

**NOTICE FOR THE AWARD OF A RESEARCH STUDENTSHIP IN THE SCOPE OF R&D  
PROJECTS AND INSTITUTIONS REF. BI/GREENCITY4AGING2024**

The Centre for Psychological Research and Social Intervention (CIS) of Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon opens a call for the award of 1 research studentship (BI REF. BI/GREENCITY4AGING2024) in the scope of the project "GreenCity4Aging: the effects of urban green streets on mobility, social integration and ageism against older people" Ref. 2022.03478.PTDC and DOI 10.54499/2022.03478.PTDC, funded by Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P./MCTES, through national funds (PIDDAC) within the scope of the SR&TD Projects in all scientific domains 2022, under the following conditions:

**1. Scientific Area:** Psychology.

**2. Funding Source:** Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P./MCTES, through national funds (PIDDAC).

**3. Applicants' admissibility requirements:**

The following citizens may apply to this call in the terms of Article 9 of the FCT Regulation for Studentships and Fellowships (RBI)

- a) National citizens or citizens from other member-states of the European Union;
- b) Third-party states citizens.
- c) Stateless individuals.
- d) Citizens holding a political refugee status.

Specific mandatory requirements of the candidates for applying to this Research Grant are:

- to hold a master's degree in psychology with specialization in social psychology or related area <sup>1</sup>
- to enrol in a course not conferring an academic degree integrated in the educational project of a higher education institution and developed in association or cooperation with one or more R&D Units.<sup>2</sup>
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not to exceed with this contract, including the possible renovations, an accumulated period of two years in this type of studentship, continuously or with interruptions, in the terms of no. 5 of Article 6.º of the referred Regulation.<sup>3</sup>

- to be immediately available.

<sup>1</sup>If the qualification has been conferred by a foreign higher education institution it must be recognized by a Portuguese higher education institution, under the terms of the provisions of article 25 of Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16th, which approves the legal regime of recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of Higher Education, attributed by foreign higher education institutions, and of paragraph e) of no. 2 of article 4 of Decree-Law no. 60/2018, of August 3rd, and any formalities established therein must be fulfilled by the date of the hiring act.

<sup>2</sup>The proof of enrolment must be presented upon contracting. At the application stage, it can be replaced by a declaration of honour in which he/she declares to meet the requirements for enrolment in a course not conferring academic degree.

<sup>3</sup>For verification of this requirement a declaration of honour must be presented.

#### 4. Workplan

The GreenCity4Aging project aims to explore the effects of green streets on the mobility and social integration of older people. In an innovative way, in this work, we are especially interested in understanding how the design of green streets can affect the feelings of inclusion on the part of older people, in order to promote a more active and healthy ageing.

The scholarship holder will be part of the GreenCity4Aging project team and will carry out R&D activities on an exclusive basis, collaborating in carrying out the tasks described in the application submitted to FCT I.P., namely (using the GreenCity4Aging project numbering and, therefore, not sequential here):

- Task 1. Smooth mobility: context and typologies

1.1) Collaboration in the state of the art related to green streets and design for smooth urban mobility routes;

1.2) Collaboration in identifying best practices and street typologies;

1.3) Collaboration in defining the types of streets to be analyzed.

Task 2. Observe the relationships between urban streets, walking patterns and social integration of older people

- 2.1) Collaboration in the design of the observation protocol;
- 2.2) Observation;
- 2.3) Analysis of results.

Task 3. How older people perceive green streets: walkability, social integration and ageing

- 3.1) Collaboration in the design, implementation and analysis of focus groups;
- 3.2) Collaboration in the design, implementation and analysis of survey results;
- 3.3) Collaboration in GIS mapping.

Task 6. Disclosure and reporting activities

- 6.1) Collaboration in the dissemination of results, namely in the writing of scientific articles resulting from the work carried out;
- 6.2) Collaboration in the preparation of project reports.

The studentship holder will also collaborate in other activities aligned with the project objectives.

## **5. Workplace**

The work will be carried out at the Centre for Psychological Research and Social Intervention (CIS) of Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon under the scientific supervision of Doctor Sibila Fernandes Magalhães Marques.

