

APPLICATION GUIDE

**STIMULUS OF SCIENTIFIC EMPLOYMENT,
INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT CALL (CEEC IND)
5th EDITION**

INTRODUCTION

This guide is intended to support you through the application process to the 5th Call for the Stimulus of Scientific Employment Individual Support (CEEC IND - 5th Edition) and to help you prepare and submit a successful application.

The guide draws on information available in the FCT website, in the section for the Stimulus of Scientific Employment Individual Support, namely the legal documents setting the rules and conditions for this call: the [Regulations governing the funding of Stimulus of Scientific Employment Individual Support](#) (REC) and [the Official Announcement](#) (in Portuguese).

PRIOR TO SUBMISSION

Who may submit an application?

PhD holders of any nationality or stateless with a background in any scientific area who wish to develop scientific research or technological development activity in Portugal.

Applications to this call are submitted individually. However, you will need the acceptance of your hosting institution regarding your contracting and the commitment to support the submitted R&D program. **After submission of your application, the host institution must confirm and associate to your application.**

The entire application should be written in English.

Registration

You will submit your application using this application platform:

MyFCT website - <https://myfct.fct.pt/>

First, you need to register on the CIÊNCIA ID platform that generates your CIÊNCIA ID which will give you access to MyFCT:

CIÊNCIA ID - www.ciencia-id.pt

The CIÊNCIA ID platform also allows you to have access to your *curriculum vitae* (CV) which is necessary to be included in the application:

CIÊNCIAVITAE - <https://cienciavitae.pt/>

What you should know before applying

Official announcement and regulations

Before starting your application, make sure that you are well informed on the regulations governing this call by reading the [supporting documents](#), including the legal documents.

The terms of admissibility, as well as the rules and requirements of the different phases of the application process, are set forth in the following documents:

- **Evaluation Guide** to the CEEC IND - 5th Edition, which establishes the general terms for evaluation under which funding may be granted.
- **REC**, which establishes the general terms under which funding may be granted.
- **Official Announcement** for the CEEC IND - 5th Edition, which sets forth the technical and legal conditions not defined in the regulations or specifies the general terms set forth in the regulations.
- **Decree Law No. 57/2016 of 29 August** (modified by Law No. 57/2017, of 24 July) that establishes the legal framework for contracting PhD holders.

General recommendations

- Prepare your application carefully and timely.
- Read carefully the instructions provided in this guide and in the application form. Make sure that you have read through all the documents available on the FCT website regarding this call.
- Contact FCT only after reading the documents.
- Learn about the structure of the application form before you begin filling it in. Read all the sections of the application form in advance so that you will have an idea of what is being asked for and to give yourself time to gather all the information required for submission.
- You will have to gather information from the host institution where you wish to do your research. You will also need to discuss and negotiate the terms and conditions that the host institution will provide to ensure the implementation of your research plan. We strongly advise you to prepare this information as early as possible.
- Visit the FCT website regularly for updated information regarding the call.
- CIÊNCIAVITAE must be provided in your application. Make sure it is updated in English and that the privacy level is selected to public or semi-public before associating it to your application.
- Choose carefully the keywords that best characterise your application, given their importance in the evaluation process. A repetition of the words from the application title should be avoided.
- Do not assume that the form and rules for submission of this application are the same as those used by other funding agencies or other FCT programmes, nor as those from previous editions of CEEC-IND calls.
- Read the error messages carefully and proceed accordingly. The system provides an **explanation for each error that is detected** when you try to validate and submit your application. It is much faster to interpret the error messages than to contact FCT.
- **You should plan and complete your application process as early as possible.** Only in this way you can ensure that FCT will be able to provide you with the best possible assistance you may need.
- Do not wait until the last minute to make corrections in your application. There is a **final verification process by the system before submission, to detect possible errors in your application, which can implicate corrections and consume extra time.**

How to direct questions to FCT

All contacts and information will be given by FCT via email.

Use exclusively the email info.ec@fct.pt for any queries concerning this call, namely questions regarding the contents of the application form and technical aspects of the website. **Make sure you have read all the available information before e-mailing FCT, thereby avoiding unnecessary burden of FCT's services.**

Please note that FCT does not guarantee that emails received during the last two working days of the call will be answered.

How to write a successful application

Write your application in such a way as to convince a top expert in your field that you and your ideas deserve to be funded.

A clear and informative CV synopsis focused in the most important activities and achievements obtained in the last 5 years is crucial for a successful application. This is your CV information that will be used and analysed by the experts.

The motivation letter and career development plan are also an important piece of your application, where you should mention the drivers of your application and the future vision of your career.

Point out the relevance of your research plan in terms of specific national and/or international interests. It is also important to show the fit of your research plan to the research strategy of the selected host institution.

