

Notice of Opening of the Call for Merit Scholarships to Students of the 3rd Cycle of the School of Social and Human Sciences – do Iscte – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, 2021-2022

Under the terms of the Merit Scholarships Regulation for students of the 3rd Cycle of Iscte – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, Regulation no. 173/2019, published in Diário da República, 2nd series, nr. 36, February 20 and deliberation nr. 2, February 1, 2021, of the Management Council, the School of Social and Human Sciences (ECSH), opens a call for the attribution of 1 merit scholarship to enrolled full-time students in the Doctoral Program in Psychology. The scholarship is intended to support the development of research work leading to the attainment of a doctoral degree and doctoral students' scientific and pedagogical skills. The merit scholarship is awarded annually, per academic year, and can be renewed for the maximum number of years corresponding to the duration of the doctoral program, depending on the evaluation of the Evaluation Committee and the budget availability of the ECSH.

1. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The call for the merit scholarships to students from the 3rd cycle of the Doctoral Program in Psychology starts on December 21, 2021, and ends 20 consecutive days after the opening date of the call.

2. RECIPIENTS AND ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

National and international students enrolled for the first time on a full-time basis, and exclusive dedication to the Doctoral Program in Psychology can apply to this call.

The scholarship is incompatible with the exercise of a dependent and independent work activity. All candidates must have a Doctor in Psychology, professor and/or researcher hired by CIS_Iscte and/or Iscte-IUL as their main supervisor, with a relevant scientific curriculum in the area in which they intend to develop the PhD Project;

3. FINANCING

The scholarship corresponds to a subsidy, paid monthly by bank transfer to an account indicated by the scholarship holder and does not generate nor title, subordinate work relationships, or service provision contracts. The monthly value of the merit grant corresponds to the reference value for national doctoral grants from FCT, which is currently €1,104.64 (one thousand one hundred and four euros and sixty-four cents). To this amount is added: i) voluntary social insurance, corresponding to the first level (<http://www.seg-social.pt>) if the candidate chooses to do so; ii) personal accident insurance; and iii) exemption from payment of fees related to enrollment in the Doctoral Program in Psychology.

In any case, food subsidies, vacations, Christmas, or any other subsidies not expressly mentioned in the Regulation for Scholarships of Merit to Students of the 3rd Cycle of Iscte – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa are not due.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE ATTRIBUTED

In the 2021-2022 call, 1 (one) merit scholarship will be awarded for the Doctoral Program in Psychology.

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

5.1. The following documents must accompany the application:

- a) Application addressed to the Evaluation Committee, explicitly expressing the intention to apply for the merit scholarship indicated in this Notice and including the complete identification of the candidate;
- b) Curriculum vitae of the candidate containing the respective academic and professional path;
- c) Certificates of qualifications of the academic degrees held, obligatorily specifying the final classification.

If the qualification certificates are issued by foreign universities, they must 1) be presented in English, 2) indicate the final classification, and 3) indicate the definition of the corresponding assessment scale (namely, the indication of the minimum grade

for approval in the course and positive scale). If this information is not presented, the minimum score will be given in this criterion;

d) Research project proposal, using Form A;

e) Justification of the relevance and articulation of the research project to the strategic plan and research areas of the research unit hosting the research project, using Form B;

f) Signed statements from all members of the supervision team, clarifying the acceptance of the supervision and indicating: a) the name of the candidate; and b) title of the research project;

g) Curriculum vitae of each member of the supervision team;

5.2. Failure to submit the documents required under the terms of this Notice, their submission after the stipulated deadline, or the submission of false documents determines the exclusion from the procedure.

5.3. The Evaluation Committee may also request applicants to present documents, as well as clarifications, deemed necessary for the assessment of the applications;

5.4. Applications and respective supporting documents are submitted electronically to the address <https://recrutamento.iscte-iul.pt>.

