

NOTICE OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE AWARD OF 2 (TWO) RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS (RS) WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE “SAFE FROM SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE” PROJECT, FUNDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION (IPPF) FOR THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND INTERVENTION IN EDUCATION AND THE CENTER FOR PSYCHOLOGY AT THE FACULTY OF PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATION SCIENCES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTO (FPCEUP)

Applications are open for two Research Scholarships (RS) for students enrolled in a doctoral program or a non-degree course, integrated into the educational project of a higher education institution, developed in association or cooperation with one or more R&D units. These scholarships are within the scope of the “Safe from Sexual and Gender-Based Violence” project, funded by the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). The project is conducted at the Center for Research and Intervention in Education and the Center for Psychology at the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences of the University of Porto (FPCEUP), in partnership with the Associação para o Planeamento da Família (APF-Norte), and coordinated by Dr. Ana Luísa Quinta Gomes and Professor Dr. Sofia Castanheira Pais.

This project aims to understand the knowledge and attitudes surrounding the topic of sexual and gender-based violence among adolescents in the 3rd cycle of compulsory education, from schools in the metropolitan area of Porto. More specifically, it seeks to assess the knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors of students regarding the promotion of gender equality and the prevention of sexual and gender-based violence, as well as the school climate concerning gender equality and sexual and gender-based violence.

1. Scientific field: Psychology and Education Sciences.

2. Admission Requirements, to be documented:

All individuals holding the following requirements may apply for this studentship, pending the submission of the corresponding documents:

- a) Master's degree in Education Sciences or Psychology;
- b) Enrollment in a doctoral program, requirement to be proven at the time of hiring. Alternatively, enrollment in a non-degree course integrated into the educational project of a higher education institution, developed in association or cooperation with one or more R&D units, requirement to be proven at the time of hiring;
- c) Proficient command of the Portuguese language (presentation of a supporting document is mandatory, except for candidates who are native Portuguese speakers).

3. Preferential conditions:

- a) Knowledge and experience in using qualitative and quantitative research methodologies;
- b) Research experience in the following areas: sex education, sexuality, sexual violence, and gender issues;
- c) Research experience with schools;

- d) Experience in community associations with young adults in the field of sex education;
- e) Experience participating in funded research projects, using qualitative and quantitative methodologies for data collection and analysis, and specifying the research tasks in which the candidate was involved (statement from the project supervisor);
- f) Proficient command of English (to be demonstrated through the motivation letter in English, in accordance with section 12.2 d), and/or through certification);
- g) Immediate availability (to be mentioned in the motivation letter).

4. Work plan:

The grant holders will support the project team in carrying out the tasks described in the application, while also collaborating in other activities aligned with the project's objectives, specifically supporting the following tasks:

- a) Data collection and analysis;
- b) Collaboration in writing reports and scientific articles, and presenting work at scientific meetings;
- c) Organization of meetings and dissemination events;
- d) Collaboration in other support functions for the management and execution of the project's research and dissemination activities.

5. Legislation and applicable regulations:

Research Fellowship Holder Statute, approved by Law No. 40/2004, of August 18, in its current wording; Research Fellowship Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P., approved by Regulation No. 950/2019, in its current wording; Research Fellowship Regulations of the University of Porto – approved by Regulation No. 184/2021, published in Diário da República, 2nd Series, No. 43, of March 3; Legal regime for the recognition of academic degrees and higher education diplomas awarded by foreign higher education institutions; and Administrative Procedure Code (CPA), approved by Decree-Law No. 4/2015, of January 7.

6. Workplace:

The work will be carried out in Porto, at the facilities of the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences of the University of Porto (FPCEUP), or at other locations necessary for the execution of the work plan, under the scientific supervision of Professor Sofia Castanheira Pais and Doctor Ana Luísa Quinta Gomes.

7. Scholarship duration:

The scholarship will have a duration of 6 months, starting in August 2024. The scholarship contract, under an exclusivity regime, may be renewed for equal or different periods, according to institutional needs and financial availability.

8. Monthly maintenance allowance:

8.1. The monthly maintenance allowance for the studentships is € 1.259,64, in accordance with Annex I of the University of Porto's Research Studentships Regulations, updated by Rectoral Order no. GR04/02/2024 of 14 February 2024, which amends the value of the University of Porto's research studentships for the year 2024. The payment will be made by FPCEUP by bank transfer.

8.2. The studentships holder can join the Voluntary Social Insurance Scheme (valid for a scholarship contract of six months or more), which is optional (not compulsory) and the reimbursement corresponds to the 1st step of the contribution base.

9. Selection methods:

9.1 These are the selection methods: curriculum evaluation (CE) and, if deemed necessary by the jury, an interview (I) to be conducted with the top candidates in the CE, up to a maximum of 4 (four). The interview, if conducted, will account for 30% of the final score. The final score, after the interview, will be calculated using the following formula: $CE * 0.7 + I * 0.3$, on a scale of 0 to 100 points. If no interview is conducted, the final score will be equal to the score obtained in the curriculum assessment.

9.2. The following are criteria and weighting factors for the **Curriculum Evaluation** (CE):

- a) Academic background and experience in research activities, including those related to the project's theme and methodologies - 50%;
- b) Demonstrated proficiency in quantitative and qualitative data analysis - 20%;
- c) Motivation and interest in the project theme, as well as relevant previous experience - 30%.

