



FCT PhD
PROGRAMMES

ANNOUNCEMENT

Call for Funding of FCT PhD Programmes

Under the terms of the Regulations for Funding of Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) PhD Programmes, in application of the Research Fellowship & Studentship Statutes, approved by Law 40/2004 (18th August), amended by Decree-Law 201/2012 (27th August), and the FCT Research Fellowships and Studentships Regulations (Regulations 234/2012, 25th June) the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) launches a call for funding of FCT PhD Programmes of the following types:

National PhD Programmes

Compulsorily involve collaboration between at least one Portuguese higher education institution qualified to confer PhD degrees and one Portuguese R&D institution registered with FCT. Any institution may be the proponent institution.

PhD Programmes in an Industry Setting

Compulsorily involve collaboration between at least one Portuguese R&D institution registered with FCT and one Portuguese higher education institution qualified to confer PhD degrees, in which any may be the proponent institution, and a business partner with significant R&D activity.

International PhD Programmes

Compulsorily involve collaboration between at least one Portuguese higher education institution qualified to confer PhD degrees, one Portuguese R&D institution registered with FCT, in which any may be the proponent institution, and a foreign higher education or R&D institution.

The studentships/fellowships to be awarded should abide by the rules that are applicable to all FCT studentships and fellowships, namely those explained in the FCT Research Fellowship and Studentship Regulations. Studentship and Fellowship stipends may be augmented under terms of Article 13, n° 4 of the Research Fellowship & Studentship Statutes, approved by Law 40/2004 (18th August), amended and republished in Decree-Law 201/2012 (27th August)

Candidates

Proponent and Participating entities make up the application proposal.

Proponent entities are taken to be:

- a) Portuguese higher education institutions qualified to confer PhD degrees, as long as they are associated to a Portuguese R&D institution registered with FCT;
- b) Portuguese R&D institutions associated to at least one Portuguese higher education institution qualified to confer PhD degrees.

Participating entities are taken to be:

- a) Public or private, Portuguese or foreign higher education and R&D institutions;
- b) State Laboratories, businesses and other public or private institutions with legal status, intending to develop graduate training programmes.

Funding

The studentships and fellowships awarded within this call are funded by the National Budget of the Portuguese [Ministry for Education and Science](#) and, whenever eligible, by funds from the [European Social Fund](#) through the [Programa Operacional Potencial Humano](#) of the [QREN Portugal 2007-2013](#) programme, in accordance with conditions specified in the Specific Regulations of Intervention Type 4.1.

Up to 12 PhD studentships may be requested, per edition, for a period of up to 4 years; or up to 18 research fellowships (BIs), per edition, for the first year and 12 PhD studentships for the following maximum of 3 years may be requested.

The supplementary support specified in Article 9, n° 3 of the FCT PhD Programmes Regulations, is of a maximum of ten thousand euro per annum.

All funds are awarded subsequent to signing of a contract between FCT and the relevant institutions, as stated in Article 10 of the FCT PhD Programmes Regulations.

As regards the PhD Programmes in Industry Setting, the business partners ensure an explicit financial contribution of 25% of the studentship/ fellowship monthly stipend (in accordance with Annex I of the FCT Research Fellowship and Studentship Regulations), as specified in Article 9, n° 5 of the FCT PhD Programmes Regulations.

Within the International PhD Programmes, it is compulsory that the international partners ensure material and human resources that are equivalent to those provided by Portuguese partners. Any FCT funding is considered as a Portuguese resource entered into the programme.

Application dates

The call is open from **20th December 2012, to 17h00 (GMT) on 6th February 2013**.

The respective declarations of commitment are submitted up to eight days after the deadline of the call. Only applications for which a valid declaration of commitment is received shall be processed for evaluation.

Applications

Individual applications should be submitted electronically, using the form that is available online at <https://pct.fct.pt/PortalCT/>. Applications submitted by other means will not be accepted.

All applications should be completed in English, to allow evaluation by international panels.

Evaluation

Only applications that have been locked in accordance with the specifications in the [Application Guide](#), and upon verification of eligibility, will be evaluated.

Evaluation shall be carried out by an Evaluation Panel made up of internationally recognised experts.

Applications shall be evaluated according to the parameters described in PhD FCT Programmes [Regulations](#) and in the [Evaluation Guide](#).

Publication of Results

Applicants shall be informed of the decision on funding to be awarded to the PhD Programme up to 90 working days after the deadline of the call.

Appeal process

All correspondence referring to an appeal should be submitted electronically, in the applicants' personal section.

Regulations and Application Guide

Regulations for this call

http://www.fct.pt/apoios/programasdoutoramento/concursos/docs/regulamento_en_2012.pdf

Application Guide

http://www.fct.pt/apoios/programasdoutoramento/concursos/docs/guiaocandidatura_en_2012.pdf

Evaluation Guide

http://www.fct.pt/apoios/programasdoutoramento/concursos/docs/guiaoavaliacao_en_2012.pdf

Research Fellowship & Studentship Statutes

<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/estatutobolseiro>

FCT Research Fellowship and Studentship Regulation

<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml>

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