5.5. Each candidate may only submit one application to the scholarship identified in point 4 of this Notice, under penalty of exclusion of all submitted applications;

5.6. The documents associated with the application must be submitted in Portuguese or English.

6. EVALUATION

The evaluation of the applications will take into account the following criteria, with an assessment on a scale from 0 to 20 values:

a) Criterion A - Merit of the candidate, with a weight of 50%:

- . Sub-criterion A1) – Academic qualifications, with a weight of 50%;
- . Sub-criterion A2) – Candidate's academic and professional trajectory, with a weight of 50%.

b) Criterion B - Merit of the research project and respective articulation with the host research unit and supervision team, with a weight of 50%:

- Sub-criterion B1) - Research project, with a weight of 30%:

Sub-criterion B1) will focus on 1) the clarity of the definition of research questions and objectives; 2) the quality of the state-of-the-art description; 3) the quality of the study(s) design and respective research methodology; 4) the innovation and originality of the project; and 5) the potential to contribute to scientific progress in the field of Psychology.

- Sub-criterion B2) – Articulation of the project with the host research unit, with a weight of 10%;

- Sub-criterion B3) Adequacy of the scientific and technical contribution of the supervision team to the work plan 10%.

For further decisions on granting scholarships, candidates will be ranked according to the weighted average of the marks obtained in each set of evaluation criteria.

For tie-breaking, the ranking of candidates will be carried out based on the classifications given to each of the evaluation criteria in the following order of precedence: Criterion A (Merit of the candidate) and Criterion B (Merit of the research project and its articulation with the host research unit and supervisory team);

Applications with a final classification of fewer than 16 points will not be eligible for a scholarship.

7. CONDITIONS FOR CELEBRATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

The conclusion of the merit scholarship contract requires regular enrollment in the Doctoral Program in Psychology, as well as verification and confirmation of the original certificates and diplomas by Serviços de Gestão de Ensino of Iscte – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa.

8. RENEWAL

Scholarships can be renewed for annual periods for the maximum number of years corresponding to the duration of the respective Doctoral Program, depending on the

assessment of the Evaluation Committee and the ECSH's budget availability, following the Regulation of Merit Scholarships for Students of the 3rd Cycle Iscte – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa.

Scholarship renewal requires:

- a) Approval in all curricular units of the 1st curricular year at the end of that academic year and submission and approval of the progress report at the end of the 1st year;
- b) Submission and approval of progress reports at the end of the 2nd and 3rd curricular years at the end of each of these academic years;
- c) It is also mandatory for each renewal request to deliver a statement regarding the scholarship holder's work and evaluation of their activities issued by the supervisor.

The assessment issued by the supervisor includes the forecast of compliance by the grantee of the agreed research project and the recommendation of the grant renewal.

The Evaluation Committee will evaluate each renewal request;

The scholarship holder must submit to the Evaluation Committee, up to 60 days before the beginning of the new period of the scholarship, a request for its renewal.

The scholarship renewal does not require the signing of a new contract and is communicated via email to the scholarship holder by the coordination of the Doctoral Program in Psychology.

9. EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS - EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The Evaluation Committee is composed of the following members:

- . Director of the Doctoral Program in Psychology, Prof. Doctor Margarida Vaz Garrido;
- . Director of CIS-Iscte, Professor Carla Marina Matos Moleiro;
- . Director of ECSH, Professor Maria de Fátima Ferreira

10. MENTION OF SUPPORT AND KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION

In all scientific work resulting from the PhD course, it is mandatory to mention Iscte – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, ECSH-Iscte, and CIS_Iscte during and after the end of the fellowship.

11. AMENDMENT TO THE RESEARCH PROJECT, ADVISOR, OR HOST INSTITUTION

The scholarship holder cannot change the objectives inscribed in the proposed research project and the host institution without the consent of the supervisor and the Scientific Committee of the Doctoral Program.

12. FINAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

The scholarship holder must submit to the coordination of the Doctoral Program and Evaluation Committee, within 60 days after the end of the scholarship and in electronic format, a final report of their activities containing the URL addresses of communications, publications, and scientific creations resulting from the activity developed, accompanied by the supervisor's statement regarding the success of the research project.

Failure to comply with the above for reasons attributable to the scholarship holder implies non-fulfillment of the objectives, as stated in article 14 of the Regulation of Merit Scholarships for Students of the 3rd Cycle of Iscte – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa.

Lisboa, December 13, 2021,

The Director of the ECSH, Professor Doctor Maria de Fátima Ferreiro