Read the evaluation criteria referred in the [Evaluation Guide](#) carefully to understand how the application will be evaluated and make sure that your application addresses those crucial points.

SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

Attention: you can submit only one application.

PhD holders with a legal employment relationship for an indefinite period with any institution of the Portuguese System of Science and Technology, namely research centres, national laboratories, associate laboratories, collaborative laboratories, technology interface centres, science and technology infrastructures and science and technology consortiums and networks, whose object or content may include scientific research activities, **cannot be applicants.**

Please note that this query is presented when you start the application: you will have to declare that you do not have a contract under the above mentioned conditions.

The application form sections

The application form is organised in sections, some of which are mandatory and some others optional. The sections that you will need to fill in are the following:

1. Personal Data

Applicant

Name
Surname
Email
Gender

Birth Date
Nationality
Identification Card Type
Identification Card Number

Curriculum Vitae

CIÊNCIAVITAE

PhD Degree

Completion Date
PhD graduation country
PhD graduation institution
Upload of the PhD certificate
Upload of the document certifying the PhD degree recognition in Portugal (optional)

Disability Degree

Declaration of disability (optional)
Upload proof of your degree of disability

2. Application Data

General Description

Research contract level
Title of the research plan
Abstract
Keywords
Main Scientific Area
Secondary Scientific Area
Subarea
Evaluation Panel
Current institution (optional)

Opposed Reviewers (optional)

Evaluator Name
Evaluator Institution
Justification

Motivation letter and career development plan

CV Synopsis

Synopsis of the scientific and curricular path
Major activities and results
The top five scientific achievements

Interruption of Scientific Activity (optional and only applicable to the Junior and Assistant levels)

Maternity

- Number of days of interruption
- Upload of the document certifying the interruption

Paternity

- Number of days of interruption
- Upload of the document certifying the interruption

Serious illness

- Number of days of interruption
- Upload of the document certifying the interruption

3. Research Plan

- Background
- Research plan and methods
- Expected outcomes
- Ethical issues (If applicable)
- United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (2030 Agenda)
- Compliance with the goals of the 2030 Agenda
- References

4. Host institution

- Selection of the host institution
- Description of the host conditions
- Integration of the research plan into the host institution's strategy

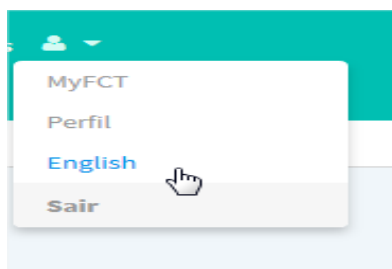
5. Application Validation and Submission

Application form

In the following subsections, you will find a more detailed description of the contents requested in each section of the application form. **Many of the fields in the form have a limited number of characters. Only plain text is allowed. Any other form of presenting information (such as links) will be disregarded for evaluation purposes.**

When you access this menu for the first time after registering your application, the reference code for the application is automatically generated. This will be **FCT's unique identification code for the application** until all sections are completed.

The first thing to do is to choose the **interaction language of the platform** (Portuguese or English), on the top right corner of the screen, as shown below. **By default, the platform will be in Portuguese**, so all the error and warning messages will be in Portuguese if you do not switch it to English.



Updates to the application form are not saved automatically. **Save every update to avoid losing information.**

The various sections can be accessed from the left-hand side menu bar.

At this stage you will have to fill in the following:

1. Personal Data

Applicant

This section corresponds to the applicant's personal data. All the fields are directly imported from your CIÊNCIA ID account: Name; Surname; Email address; Gender; Birth date; Nationality; Identification card type; identification card number.

Update your CIÊNCIA ID if you wish to update any personal data.

Curriculum Vitae

Your CV can only be associated using the CIÊNCIAVITAE platform. Please complete your CV (in English) before associating it to the application form.

You need to give permission to FCT to access your CIÊNCIAVITAE, before associating your CV with the application. By granting this permission, FCT will have access to the subsets of your CV with Public and Semi-public access levels. Subsets kept at a private access level will not be available for evaluation - please **check the [CIÊNCIAVITAE Guide](#)**.

The button 'Give FCT access' is visible in the *Curriculum Vitae* initial menu; when this button is selected, the system opens the CIÊNCIAVITAE platform. When you return to the application form, this button will be inactive.



Remember to give FCT the access to the contents of each section by selecting the privacy level to Public or Semi-public.

By selecting 'Obtain CV (CienciaVitae)', **your CV will be immediately associated with the application form (in PDF format)**. When the process of obtaining the CV is finished, this file will be available on the application form; a link will appear with the associated CV PDF file, indicating the date and time.



You should check your CV PDF file to confirm that all the CIÊNCIAVITAE information is correctly filled in. Any updates to your CV will necessarily imply selecting 'Get C.V. (CienciaVitae)' again. This means that updates to the CV content must be made through the CIÊNCIAVITAE platform; to have the updated CV associated to the application, you must remove the previous document and then add the new CV version.

Please note that the responsibility regarding accuracy, rigor and truth in the content of your CIENCIAVITAE lies on you. Although it is mandatory to associate this CV to your application, the evaluation will not be based on it but rather on your CV synopsis that is part of the application.

PhD Degree

Date of PhD completion

Indicate the exact date in which you have concluded your PhD (dd-mm-yyyy). This date will determine to which level you can apply (see below the section Research contract level).

PhD graduation country

Select the country from the dropdown menu.

PhD graduation institution

Select the institution where you obtained your PhD from the drop-down menu.

If the institution is not in this list, please add it by completing the fields below:

Institution

City

Upload of the PhD certificate

It is mandatory to upload the PhD certificate with the date of completion; if it is not possible to present it at the time of the application, you may submit a statement from the institution that conferred the PhD degree confirming its achievement and the respective date of completion. This information on the date of PhD completion is essential for the validation of your application. The PhD certificate will be necessary at the contracting stage.

Upload of the document certifying the PhD degree recognition in Portugal

If you obtained the **PhD outside Portugal, it is mandatory to have this title recognised in Portugal**. In order to comply with what is foreseen in the Portuguese legislation concerning the recognition of foreign qualifications, all the rights inherent to PhD degrees granted by foreign higher education institutions are duly recognised to the holders of these degrees, subject to the presentation of proof of recognition of PhD degrees requested to the Vice-Chancellor of a public Portuguese University, to the Head of a public Polytechnic Institute or to the Director-General for Higher Education (process regulated by Decree Law No. 66/2018, of 16 August).

If you **do not hold a document attesting that your PhD is recognised in Portugal, your application will be conditionally accepted**. In case of being recommended for funding, you

must present the recognition of your PhD degree in Portugal when signing the contract with your host institution.

Disability Degree (if applicable)

In this section, you should state your degree of disability. The quota system for the employment of people with disabilities, with a degree of incapacity of 60% or more, is laid down in the current version of Decree-Law 29/2001, of February 3.

The reference to Decree-Law 29/2001, in the Announcement of the Call, determines the number of positions reserved for applicants with a degree of incapacity of 60% or more.

Declaration of disability (optional)

Upload proof of your degree of disability

If you wish to be considered under the quota for incapacity degree greater than or equal to 60%, you must upload the Declaration of Disability.

2. Application Data

General Description

Research contract level

From the drop-down menu indicate which of the 4 levels you are applying to:

- **Junior researcher:** PhD holders for 5 or less years¹, with limited post-doctoral research experience in the scientific area of the application.
- **Assistant researcher:** PhD holders for over 5 years and less than 12 years² (inclusive) with relevant *curriculum* in the scientific area of the application and with limited scientific independence.
- **Principal researcher:** PhD holders for over 12 years³ with relevant *curriculum* in the scientific area of the application, demonstrating some scientific independence for the last 3 years.
- **Coordinating researcher:** PhD holders of a title of *habilitado* or *agregado* in Portugal, obtained until the closing of the call, with a *curriculum* of high merit, and demonstrating scientific independence and leadership in the scientific area of the application.

¹Note that to apply to the Junior level your PhD must have been concluded between 4/3/2017 and 3/3/2022, except if you had interruptions in your scientific activity due to maternity/paternity leave and/or serious illness.

²Note that to apply to the Assistant level your PhD must have been concluded between 4/3/2010 and 3/3/2017, except if you had interruptions in your scientific activity due to maternity/paternity leave and/or serious illness.

³Note that to apply to the Principal level your PhD must have been concluded up to 3/3/2010.

Research independence is demonstrated through scientific competence, originality, and international recognition, by experience in doctoral or post-doctoral supervision, or by the competitive research funds attracted at national and/or international level.

Scientific leadership is demonstrated through innovative research and technological development of recognised merit and quality, contribution to the advancement of knowledge or its application, and through the acknowledgement of her/his role as a national or international reference in her/his scientific area. Examples of scientific leadership include the coordination of research groups or centres, of international research projects, or the delivery of plenary talks in international conferences or other relevant events.

Each applicant can only submit one application. The applicant is responsible to choose the most suitable research contract level to which s/he applies.

If you selected **Coordinating researcher**, you must have been awarded the title of **agregado or habilitado in Portugal until the closing date of the call** and submit proof of holding this title at the time of submission.

Title of the research plan (Maximum 255 characters)

The title should be brief, informative, understandable to a reader with a general scientific background and suitable for public dissemination.

Abstract (Maximum 3000 characters)

The abstract will be used by FCT for public dissemination. Take this information into account when preparing the brief summary of your application.

Keywords (List 5 keywords - mandatory)

The keywords are likely to be used in the peer-review process of your application and should accurately reflect the scientific content of your application. This is particularly important for interdisciplinary applications. A repetition of the words contained in the title should be avoided.

Main and secondary scientific areas and respective subareas » Evaluation Panel

Choose the main and secondary scientific areas and the corresponding subarea more related with the topic of the proposed research plan. The secondary scientific area and subsequent subarea depend on the initial choice of the main scientific area. The subarea may be chosen from the list or manually added (choosing the option “Other”). Your application will be assessed by a given evaluation panel as a result of these choices. **Further details on areas and evaluation panels are available on Appendix I.**

Are you currently affiliated with any institution?

Indicate if you are currently affiliated with any institution or not. If yes, please indicate the country and the name of that institution.

Current Institution country (if applicable)

Select the country from the dropdown menu.

Current Institution (if applicable)

Indicate the University and the Centre or Laboratory you are currently affiliated with.

Opposed Reviewers (Maximum 2000 characters - optional)

You may name up to three international reviewers that you do not want to assess your application. Please indicate the name, institution, and the reason. All fields are mandatory for each opposed reviewer, and you must justify the reason for such request in a maximum of 2000 characters. The reason for identifying an opposed reviewer may be related to scientific competition, personal conflicts, or other similar motives.

The application will not be assessed by the indicated opposed reviewer(s) in the situations where the rules of conflict of interests apply.

Motivation letter and career development plan (Maximum 5000 characters)

The motivation letter and career development plan should clarify the drivers for your application. This field should include up to two of your main contributions in the last 5 years to research and the expected future goals, such as career objectives, how the research plan relates to your career (past and future) and how you intend to develop and consolidate an independent career. You should also describe your plans to establish networking and international collaborations and how they relate with your application.

CV Synopsis

Writing a clear and informative synopsis is crucial in preparing a successful application. The evaluation of your path and achievements will be mainly focused on this targeted synopsis. The synopsis comprises three major fields: Synopsis of the scientific and curricular path, major activities and results and the top five scientific achievements.

Synopsis of the scientific and curricular path (Maximum 4000 characters)

The synopsis of your scientific and curricular path should be written in a narrative form and focused on the last 5 years, with the following exceptions:

- Junior researchers with less than 5 years of scientific activity.
- Researchers who have interrupted their scientific activity due to maternity/paternity leave and/or serious illness during the last 5 years. In these cases, the 5-year period may be extended.

In this section you should include your:

- Scientific productivity;
- Abilities and skills to adequately execute the proposed research plan;
- International experience (*e.g.*, international collaborations and participation in international scientific networks);
- Actions to obtain funding *e.g.*, grant applications for individuals and/or projects;
- Experience in teaching and mentoring (master, doctoral and post-doctoral supervision);
- Indicators of research independence and/or of scientific leadership should be mentioned, if applicable.

You may here explain to the evaluation panel interruptions on your scientific activity due to maternity/paternity leave and/or serious illness, and how they have impacted your activity. Any unconventional path and/or gap in your research career can also be referred here to be clearly understood by the panel.

Major activities and results (Maximum 3000 characters)

Describe your main activities and achievements during the last 5 years using objective indicators and substantive arguments. **For each one, indicate your role and contribution and how it has impacted to the advancement of knowledge in a given scientific area.** You may refer:

- Scientific, technological, cultural, or artistic achievements, specifying their innovative and creative nature;
- Competitive funding from national and international funding agencies (you should indicate the main funder and the amount of funding);
- Patents (please distinguish between filed and granted patents);
- Books, chapters in books, performances and exhibitions (to the extent that they embody research);
- Publications in journals;
- Prizes, honours and awards;
- Supervision of students and researchers, and teaching activity;
- Other activities, such as management of science, technology and innovation programmes or projects, outreach activities and dissemination of knowledge, namely for the promotion of culture and scientific practices.

The top five scientific achievements (maximum 500 characters - for each)

List a maximum of 5 scientific achievements that best describe your activities over the last 5 years and for each one indicate your role.

Include publications in major multidisciplinary international peer-review journals or in top specialty peer-review journals. Equivalent contributions/indicators from areas where international peer-review publications are not available or are not common practice should be provided and explained. For example, peer-reviewed conference proceedings, monographs in specific research fields, edited volumes, cultural or artistic performances.

The panel will be asked to judge the quality of these research outputs and will only consider published and accomplished achievements. Your publications should be well referenced, namely indicating your position in the list of authors if in co-authorship and the corresponding authors.

