo). Formal contestations of the final decision can be sent to the Directive Council of Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, IP within 15 workdays after the notification.

## 9. FINANCING

The scholarships awarded within the current call are financed by funds from the National Budget of the Ministry of Education and Science and, if eligible, by the European Social Fund, through the Operational Programs 2014-2020, within Portugal 2020 funding (namely, the Programa Operacional Temático do Capital Humano, o Programa Operacional Regional do Norte, do Centro ou do Alentejo) and abiding by the current dispositions of the Regulamento Específico.

The Regulations for Research Fellowships of FCT, available at <http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.en> apply to all issues that are not considered by the current call.

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