9.3. The evaluation factors for the **Interview**, if conducted, will be:

- a) Verbal expression and fluency in Portuguese and English (40%);
- b) Specific knowledge for carrying out the work plan (60%).

In case the candidate ranked first withdraws, the faculty's highest authority reserves the right to call the next candidate, and so on, until the vacancy is filled, based on suitability and opportunity considerations. This process will utilize the selection reserve list, which can be used for up to 12 months from the date of this announcement, forming the "selection reserve list" corresponding to the final ranking list.

10. Composition of the Selection Jury:

The evaluation panel for the candidates consists of the following members:

- President: Professor Sofia Castanheira Pais, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at FPCEUP.
- Member: Professor Ana Luísa de Matos Dias Quinta Gomes, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at FPCEUP;
- Member: Professor Norberto de Sousa Ribeiro, Ph.D., Researcher at CIIE/FPCEUP.

The panel assessing the candidates is made up of the following alternates:

- Member: Professor Isabel Maria Alves e Menezes, Ph.D., Full Professor at FPCEUP;
- Member: Professor Jorge Júlio de Carvalho Valadas Gato, Ph.D., Researcher at CPUP/FPCEUP.

11. Notification/Publication of Results:

11.1. The final assessment results will be communicated by sending minutes via the email provided during the application.

11.2. Candidates will have a period of 10 working days, starting from the 5th working day immediately following the date of this notification sent to their electronic mailbox, as provided for in Articles 121 and following of the Administrative Procedure Code, to express any views before the final decision.

12. Application Submission Method and Deadline:

12.1. The competition is open for **until July 29th, 2024 (23h:59 - Lisbon)** from the publication of this notice (closing at 11:59 PM local time on the final submission date).

12.2. Applications must be submitted on the FLUP website at the following address: https://sigarra.up.pt/fpceup/pt/cnt_cand_geral.concursos_list (**Ref^a 2024/28, Pr. 120**), accompanied by the following mandatory presentation documents:

- a) Curriculum vitae (in Portuguese), with full name, address and e-mail address, detailing previous experience in research projects and other responsibilities and tasks in which you have been involved;
- b) Motivation letter in English (max. 1000 words) reflecting the different curriculum evaluation criteria (point 9 of this notice);
- c) Declaration of eligibility (attached);
- d) Copy of the degree qualification certificate required in point 2, paragraph a) of this notice;
- e) Copy of proof of recognition of the degree, if it was obtained in a foreign Higher Education Institution (to be presented before hiring). Candidates with diplomas issued by foreign higher education institutions may apply and will be assessed using the same criteria as candidates with diplomas issued by Portuguese institutions, provided that they present, in their application, proof of recognition academic degrees (if applicable);
- f) Proof of enrolment in a doctoral program or, alternatively, 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, to prove compliance with the minimum admission requirement indicated in point 2 b) of this notice (to be proven until the act of hiring), or a sworn statement certifying that you meet the conditions for enrolment and that you will present proof of enrolment until the act of hiring;
- g) Copy of a formal certificate of language competence in English (and in Portuguese, if the candidate is not a native speaker of Portuguese) or, alternatively, academic work in English;
- h) Proof of the experience and knowledge that constitute conditions of preference;
- i) Any documents that candidates consider to be relevant for assessing their merit.

12.3. Failure to submit the documents specified in sections a) to d) and f) during the application process will result in the exclusion of the candidacy.

12.4. Candidates may also include other documents they deem relevant for the curriculum evaluation.

12.5. Documents may be integrated into folders in compressed format (zip, rar, 7z). However, it is necessary to consider the system's upload limit, which is set at a maximum of 720MB per file or compressed folder. Each application can submit multiple compressed files or folders, each with a limit of 720MB, with no restriction on the total number of compressed files/folders submitted.

13. Reserve list:

Based on the final ranking list, a reserve list will be formed, which may be activated in case of withdrawal and/or non-submission of the required documentation by the selected individual(s). The highest authority of the faculty reserves the right to call upon the next candidate(s) and so on until the vacancy(ies) is filled, whenever deemed appropriate and at the discretion of the faculty. This reserve list may be activated for up to 12 (twelve) months from the date of approval of the final ranking list.

14. Non-discrimination and equal access policy:

The University of Porto actively promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, whereby no applicant may be privileged, benefited, disadvantaged or deprived of any right or exempted from any duty on the grounds of, in particular, ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, family situation, economic situation, education, social origin or condition, genetic heritage, reduced working capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and trade union membership.

STATEMENT

(for the purpose of applying for a Research Studentship)

For the purposes of complying with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of article 10 of the University of Porto's Research Scholarship Regulations, I hereby declare that:

- I have not entered into any Research Studentship contract to date under the Research Studentship Statute;
- To date, I have entered into the following EBI Research Studentship agreements:

Scholarship Typology	Start Date	End Date	Contracting Entity

I further declare that I meet the conditions of eligibility to join this studentship, as required under the terms of the aforementioned regulation.

As it is true, I sign this declaration.

Date: ____/____/____

Signature
