

**Call for applications for a Merit Scholarship for Psychology PhD students at Iscte -
Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, 2024-2025**

Under the terms of the Regulation on Merit Scholarships for 3rd Cycle Students at Iscte - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (Regulation no. 742/2022), published in Diário da República, 2nd series, no. 149, of 3 October 2022, and Deliberation no. 525 of 16 January 2024 of the Iscte Management Board, the School of Social Sciences and Humanities is calling for applications for one (1) Merit Scholarship to support the preparation of research work leading to a PhD degree in Psychology at Iscte - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa.

The Merit Scholarship, designed to develop the scientific and pedagogical skills of doctoral students, is awarded annually, per academic year, and may be renewed for a maximum period of up to three years, or for the maximum number of years corresponding to the duration of the respective doctoral programme.

1. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The call for Merit Scholarships for students in the 3rd cycle of the Doctoral Programme in Psychology begins on 10 September 2024 and ends on 22 October 2024.

2. RECIPIENTS AND ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

Students enrolled on a full-time, full-time basis and enrolled for the first time in the 1st year of the Doctoral Programme in Psychology, or who meet the exceptional conditions defined in Regulation 742/2022, may apply to this competition.

The grant is incompatible with the exercise of a dependent and independent labour activity.

3. FINANCING

The grant takes the form of an allowance, paid monthly by bank transfer to an account to be indicated by the grant holder, and does not generate or entitle subordinate labour relations or service contracts. The monthly value of the Merit Scholarship corresponds to the reference value for FCT national doctoral scholarships, which is currently €1,259.64 (one thousand two hundred and fifty-nine euros and sixty-four cents).

To this amount is added: i) voluntary social insurance, corresponding to the first bracket (<http://www.seg-social.pt>), if the candidate chooses to opt in; ii) personal accident insurance; and iii) exemption from tuition fees for enrolment on the Doctoral Programme in Psychology.

Food, holiday, Christmas or any other allowances not expressly mentioned in the Regulations for Merit Scholarships for 3rd Cycle Students at Iscte - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa are not payable in any case.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED

In the 2024-2025 call, 1 (one) Merit Scholarship will be awarded for the Doctoral Programme in Psychology.

5. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. The application must be accompanied by the following documents:

- a) Application addressed to the Evaluation Committee, expressly stating the intention to apply for the Merit Scholarship indicated in this Notice and including the candidate's full identification;
- b) The candidate's curriculum vitae detailing his/her academic
- c) Certificates of qualification for the academic degrees held, necessarily 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 evaluation scale (namely, the minimum mark for

passing the course and a positive scale). If this information is not provided, the lowest score will be awarded for this criterion.

d) Research project proposal, written in Portuguese or English, using **Form A**, and containing the following elements:

- Summary: Abstract of the research work to be conducted (max. 150 words)
- Objectives: What is meant to be known/achieved with the research project (max. 300 words)
- State of the Art: Present situation, in scientific terms, of the project's research area (max. 500 words)
- Detailed Description: Description of the research project with detailed with detailed information allowing for the evaluation by the Evaluation Commission (max. 1000 words)
- References (max. 20 references)

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**;

5.2 Failure to submit the documents required under the terms of this Notice, submitting them after the stipulated deadline, or submitting false documents will result in exclusion from the procedure.

5.3 The Evaluation Committee may also ask candidates to submit other documents, as well as clarifications that may be considered necessary for the assessment of applications.

5.4 Applications and their supporting documents are submitted electronically via the Recruitment Platform, accessible at: <https://recrutamento.iscte-iul.pt>.

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

6. EVALUATION

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria, on a scale of 0 to 20:

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

- . Sub-criterion A1) - Academic qualifications, with a weight of 25%;
- . Sub-criterion A2) - The candidate's academic and professional career, with a weight of 25%.

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

. Sub-criterion B1) - Research project, weighting 40 per cent:

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

. Sub-criterion B2) - Articulation of the project with the host research unit for the work plan, with a weight of 10 per cent;

To decide on the scholarship award, candidates will be ranked according to the weighted average of the marks obtained.

For tie-breaking purposes, candidates will be ranked on the basis of the marks awarded for each of the assessment 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); Applications evaluated with a final mark of less than 14 will not be eligible for a grant.

7. CONDITIONS FOR SIGNING THE SCHOLARSHIP CONTRACT

The conclusion of the Merit Scholarship contract requires regular enrolment in the Doctoral Programme in Psychology and verification and confirmation of the original certificates and diplomas at the Teaching Management Services of Iscte - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa.

8. RENEWAL

Scholarships may be renewed for annual periods for the maximum number of years corresponding to the duration of the respective Doctoral Programme, depending on the evaluation of the Evaluation Committee and the budgetary availability of the ECSH, in accordance with the Regulation of Merit Scholarships for 3rd Cycle Students of the Iscte - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa.

Renewal of the scholarship requires

- a) Passing all the curricular units of the 1st curricular year at the end of that academic year and submitting and approving the progress report at the end of the 1st year;
- b) Submission and approval of the 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 compulsory, for each renewal request, to submit an opinion on the monitoring of the scholarship holder's work and evaluation of their activities, issued by the supervisor.
- d) Each renewal request will be evaluated by the respective Evaluation Committee.
- e) The grant holder must submit a request for renewal to the Evaluation Committee no later than 60 days before the start of the new grant period.
- f) The renewal of the scholarship does not require the signing of a new contract and is communicated via email to the scholarship holder by the coordination of the Doctoral Programme in Psychology.

9. EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS - EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The Evaluation Committee is constituted by the following members:

- . Director of the ECSH, Professor Diniz Marques Francisco Lopes.
- . Director of CIS-Iscte, Professor Carla Marina Matos Moleiro;
- . Director of the Doctoral Programme in Psychology, Professor Paula Martins Castro

10. MENTION OF SUPPORT AND DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE

In all scientific work resulting from the doctoral programme, it is mandatory to expressly mention Iscte - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, ECSH-Iscte and CIS-Iscte during and after the end of the scholarship.

11. CHANGE OF RESEARCH PROJECT, SUPERVISOR OR HOST INSTITUTION

The scholarship holder may not change the objectives of the proposed research project or the host institution without the consent of the supervisor and the Scientific Committee of the Doctoral Programme.

12. FINAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

The grant holder must submit a final report on their activities to the respective Doctoral Programme coordinator and the Evaluation Committee, within 60 days of the end of the grant and in electronic format, containing the URL addresses of the communications, publications and scientific creations resulting from the activity carried out, accompanied by the supervisor's opinion on the success of the research project.

Failure to comply with the above due to a fact attributable to the scholarship holder implies non-fulfilment of the objectives, under the terms set out in article 14 of the Regulations for Merit Scholarships for 3rd Cycle Students at Iscte - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa.