

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR A RESEARCH STUDENTSHIP FOR THE PROJECT
“PLAY4LIFE: YOUNG ATHLETES AS SPORT ACTIVISTS” AT THE CENTRE FOR
RESEARCH AND INTERVENTION IN EDUCATION (CIIE) OF THE FACULTY OF
PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATION SCIENCES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTO**

The Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences of the University of Porto (FPCEUP) welcomes applications for a research studentship for the project “Play4life: Young Athletes as Sport Activists”, of the Centre for Research and Intervention in Education (CIIE) of the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences of the University of Porto (FPCEUP). This project, approved in the 1st edition of the CIIE internal call for research projects 2020-2023, is supported through the Multi-Annual Funding (Base Funding, grant no. UIDB/00167/2020), allocated to CIIE by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, IP (FCT).

This study, coordinated by Teresa Silva Dias, aims to understand how participation in sports contexts is associated with the development of young athletes as citizens committed to building more inclusive societies. It seeks to: a) explore the potential of sport to promote socio-educational outcomes linked to the development of civic/political skills and democratic citizenship; b) instigate the participation of athletes in the development of actions in/with the community by increasing the sense of belonging and the levels of participation in individual and collective actions.

1. Research field/Scientific area: Educational Sciences

2. Admission requirements (documentary-proven):

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

- a) Hold a master’s degree in Educational Sciences, Psychology, Physical Education Teaching or areas associated with Sport and Physical Activity, Nutrition, Nursing and Health or other Social Sciences with relevance to the project.
- b) To be a student enrolled, or meet the necessary conditions to enroll, in a PhD in Educational Sciences, a requirement to be proven at the time of the contract, or to be enrolled in a non-academic degree course integrated in the educational project of a higher education institution, developed in association or cooperation with one or more R&D units, a requirement to be fully proven at the time of signing the contract.

If the candidate holds a Master degree awarded by a foreign higher education institution, it must be recognised by a Portuguese higher education institution, in accordance with the provisions of article 25 of Decree-Law no. 66/2018 of 16 August, which approves the legal regime for the recognition of academic degrees and higher education diplomas awarded by foreign higher education institutions and Article 4 (2) (e) of Decree-Law no. 60/2018 of 3 August, and any formalities established therein be fulfilled up to the date of the contracting act.

3. Preferred requirements (for which documentary evidence must be provided):

- a) Experience of participation in funded research projects.
- b) Knowledge, competence and experience with qualitative research methodologies.
- c) (Co)authorship of scientific publications in the field of education.
- d) Motivation to develop a doctoral project in this area (stated in the motivation letter).
- e) Proficiency in Portuguese (if this language is not the candidate's first language, we ask for proof of proficiency, which can be replaced by a sworn statement).
- f) Proficiency in English languages (if this language is not the candidate's first language, we ask for proof of proficiency, which can be replaced by a sworn statement).

4. Work plan:

The main duties of the successful applicant will include:

- a) Carrying out participant observation and producing field notes, participating in the conception and development of the community intervention project elaborated by the youngsters (athletes and young people from the community).
- b) Carrying out focused discussion groups with young people from the communities.
- c) Conducting intermediate interviews and final interviews with the young athletes.
- d) Data analysis.
- e) Writing, in collaboration with the research team, of an article for publication in a scientific journal.

5. Applicable law and regulations:

Portuguese Law no. 40/2004, dated August 18 (Scientific Research Fellow Statute) in its current wording; Regulation 184/2021 of 3 March, as amended by Resolution No. 1301/2021, published in D.R., 2nd series, on 22 December; FCT's Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships, approved by the Regulation no. 950/2019, dated November 29; and Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16th (Legal regime for recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of higher education awarded by foreign higher education institutions).

6. Workplace:

The workplace shall be at CIIE facilities at FPCEUP, Rua Alfredo Allen, 4200-135 Porto, or at other places where the project will be implemented, under the supervision of Maria da Conceição Azevedo.

7. Duration and start date:

The studentship has the duration of 6 months, scheduled to start in November 2022.

8. Monthly maintenance allowance amount:

The monthly stipend is 1144.64€, according to the table of grant amounts for positions held in Portugal (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores.phtml.en>). Payment will be made by FPCEUP through bank transfer. In addition, the studentship holder will be covered by a personal accident insurance.

9. Evaluation:

Evaluation methods are curricular evaluation (CE) and, if the panel deems it necessary, an interview (I) to the highest ranked candidates (max. of three) in curricular evaluation. The interview (I), if necessary, will have a weight of 30% to the final score.

In case an interview is held, the final score (FS) is calculated according to the formula $CE * 0,7 + I * 0,3$, expressed on a scale of 0 to 100 points. If there is no interview, the final score will be the same as the one obtained at CE.

The evaluation criteria and weighing factors at CE are as follows:

- a) Academic path and its adequacy to the themes and objectives of the project and experience in research activities, including those related to the theme and methodologies of the project – 40%;
- b) Knowledge and experience in qualitative data collection and data analysis research methods– 20%;
- c) Experience of participating in funded research projects and/or development of academic work related to the theme of the project – 20%;
- d) (Co)authorship of scientific publications in the field of education and/or experience of participation, with paper presentation, in scientific events – 10%;
- e) Motivation, stated in the motivation letter, to develop a doctoral project in this area – 10%.

If the interview is held, it will be evaluated the oral ability and proficiency in Portuguese and English languages (30%), and specific knowledge needed for the development of the workplan (70%).

Based on the final ranking list, a reserve list will be set up, which will be used until February 2023, for the possible hiring of new grant recipients under this project. If none of the candidates demonstrates to have the profile indicated for the execution of the work plan, the jury reserves the right not to award the studentship.

10. Selection panel:

Chairperson: Teresa Silva Dias, Researcher and project PI, CIIE/FPCEUP;

Members: Carla Malafaia, Researcher, CIIE/FPCEUP;

Sofia Castanheira Pais, Assistant Professor, CIIE/FPCEUP;

Alternate members: Norberto Ribeiro, Researcher, CIIE/FPCEUP;

Cosmin Nada, Researcher, CIIE/FPCEUP.

11. Disclosure of the results:

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

In compliance with the provisions of the Article 121 of the Code of Administrative Procedure (“Código do Procedimento Administrativo”), 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.

12. Submission of applications:

The call for applications is open until September 27, 2022.

Applications and all the supporting documents described in this call must be submitted at https://sigarra.up.pt/fpceup/pt/cnt_cand_geral.concursos_list (Ref no. 2022/38).

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

- a) *Curriculum vitae*.
- b) Copy of the certificate(s) of the required qualifications (degree).
- c) Motivation letter.
- d) Supporting documents considered relevant for assessing the eligibility of the application and for proving the experience and knowledge declared.
- e) Certificate of English language competence (and/or of Portuguese language, if the candidate is not a native speaker of Portuguese) or a sworn statement declaring he/she meets the level of language requirement;
- f) Declaration of eligibility (attached);
- g) Other supporting documents that the candidate consider relevant for assessing his/her merit.

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. U.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.