Interruption in scientific activity (optional and only applicable to the Junior and Assistant levels)

According to the terms of this call, when counting the years after having obtained a PhD degree, the career interruptions **that can be considered eligible to apply to the Junior and Assistant Research levels are the following:**

i) **Maternity:** the number of years after obtaining the PhD is reduced in 18 months per child (before or after PhD completion), supported by birth certificate(s) or any other official document that relates the mother and the child(ren).

ii) **Paternity:** the number of years after obtaining the PhD is reduced for the period of the paternity leave taken per child as defined in the legislation (before or after PhD completion).

You must submit an official document from the employer certifying the reason and the period, with the starting and ending dates, per leave; an official document proving the paternity leave benefits can also be accepted (with starting and ending dates). For interruptions that happened over several periods you need to present proof of all of them with the starting and ending dates.

iii) **Serious illness:** the period of this interruption has to be longer than ninety days, after PhD completion.

You must submit an official document certifying the reason and period, with starting and ending dates, per interruption.

All these circumstances need to be properly documented and shall not result in a cumulative reduction of more than 4 years and 6 months.

Maternity

You should select this option if you have interrupted your scientific activity due to maternity leave (you must introduce one interruption for each child).

Number of days of interruption:

This field is filled in automatically with 18 months⁴ per maternity leave for eligibility purposes.

You must upload proof of that interruption.

⁴Note that to calculate this interruption, it is considered that 1 year corresponds to 365 days. Therefore, 18 months correspond to 365 days*1.5 (548 days). However, it must be highlighted that the cumulative reduction will not be superior to 54 months (1643 days).

Paternity

You should select this option if you have interrupted your scientific activity due to paternity leave, (you must introduce one interruption for each child).

Number of days of interruption

Please indicate the number of days of this interruption for eligibility purposes.

You must upload proof of that interruption.

Serious illness

You should select this option if you have interrupted your scientific activity due to serious illness.

Number of days of interruption

Please indicate the number of days of this interruption for eligibility purposes.

You must upload proof of that interruption.

3. Research plan

The proposed research plan **should be designed for a 6-year period, which is the maximum duration of the research work contracts**. The research plan comprises the following items:

Background (Maximum 3000 characters)

You should provide an overview of your research field, including references to your previous work, present the state of the art, and explain the innovative nature of your research plan.

Research plan and methods (Maximum 7000 characters)

Describe **research plan and methods**. You should identify the major scientific questions you wish to address and the objectives of your research plan. Include hypotheses and list specific aims and objectives that will be used to address the hypotheses. You ought to provide a methodological approach to reach your goals and attain the expected results. The research plan may contain a chronological work programme with tasks and a time plan, if appropriated. You should also consider possible limitations regarding the planned methodologies and propose alternative approaches by including a risk and contingency plan, if applicable.

Expected outcomes (Maximum 2000 characters)

Refer to the expected outcomes of your research plan, and how they will impact your career development, as well as their contribution to the scientific strategy of the host institution. If you consider that your research is an example of excellence that will contribute to society and to the economy, this should be mentioned. If activities of scientific dissemination are also included in your research plan, and you plan to organise them, you should describe your ideas.

Ethical issues (If applicable - Maximum 2000 characters)

Identify possible ethical issues related with the research plan activities and results and explain how they will be addressed. Use the [ethics self-assessment guide](#).

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (2030 Agenda)

Point up to two of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (2030 Agenda) and clearly identify them in the research plan.

All information about the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (2030 Agenda) is available at: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld>

Compliance with the goals of the 2030 Agenda (Maximum 800 characters)

Present a brief explanation of the research plan alignment with the sustainable development goals of the UN 2030 Agenda.

References (Maximum 3000 characters)

List the references cited within the application.

4. Host institution

The host institution can be R&D research units funded by Pluriannual Programme of FCT, associate laboratories or state laboratories.

For host institutions without legal personality, the institution with legal personality in which they are integrated will be the legal representative.

After the submission of the application, the host institution must confirm its association with the application and its support to the applicant's research plan by accessing a designated area at [Portal de Ciência e Tecnologia \(PCT\)](#).

The host institution needs to provide a binding statement that the conditions for carrying out the research plan already exist or will be made available to the applicant should the application be funded. **Applications that do not include this institutional statement will not be considered for evaluation.**

Select the host institution

To add a host institution, you can start by typing the first few letters of the name of the institution (in Portuguese), then choose the desired institution of those available in the drop-down menu. Please verify the correct name of your host institution from the drop-down menu. If you cannot find the intended host institution, first confirm with your institution's contact point the institution's full name on FCT database.

Please note that **the application will not be considered for evaluation if the host institution does not confirm its association to the application from March 4 until 5pm (Lisbon time) of March 29, 2022.**

It is the responsibility of the host institution to designate the legal organisation that will formally sign the contracts with FCT and with the researcher.

Description of the host conditions (Maximum 800 characters)

You should specify the conditions that are available or will be made available (expertise and resources) to support the development of the proposed research plan.

This information will be made available to the host institution that will confirm it.