## **6. Type and duration of studentships:**

The research studentship for performing Research & Development activities by PhD students or students of a course that does not award an academic degree holding a bachelor's or a master's degree, is aimed at applicants holding a master's degree and enrolled in courses non conferring academic degree for developing Research & Development activities. The studentship is foreseen to start in May 2024 and the duration will be 12 months (eventually renewed up to the maximum limit of the funding approved or the maximum duration of this type of grant, whichever comes first), with the provisions of nos. 3 and 4 of article 6, of RBI.

## 7. Studentship allowance

The amount of the studentship corresponds to 1 259,64 €, according to the table for scholarships directly or indirectly financed by FCT. I.P, in Portugal (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores.phtml.pt>), that will be monthly paid by bank transfer to the studentship holder and updated, when applicable.

The studentship holders will benefit from personal accident insurance related to the research activities and can use the right to social security through the voluntary social insurance regime, under the terms of the Research Fellow Statute (EBI). The financial entity will ensure the charges resulting from contributions under the terms and with the limits provided in EBI.

## 8. Selection methods and evaluation criteria:

8.1. Curriculum evaluation will be performed considering the *Curriculum Vitae* and the Motivation Letter submitted and will be exclusively based on the merit of the candidate. The following criteria will be evaluated and weighted as indicated on a scale from 0 to 100:

a) *Curriculum Vitae* (70%)

- Graduate degree final grade (35%).
- Research collaboration experience in the field of social psychology, with a focus on environment or health (15%)
- Experience using quantitative and qualitative data analysis methodologies (10%)
- Experience in the dissemination and promotion of scientific research results (10%)

b) Motivation Letter (30%).

8.2. Candidates will be scored from 0 to 100 in each of the above evaluation criteria.

8.3. Completed the curriculum evaluation, the jury reserves the right to call the three candidates ranked first, for an interview (in this case, they will be notified by e-mail).

8.4 During the interview, it will be discussed the topics related to the work plan, previous experience, motivation and CV.

8.5. If the interview is included, the final grade will have a weighting of 70% curriculum evaluation and 30% interview.

8.6. In the case of a tie, the chair of the selection jury has the casting vote.

8.7. The jury reserves the right to not award the grant if none of the candidates matches the desired profile.

8.8. The current call might be closed until the publication of the final ranked list of the candidates and is valid for 12 months period starting from the publication date of the final ranked list of the current procedure.

### **9. Composition of the Selection Jury:**

President: Doctor Sibila Marques, Assistant Professor at Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon

Effective member: Doctor Sara Eloy, Assistant Professor at Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon

Effective member: Doctor Leonor Bettencourt, Researcher at Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon

Alternate member: Doctor Carla Moleiro, Associate Professor, Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon

Alternate member: Doctor Susana Batel, Researcher, Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon

### **10. Application deadline**

The call is open from March 13<sup>th</sup> to March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Only applications submitted within the deadline will be admitted.

### **11. Application submission**

It is mandatory to submit the applications through the recruitment platform at <https://recrutamento.iscte-iul.pt/jobs/458>, by the deadline fixed in this notice with the following reference call "BI/GREENCITY4AGING2024".

11.1. Applications must be accompanied by these documents:

- a) *Curriculum vitae*
- b) Motivation letter
- c) Copy of the academic degree certificate required to this call with final grade or declaration of honour (declaration template is available at <https://recrutamento.iscte-iul.pt/jobs/458>).

*In case of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions, to guarantee the application of the principle of equal treatment to candidates holding foreign and national academic degrees, Degree and Diploma Recognition and conversion of the respective final grade to the Portuguese grading scale is mandatory. The recognition of higher education foreign*

*degrees or diplomas as well as conversion of the final grade to the Portuguese scale may be issued by Public Higher Education Institutions or by the Directorate-General for Higher Education (DGES, only in case of automatic recognition). For getting more information about this, we suggested to consult DGES portal through this link: <http://www.dges.gov.pt>. When awarded by foreign higher education institutions, documents of proof of the academic degrees hold by the candidate or recognition document, can be substituted at the application stage by a declaration of honour (template provided by the institution opening the call). However, the studentship granting is still dependent on the presentation documents of proof of the academic degrees hold by the candidate and that are mandatory for studentship granting.*

