

## PhD Scholarships

The Doctoral Program (Ref.<sup>ª</sup> PD/00218/2012), was selected in the competition for funding of the Foundation for Science and Technology, IP (FCT), having been awarded 5 PhD scholarships, 3 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:** Education

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

#### 1. Education, scientific and professional experience

- i) Holders of first degrees in Education or a related field;
- ii) Holders of Master's in Education or a related field within Educational Sciences;
- iii) Training activities;
- iv) Experience in research, with some evidence of development of relevant research competences, such as participation in research projects, presentations in scientific meetings, and publications;
- v) Relevant work experience evidencing high level competences in educational intervention and/or innovation;
- vi) 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 December 2015. If this prediction is not fulfilled, the grant will not be awarded.

## 2. 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) Portuguese citizens or citizens from other states who hold a permanent residence in Portugal;
- v) Citizens from other states, whenever the appropriate opening announcement includes an individual interview as one of the selection methods;
- vi) 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 the Universidade Estadual do Rio de Janeiro (UERJ, *Rio de Janeiro State University*).

**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.

**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 **20-07-2015** until **06-09-2015**

Test of foreign language: **11-09-2015 at 10 a.m.**

Interview: **between 14 and 17-09-2015**

### Phases of the application process:

The application will proceed in 4 phases:

- i) Analysis of the *curriculum vitae*;
- ii) Evaluation of the research project;
- iii) Face-to-face test of foreign language (English or French) in terms of academic reading and writing (eliminary), and
- iv) Eventually, interview.

**Note:** Candidates who don't speak Portuguese must (i) prove the mastery of Portuguese language (through a certificate, ...) or (ii) compromise to develop oral and written proficiency within a period of 8 months.

### Formalization of application:

Applications must be formalized, necessarily, by email, to [recrutamentorh@sp.up.pt](mailto:recrutamentorh@sp.up.pt) and [barbieri@fpce.up.pt](mailto:barbieri@fpce.up.pt), indicating the reference of the Program on the subject of the e-mail (FPCEUP-PD/00218/2012) and accompanied by the following documents:

- i) *Curriculum Vitae*;
- ii) Motivation letter:

This is a document that justifies the interest of the candidate to apply to and proceed in this Doctoral Program and that, simultaneously, indicates the field of research to be developed, as well as its pertinence in the production of knowledge in Educational Sciences. This document should have between 5 and 10 pages, size A4, including references (quoted in the text).

- iii) Research project, which is a document that includes:

- 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 500 words)

iv) e) Certificate(s) of qualifications, indicating the assigned average, document of identification and other documents considered relevant.

**Methods of selection and evaluation criteria:**

The evaluation of applications is made on the following criteria:

1. Classification obtained in the English or French language test (eliminary);
2. Candidate's merit, assessed by the classification obtained in the analysis of CV (weighting: 40% for training and research activities);
3. Classification obtained in the motivation letter, research project and interview (weighting: 60%).

Observations:

- a) Candidates with results under 25% in training and research activities will be excluded;
- b) Candidates with final results under 50% will be excluded.

Note: In the final ordination of the candidates the diversity of the research domains will be taken into account.

**Composition of the selection jury:**

President	Isabel Menezes (FPCEUP)
Members	Amélia Lopes (FPCEUP) Alice Casimiro Lopes (UERJ) Carlinda Leite (FPCEUP) Elisabete Ferreira (FPCEUP) Elisabeth Macedo (UERJ) Fátima Pereira (FPCEUP) Helena C. Araújo (FPCEUP) José Alberto Correia (FPCEUP) Tiago Neves (FPCEUP)

**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 unfavourable, 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.

**FINANCING:**

The allowances of the scholarship components, tuition fees and additional support are financed by funds from the State Budget of the Ministry of Education and Science and, when eligible, by funding from the European Social Fund through the Operational Programmes of the 2014-2020 programming period, of Portugal 2020, in particular the Thematic Human Capital Operational Programme, the North, Centre or Alentejo Regional Operational Programme, in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Specific Regulation.

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.