Integration of the research plan into the host institution's strategy (Maximum 800 characters)

Explain how the proposed research plan, the expected results and your motivations fits into the overall research strategy and mission of the host institution.

5. Application validation and submission

The submission of the application is preceded by an automatic procedure that validates the application and checks for errors. Please note that this verification process is only possible when you get to the 'Validate and Submit' menu. Should you have any errors, the submission will not go forward.

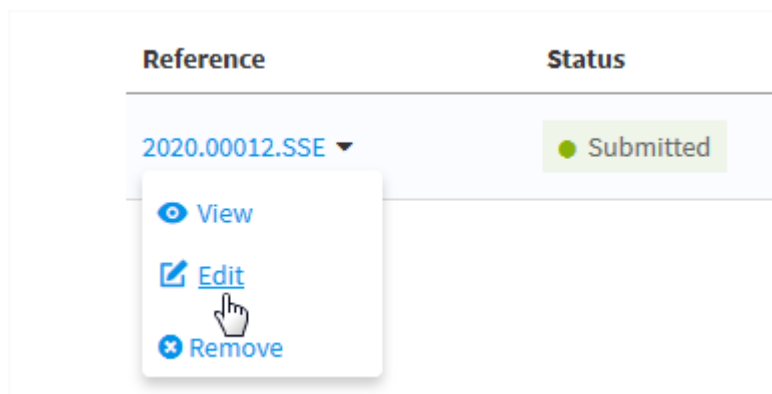
After the application is completed, you must agree with following statements:

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- I hereby declare that I have read and understood the content of all the documents regulating the call.
 - I hereby declare that the information contained in the application form and attached documents is true, and I am aware that providing false declarations or committing acts of plagiarism determines the exclusion from the call.

Then click on "Validate and Submit" to validate the entire application.

When no errors are detected, you will need to confirm that you wish to submit the application. If there are errors, a list of detected errors is generated on the application form showing the section(s) and field(s) where they occurred, along with a brief description of the problem.

During the application period, from **February 3 until 5pm (Lisbon time) of March 3, 2022**, the applicant may reopen, edit and resubmit the application as many times as s/he wants. To reopen the application, go to 'My Applications', select the reference and edit (see the image below). You must finish by resubmitting the application to replace the former version by the revised one. It is **the applicant's responsibility to submit the proposal on time.**



After the application deadline (March 3, 2022 – 5 pm Lisbon time) you will no longer have access to the application form nor will you be allowed to make further changes, but you can consult its contents on the overview of the application.

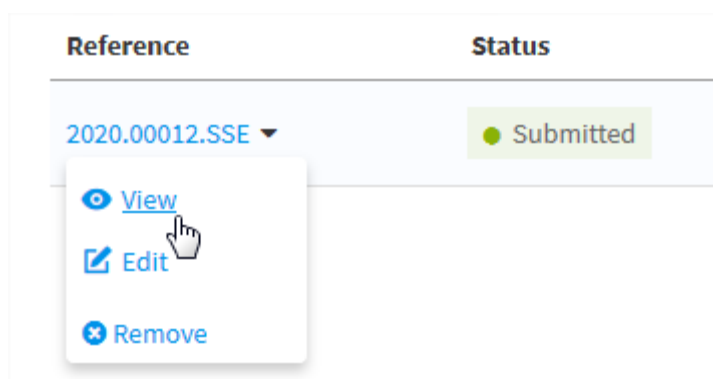
Please note that only the applications submitted within the deadline will be valid.

The application submission will generate two automatic e-mails: one to the individual applicant who submitted the application and a second one to the legal representative of the host institution, confirming submission of the application.

Please note that **the application will not be considered if the host institution does not confirm its association to the application from March 4 until 5pm (Lisbon time) of March 29, 2022.**

Application overview

The overview of the application displays the contents of the application fields in a single window, which includes the files attached to the application form (see the image below).



You may use overview mode during the application period to check any details related to the application.

A PDF file with all the information submitted in the application form will be available for download after the closure of the call.

APPENDIX I – MAIN AND SECONDARY SCIENTIFIC AREAS, CORRESPONDING SUBAREAS AND EVALUATION PANELS

This appendix lists the main and secondary scientific areas and the corresponding subareas, adapted from the [OECD's revised Field of Science and Technology Classification - FOS](#), as well as the respective Evaluation Panels. Each evaluation Panel is responsible for the applications from a set of scientific subareas.

