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1 - The evaluation of the candidates' academic curriculum, with a total of 6 points, considers the following criteria (30%):

a) Final classification of the Bachelors' degree on the scale of 0 to 20 X 0.15.

b) Final classification of the Master's degree on a scale of 0 to 20 X 0.15.

2 - The evaluation of the scientific curriculum of the candidates considers the following criteria for a total of 5 points (25%):

a) Participation in research projects (the duration and typology of the reported activities will be assessed):

- medium-low participation: 1 point;

- high participation: 2 points;

b) Scientific publications, with a maximum total of 3 points:

- each scientific article indexed in Scopus: 1.5 points

- each of the other publications: 0.5 points

3 - The assessment of the candidates' professional curriculum, totaling 3 points, takes into account the following criteria (15%):

- Experience with indirect relevance to the PhD project (related area) - 1 value;

- Experience with direct relevance to the PhD project (related area) - 3 points;

4 - The assessment of the Letter of Motivation for the PhD in Psychology, the research interests and their suitability for the research areas of CIS-Iscte, is based on a scale of 0 to 20 points, and a total of 6 points (30%).

The Application Review Committee may, at its option, supplement the assessment of motivation with an individual interview.

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5 - The final score will be presented on a scale of 0 to 20, resulting from the following weighted formula: (academic curriculum + scientific curriculum + professional curriculum + assessment of the letter of motivation).

6 - In the case of a tie, the following evaluation criteria will be considered as tie-breakers, in the following order of precedence:

Merit of the Applicant (sum of the gross scores of criteria 1+2+3);

Merit of the Motivation Letter (raw score for criterion 4).

MINIMUM SCORE

Candidates with a score below 10 will not be admitted.

FOREIGN DEGREE HOLDERS

Applicants holding certificates or diplomas issued by foreign higher education institutions must ensure that the documents submitted with their application:

- Mention the final classification obtained for the completion of the degree and the respective positive scale; if no final classification is mentioned, the grade awarded will be 10 points.

- Are accompanied by a document proving the curricular units taken to obtain the degree, their grades and the duration of the course;

- They must be accompanied by a certified translation if they are in a foreign language other than Spanish, French, English or Italian.

Candidates with a foreign qualification are admitted conditionally and are subject to internal recognition of the qualification for further studies, as provided in the legislation in force.

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DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION

Applications must be made exclusively online. The following documents must be attached

a) Curriculum vitae;

b) Copy of the certificates of all qualifications with the respective classifications;

c) Digital photograph;

d) Copy of ID card or equivalent document, if national, or passport, if foreign;

e) Copy of tax card or equivalent document;

f) Motivation letter indicating the topic to be developed and its alignment with the Research Unit.

Applications without the above documents will be passed over to the next stage. If the missing documents are not submitted by the end of the next phase, they will be excluded.

Approved applications that are not admitted due to a lack of vacancies will be carried over to the next stage, if there is one, and will be re-sorted. In the last application phase, they are given the status of substitutes and can enter the study cycle if the admitted candidates are not enrolled for the academic year to which the application refers.

The Application Review Committee:

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