

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ONE RESEARCH INITIATION STUDENTSHIP (BII) FOR THE MARGARIDA LOSA'S INSTITUTE FOR COMPARATIVE LITERATURE OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTO (UIDB/00500/2020)

The Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Porto welcomes applications for one research initiation studentship (BII) for Master's Student (2nd cycle), within the scope of the Margarida Losa Comparative Literature Institute, R&D Unit financed by national funds through the Foundation for Science and Technology (UIDB/00500/2020), under the following conditions:

1. Research field / Scientific area: Communication Sciences / Literary Studies

2. Admission requirements:

To apply for the research initiation studentships, applicants must comply with the following requirements, for which documentary evidence must be provided:

- a) Be enrolled in a Master's Course in Communication Sciences and/or Literary Studies;
- b) Permanently reside in Portugal at the start date of the scholarship;
- c) Not holding a Master's degree;
- d) Not having benefited from Research Grants directly or indirectly financed by FCT, awarded under the terms of the Statute of Research Fellows;
- e) Proficiency in Portuguese and in English (minimum: advanced level, equivalent to C1).

3. Preferred requirements:

- a) To be enrolled in a Master's Course in Communication Sciences and/or Literary Studies, at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Porto;
- b) Possess knowledge in the field of information and communication technologies;
- c) Be able to develop science communication plans suitable for different audiences.

4. Work Plan:

The objective is to develop works in science communication, in order to develop, promote and disseminate the communication plan within the scope of the Institute for Comparative Literature, namely:

- a) follow up the Unit's scientific events, providing technical support;
- b) production of promotional teasers and other multimedia works related to the scientific work of the Unit;
- c) update of the Unit's website and other digital communication platforms;
- d) elaboration of press releases.

5. Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

Portuguese Law no. 40/2004, dated August 18 (Scientific Research Fellow Statute) in its current wording; and University of Porto's Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships, approved by the Regulation no. 184/2021, dated March 3.

6. Workplace:

The work will be carried out at the Institute for Comparative Literature of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Porto, under the guidance of Professor Maria de Fátima da Costa Outeirinho – ILC's Scientific Coordinator.

7. Duration:

The scholarship will last for 6 months, starting on February 1st, 2023. The scholarship contract may eventually be renewed for a maximum of 1 year and during the project's eligibility, on an exclusive basis.

8. Monthly maintenance allowance amount:

The monthly maintenance allowance is 486,12€, according to FCT stipends values. Payment will be made by FLUP by bank transference. In addition, the grant holder will be covered by personal accident insurance.

9. Evaluation methods:

The selection methods used will be the following:

1. Curriculum evaluation (CE) – 80%

- 1.1. have an academic background in the scientific areas of Communication Sciences or Literary Studies (30%);
- 1.2. experience in the field of information and communication technologies (30%);
- 1.3. proficiency of Portuguese and English (20%).

2. Interview (I) – 20%

- 2.1. Personal characteristics necessary for teamwork (10%);
- 2.2. Appreciation of language skills (10%).

Final evaluation = CE (80%) + I (20%)

Candidates who obtain a value equal to or greater than 14 in the curriculum evaluation will be invited for the interview.

Candidates who, at the end of the entire evaluation process, have scored less than 14 points will not be considered eligible for the grant.

Candidates, with recognized foreign certificate, who do not present proof of conversion of the final classification to the Portuguese classification scale or candidates who do not present a diploma (replaced by a declaration of honour) will be evaluated with a minimum classification of 1.5 values in the criterion 9.1.1.

In case of withdrawal of the selected candidate, he/she will be replaced by the next one in the approved final ranking list, which for all purposes constitutes the recruitment reserve list and which will have the duration until December 2023. In the event that none of the candidates demonstrate that they have the profile indicated for carrying out the work plan, the jury reserves the right not to award the scholarship to the competition

10. Selection panel:

The evaluation panel is composed of the following members:

Effective members:

- Professor Maria de Fátima da Costa Outeirinho, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of University of Porto and Scientific Coordinator of the Comparative Literature Institute – Coordinator of the Evaluation Panel;
- Professor José Domingues de Almeida, Assistant Professor (with Habilitation), Faculty of Arts and Humanities of University of Porto – 1st member;
- Professor Marinela Carvalho Freitas, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Arts and Humanities of University of Porto – 2nd member;

Alternate members:

- Professor Pedro Jorge Costa Eiras, Assistant Professor (with Habilitation), Faculty of Arts and Humanities of University of Porto – 1st member;
- Doctorate Bruno Daniel Ministro dos Santos, Junior Doctorate Researcher, Faculty of Arts and Humanities of University of Porto – 2nd member.

11. Disclosure of the results:

Evaluation results will be communicated by email to the address provided by the candidates in the application form.

In compliance with the provisions of the Article 121 of the Code of Administrative Procedure (“Código do Procedimento Administrativo (CPA)”), after being notified, candidates have 10 working days to submit a formal rebuttal.

The final decision must be taken within a maximum period of 60 working days after the conclusion of the preliminary hearing of interested parties or of the public consultation.

12. Submission of applications:

The Call for Applications is open until December 26, 2022.

Applications must be submitted exclusively at the following address:

https://sigarra.up.pt/flup/pt/CNT_CAND_GERAL.CONCURSOS_LIST (Ref^a 2022/65).

The following documents are mandatory, under penalty of exclusion from the Call:

- a) Curriculum vitae written in Portuguese or English;
- b) Copy of the academic degree certificates held by the applicant, specifying the final grade and, if possible, the grades obtained in all subjects taken;
- c) Recognition of the academic degrees obtained abroad and conversion of the final grade to the Portuguese grading scale, if applicable;
- d) Motivation letter written in Portuguese or English;
- e) Document proving acceptance and enrollment in the 2nd cycle of studies at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Porto;

- f) Documents proving fluency in the English language (those for whom the language in question is the mother tongue are exempt from this procedure);
- g) Documents proving fluency in Portuguese (those for whom the language in question is their mother tongue are exempt from this procedure).

Documents must be attached directly to the application message, without links to external platforms/drives. In order to guarantee the reading of all documents, the preferred recording format is the Portable Document Format (.pdf). The files must be named with the candidate's first and last name and must not exceed, as a whole, 5 MB. These can be compressed in .zip format.

13. The University of Porto actively promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access so that no applicant may be privileged, benefited, damaged, or deprived of any right or exempted from any duty due to ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, family situation, economic situation, education, origin or social condition, genetic heritage, reduced work capacity, disability, chronic disease, nationality, ethnic origin, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions, and trade union membership.