Main Scientific Area	Secondary Scientific Area	Subarea	Evaluation Panel	
Exact Sciences	Mathematics	Pure Mathematics	Mathematics and Computer and Information Sciences	
		Applied Mathematics		
		Statistics and Probability		
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>		
	Computer and information sciences	Computer Sciences		
		Information Sciences		
		Bioinformatics		
		Informatics		
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>		
	Physical Sciences	Atomic, Molecular and Chemical Physics		Physical Sciences
		Condensed Matter Physics		
		Particles Physics		
		Nuclear Physics		
		Fluids and Plasma Physics		
		Optics		
		Acoustics		
		Astronomy		
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>		
	Chemical Sciences	Organic Chemistry	Chemical Sciences	
		Inorganic Chemistry		
		Physical Chemistry		
		Polymer Science		
		Electrochemistry		
		Colloid Chemistry		
		Analytical Chemistry		
		Nuclear Chemistry		
		Medicinal Chemistry		
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>		

Main Scientific Area	Secondary Scientific Area	Subarea	Evaluation Panel
Natural Sciences	Earth and Related Environmental Sciences	Geosciences, Multidisciplinary	Earth Sciences
		Mineralogy	
		Palaeontology	
		Geochemistry	
		Geophysics	
		Geology	
		Physical Geography	
		Volcanology	
		Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences	
		Climatic Research	
		Oceanography	
		Hydrology and Water Resources	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Earth and Related Environmental Sciences	Climate Change	Environmental Sciences
		Environmental Management	
		Ecotoxicology	
		Environmental Monitoring and Impact	
		Natural Resources and Sustainability	
		Waste Management and Valorisation	
		Water and pollution	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Biological Sciences	Cell Biology	Experimental Biology and Biochemistry
		Biochemistry	
		Biochemical Research Methods	
		Microbiology	
		Molecular Biology	
		Biophysics	
		Genetics and Heredity	
		Reproductive Biology	
		Virology	
Developmental Biology			
<i>Other, please specify:</i>			

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	Biological Sciences	Plant Sciences and Botany	Biological Sciences
		Zoology, Ornithology, Entomology	
		Marine Biology, Freshwater Biology and Limnology	
		Ecology	
		Biodiversity Conservation	
		Biology (Theoretical, Mathematical)	
		Evolutionary Biology	
		Behavioural Sciences Biology	
		Mycology	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	

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Engineering and Technology	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering	Civil and Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Systems
		Architecture Engineering	
		Construction Engineering	
		Transport Engineering	
		Municipal and Structural Engineering	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Electrical Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Information Engineering	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Electrical, Electronic and Information Engineering
		Robotics	
		Automation and Control Systems	
		Communication Engineering and Systems	
		Telecommunications	
		Computer Hardware and Architecture	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	Civil and Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Systems
		Applied Mechanics	
		Thermodynamics	
		Aerospace Engineering	
		Nuclear Engineering	
		Audio Engineering and Reliability Analysis	
		Engineering Systems	
Renewable Energies			
<i>Other, please specify:</i>			
Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering	
	Chemical Process Engineering		
	<i>Other, please specify:</i>		
Materials Engineering	Materials Engineering	Materials Engineering and Nanotechnology	
	Ceramics		
	Coating and Films		
	Composites		
	Paper and Wood		
	Textiles		
	<i>Other, please specify:</i>		

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	Medical Engineering	Medical Engineering and Biomedical Engineering	Medical Engineering and Biotechnology
		Laboratory Technology	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Environmental Engineering	Environmental Engineering	Environmental Biotechnology and Engineering and Industrial Biotechnology
		Geotechnics	
		Petroleum Engineering, Energy and Fuels	
		Remote Sensing	
		Mining and Mineral Processing	
		Geological Engineering	
		Marine Engineering, Sea Vessels	
		Ocean Engineering	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Environmental Biotechnology	Environmental Biotechnology	Environmental Biotechnology and Engineering and Industrial Biotechnology
		Bioremediation, Diagnostic Biotechnologies (DNA Chips and Biosensing Devices) in Environmental Management	
		Environmental Biotechnology related Ethics	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Industrial Biotechnology	Industrial Biotechnology	Environmental Biotechnology and Engineering and Industrial Biotechnology
		Bioprocessing Technologies, Biocatalysis and Fermentation	
		Bioproducts, Biomaterials, Bioplastics, Biofuels, Bio-derived Bulk and Fine Chemicals and Bio-derived Novel Materials	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
Nanotechnology	Nanomaterials	Materials Engineering and Nanotechnology	
	Nanoprocesses		
	Nano-Optics and Nanophotonics		
	Modelling at Nanoscale		
	<i>Other, please specify:</i>		