- d) Proof of enrolment in a course that does not confer an academic degree, integrated in the educative project of a higher education institution, and developed in close collaboration with one or several R&D units or declaration of honour in which he/she declares to meet the requirements for enrolment in a course not conferring academic degree (declaration template is available at <https://recrutamento.iscte-iul.pt/jobs/458>).
- e) Declaration of honour stating that he/she does not exceed with this contract, including the possible renovations, an accumulated period of two years in this type of studentship, continuously or with interruptions
- f) Proof of application submission duly signed, if required by the recruitment platform <https://recrutamento.iscte-iul.pt/jobs/458>. once the documents has been submitted.

11.2. All documents referred must be submitted in pdf format.

11.3. The candidates that do not submit all the documents referred in a-f will not be admitted to the call.

11.4. If necessary, candidates can contact by e-mail to: [marina.gonzalez@iscte-iul.pt](mailto:marina.gonzalez@iscte-iul.pt).

## **12. Results disclosure**

The results of the evaluation will be published and notified no later than 90 working days after the closing date for submission of applications, via e-mail to the e-mail address used by the candidate and indicated in the application.

## **13. Deadlines and procedures for preliminary hearing, claims and appeals**

Once the provisional ranked list of the evaluation results has been communicated, applicants who have an unfavourable provisional decision may use their right to dispute it during the preliminary hearing phase, which takes place within 10 working

days, according to Articles no. 121 and the following of the Administrative Procedure Code (CPA).

The final decision will be disclosed after the analysis of applicants' arguments presented in the preliminary hearing. Final decision can be claimed within 15 working days or, alternatively, appealed within 30 working days, after the communication date of the final results, respectively. Applicants who choose to submit a claim should present their arguments to the competent body. Applicants who prefer to submit an appeal should present their arguments to the highest superior body of the author of the act or omission, except if the decision competencies were delegated or sub-delegated.

#### **14. Requirements for Studentship Granting**

After communication of conditional granting of the studentship, the contract can only be signed after receiving all the documents required. The following documents are of mandatory submission for the studentship contract:

- a) Copy of personal identification and tax number documents (and social security documents, when applicable), as well as bank account data and Ciência ID.
- b) Copy of the academic degree certificate required to this call with final grade/ Proof of recognition of foreign academic degrees and conversion of the respective final classifications into the Portuguese classification scale.
- c) Proof of enrolment in a course that does not confer an academic degree, integrated in the educative project of a higher education institution and developed in close collaboration with one or several R&D units.
- d) Supervisor(s) statement accepting the responsibility of supervising the work plan, as established in Article no. 5-A of the Statute for Research Fellowships.
- e) Document issued by the host institution(s) where the work plan will be carried out, accepting the candidate and guaranteeing the necessary conditions to the successful development of the work plan, as well as the fulfilment of the duties established in Article no. 13 of the Research Fellowship Holder Statute.
- f) Updated document proving compliance with the exclusive dedication regime; (template will be provided by the contracting entity).

## **15. Non-discrimination and equal opportunity policy**

Iscte- University Institute of Lisbon actively promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access; therefore, no applicant can be privileged to, benefited from or deprived of any right or exempt from any duty, in particular due to ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family situation, economic situation, education, origin or social condition, genetic assets, reduced work capacity, disability, chronic disease, nationality, ethnic origin or race, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and union membership.

## **16. Applicable legislation and regulations**

Research Fellowship Holder Statute, approved by the Law no. 40/2004, of 18th of August, in its current version, FCT Regulation of Research Fellowships, approved by the Regulation no. 950/2019, published in the Series II of the DR, of 16th December 2018 (Legal regime of recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of higher education awarded by foreign higher education institutions), and by other applicable national and European legislation.

The models for the scholarship contract and the final report to be drawn up by the scholarship holder and supervisors can be consulted at <https://recrutamento.iscte-iul.pt/jobs/458>. and <https://www.cis.iscte-iul.pt/news-events/categories/positions-calls>.