

PhD Scholarships

The Doctoral Program in Psychology (Ref. PD/00206/2013), was selected in the competition for funding of the Foundation for Science and Technology, IP (FCT), having been awarded 4 PhD scholarships, 2 mixed and 2 national.

Under that competition, it is up to the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences of the University of Porto to select the students who will benefit from the scholarships financed by the FCT, being that the research grant contracts are directly resolved with the FCT.

So, under the Research Fellow Statute, approved by Law No. 40/2004 of 18 of August, in its current wording, and the FCT Studentship and Fellowship Regulations, the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences of the University of Porto opens a call for the selection of grantees for the award of PhD scholarships.

These grants are intended for those who meet the conditions set out in paragraph 1 of Article 30 of Decree-Law No. 74/2006 of 24 of March, amended by the Decree-Law No. 107/2008 of 25 of June, and the Decree-Law No. 230/2009 of 14 of September.

Research field: Psychology

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Education, scientific and professional experience

- i) Holders of master's degree or legal equivalent in Psychology or a related field;
- ii) Holders of first degrees, corresponding to a minimum of 300 ECTS in Psychology, Social and Human Sciences or a related field, holders of an academic or scientific curriculum particularly relevant and acknowledged by the Scientific Committee as attesting the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies;
- iii) The applicants for a PhD Scholarship who do not have the academic degree required for the type of grant concerned, may apply if they declare in the form that they will conclude their degree by 31 of July 2015. If this prediction is not fulfilled, the grant will not be awarded.

2. Presentation of a preliminary research project in one of the research areas of the Doctoral Program in Psychology.

3. Candidates who apply for a mixed scholarship must provide a declaration of intention of acceptance of their stay in a foreign university or research center provided by that institution.

4. Nationality

- i) Portuguese citizens or citizens from other member states of the European Union;
- ii) Citizens from other states, holders of a valid residence permit or beneficiaries of long-term resident status as predicted in Law No. 23/2007, of 4 of July, amended by Law No. 29/2012 of 9 of August;
- iii) Citizens from other states with which Portugal has signed reciprocity agreements;
- iv) Citizens from other states, whenever the appropriate opening announcement includes an individual interview as one of the selection methods;
- v) Concerning the scholarships whose work programs might be developed wholly or partially in foreign institutions, there can only be applications from national or foreign citizens who have permanent residence in Portugal.

Workplace: The PhD will be developed at the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences of the University of Porto. Mixed scholarships involve, necessarily, a stay of at least six months at a foreign university or research center, depending on the authorization by FCT.

Duration: The duration of the scholarship is annual, renewable up to a maximum of four years. It cannot be awarded for periods of less than six consecutive months, and should begin with the 2015/2016 edition of the Doctoral Program in Psychology.

Value of monthly maintenance stipend: The amount of the scholarship will be awarded according to the table of values of the grants awarded directly by the FCT in the country (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores.phtml.en>).

Applicable Law: Law No. 40/2004, of 18 of August, as amended by Decree-Law No. 202/2012 of 27 of August, and amended by Decree-Law No. 233/2012 of 29 of October and by Law No. 12/2013, of 29 of January and by the Decree-Law No. 89/2013 of 9 of July (FCT Studentship and Fellowship Regulations); current FCT Regulations for Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.en>).

APPLICATIONS

Period of submission of applications:

The public tender will be open from 02-06-2015 until 22-06-2015

Interview (if necessary): **between 20 and 24-07-2015**

Phases of the application process:

- i) Analysis of the *curriculum vitae*;

- ii) Evaluation of the preliminary research project;
- iii) Interview, if necessary.

Formalization of application:

- i) Submission of applications:

Applications must be formalized, necessarily, by email, to recrutamentorh@sp.up.pt and barbieri@fpce.up.pt, indicating the reference of the Program on the subject of the e-mail (Ref. PD/00206/2013) and accompanied by the following documents:

- a) Application form;
- b) *Curriculum Vitae* (following the available model at <http://www.fpce.up.pt/pdp/candidaturas.html>);
- c) Preliminary research project:

- Title (and subtitle, if necessary);
- Abstract (up to 200 words);
- State of the Art (up to 500 words)
- Objectives (up to 300 words)
- Detailed description (up to 1000 words)
- References (up to 20)

Note: The preliminary research project may be accompanied by a statement of acceptance of a supervisor.

- d) Document where the candidate explicates the transferability of knowledge of the proposed project to the scientific community and to the society in general (up to 300 words);
- e) Certificate(s) of qualifications, indicating the assigned average, document of identification and other documents considered relevant;
- f) In the case of application for a mixed scholarship, the applicants must also submit a statement of intention of acceptance of their stay in a foreign university or research center issued by the institution.

Methods of selection and evaluation criteria:

The evaluation of applications is made on the following criteria:

1. Candidate's merit, assessed by the classification obtained in the analysis of CV (weighting: 20% for research activities; 20% for publications)
2. Classification obtained in the preliminary research project (weighting: 40%)
3. Classification obtained in the transferability of knowledge to the scientific community and society in general (weighting: 20%)

Observations:

- a) The preliminary research project must respect the fundamental principles and values of scientific research;
- b) Candidates with final results of less than 60% are excluded;
- c) The interview is carried out only when its necessity is justified;
- d) The criteria 2 and 3 will be evaluated by professors or researchers external to FPCEUP.

Composition of the selection jury:

President	Félix Fernando Monteiro Neto
Members	<i>Area 1: Cognitive and Affective Neurosciences</i>
	Manuel Fernando dos Santos Barbosa
	Maria de São Luís de Vasconcelos Fonseca e Castro Schöner
	<i>Area 2: Education and Development</i>
	Joaquim Luís Braga dos Santos Coimbra
	Orlanda Maria da Silva Rodrigues da Cruz
	<i>Area 3: Human Relationships, Health and Well-Being</i>
	Maria Emília Teixeira Costa
	Maria Paula Pinto da Rocha Mena de Matos Hüsgen
	<i>Area 4: Inclusion, Exclusion and Cultural Diversity</i>
	Anne Marie Germaine Victorine Fontaine
	Gabrielle Anny Poeschl

Form of advertising/notification of results:

The final results of the evaluation will be published through the list ordered by final classification sent to candidates by e-mail.

If the decision is unfavorable, the applicant has a period of 10 days after the disclosure, to make a pronouncement, if willing, in a preliminary hearing, as stated in the Code of Administrative Procedure. The final decision can be appealed to the Foundation for Science and Technology, IP, within 15 working days of its notification.

In everything not foreseen in this Opening Notice the FCT Studentship and Fellowship Regulations, available at <http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml> (in Portuguese), is applicable.