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Medical and Health Sciences	Basic Medicine	Anatomy and Morphology	Basic and Clinical Medicine
		Human Genetics	
		Immunology	
		Neurosciences	
		Pharmacology	
		Toxicology	
		Physiology	
		Pathology	
		Oncobiology	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
		Clinical Medicine	
	Obstetrics and Gynecology		
	Paediatrics		
	Cardiac and Cardiovascular System		
	Peripheral Vascular Disease		
	Haematology		
	Respiratory Systems		
	Critical Care Medicine and Emergency Medicine		
	Anaesthesiology		
	Orthopaedics		
	Surgery		
	Radiology, Nuclear Medicine and Medical Imaging		
	Transplantation		
	Dentistry, Oral Surgery and Medicine		
	Dermatology		
	Infectious Diseases		
	Allergology		
	Rheumatology		
	Endocrinology and Metabolism		
	Gastroenterology and Hepatology		
	Urology and Nephrology		
	Oncology		
	Ophthalmology		
Otorhinolaryngology			
Psychiatry			

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		Clinical Neurology	
		Geriatrics and Gerontology	
		General and Family Medicine	
		Internal Medicine	
		Integrative and Complementary Medicine	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Health Sciences	Health Care and Services	Health Sciences
		Health Services and Policies	
		Nursing	
		Nutrition, Dietetics	
		Public Health and Environmental Health	
		Epidemiology	
		Occupational Health	
		Sport and Fitness Sciences	
		Social Biomedical Sciences	
		Medical Ethics	
		Addiction	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
		Tropical Medicine	
	Parasitology		
Medical Biotechnology	Health-related Biotechnology	Medical Engineering and Biotechnology	
	Technologies involving the Manipulation of Cells, Tissues, Organs or the Whole Organisms		
	Gene-based Diagnose and Therapies		
	Biomaterials		
	Medical Biotechnology related Ethics		
<i>Other, please specify:</i>			

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Agricultural Sciences	Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Agriculture	Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
		Forestry	
		Fishery	
		Soil Science	
		Horticulture and Viticulture	
		Agronomy, Plant Breeding and Plant Protection	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Animal and Dairy Science	Animal and Dairy Science	Animal and Veterinary Sciences and Agro-Food Biotechnology
		Husbandry	
		Pets	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Veterinary Science	Veterinary Science	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Agricultural Biotechnology	Agricultural Biotechnology and Food Biotechnology	
		GM Technology (crops and livestock) and Livestock Cloning	
		Marker Assisted Selection	
		Diagnostics	
		Biomass Feedstock Production Technologies, Biopharming	
		Agricultural Biotechnology related Ethics	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	

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Social Sciences	Psychology	Criminal Psychology	Psychology
		Social and Organizational Psychology	
		Cognitive Psychology and Neuropsychology	
		Clinical Psychology	
		Psychology of Development and Learning	
		Educational Psychology	
		Community and Health Psychology	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Economics and Business	Economics	Economics and Business, Social and Economic Geography
		Business and Management	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Educational Sciences	General Education (including Training, Pedagogy, Didactics)	Educational Sciences
		Special Education (to gifted persons, those with learning disabilities)	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Sociology	Sociology	Sociology
		Demography	
		Anthropology	
		Ethnology	
		Social Topics (women's and gender studies, social issues, family studies, social work)	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Law	Public Law	Media and Communications, Law and Political Science
Criminal Law			
Private Law			
European and International Law			
Human Rights			
<i>Other, please specify:</i>			
Political Sciences	Political Science	Media and Communications, Law and Political Science	
	Military Sciences		
	Compared Politics		

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		Political Theory	
		International Relations	
		Public Policy	
		European Studies	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Social and Economic Geography	Environmental Sciences (social aspects)	Economics and Business, Social and Economic Geography
		Cultural and Economic Geography	
		Urban Studies (planning and development)	
		Transport Planning and Social Aspects of Transport	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Media and Communications	Journalism and Media	Media and Communications, Law and Political Science
		Documental and Information Sciences	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	

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Humanities	History and Archaeology	Ancient History	History
		Medieval History	
		Modern History	
		Contemporary History	
		History of Science and Technology	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
		Prehistory and Archaeology	Prehistory and Archaeology
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Languages and Literature	Literature	Languages and Literature
		Portuguese Studies	
		Romantic Studies	
		Anglophone Studies	
		Classical Studies	
		Asian and African Studies	
		Germanic Studies	
		Linguistics	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	
	Philosophy, Ethics and Religion	Epistemology in Philosophy of Science	Philosophy, Ethics and Religion
		Methaphysics and Philosophical Anthropology	
		Philosophy of Art	
		Logic	
		History of Philosophy	
		Ethics and Political Philosophy	
Theology and Religion Philosophy			
<i>Other, please specify:</i>			
Arts	Fine Arts	Arts	
	Musicology		
	Visual Performative Arts (Cinema, Television, Drama, Dance, etc.)		
	Art History		
	Conservation and Restoration		
	Museology		
	<i>Other, please specify:</i>		

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		Architecture	Architecture, Urbanism, Design and Cultural Heritage
		Urbanism	
		Design	
		Cultural Heritage	
		<i>Other, please specify:</i>	