

Notice of the 2013 Call for Individual PhD Studentships, PhD Studentships in Industry and Post- Doctoral Studentships

Under the [Regulations for Research Grants of the *Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia*](#) and the [Research Grant Holder Statute](#) (*Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação*), approved by Law no.40/2004 of 18 August, amended and republished by Decree-Law no. 202/2012 of 28 August, amended again by Law no. 12/2013 of 29 January and Decree-Law no. 89/2013 of 9 July, the *Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia* (FCT) opens a call for funding of individual studentships of the following types:

Post-doctoral Fellowships (*Bolsa de Pós-Doutoramento - BPD*)

For PhD holders who intend to carry out advanced research projects. The duration of the fellowship is, as a rule, annual, renewable up to a maximum of six years, pending a mid-term evaluation carried out at the end of the first three years, and budget availability.

PhD Studentships (*Bolsa de Doutoramento - BD*)

For applicants who comply with the requirements to start a study cycle leading to a research-based PhD degree. The duration of the studentship is, as a rule, annual, renewable up to a maximum of four years and cannot be awarded for periods of less than three consecutive months.

PhD Studentships in Industry (*Bolsa de Doutoramento em Empresas - BDE*)

For applicants who comply with the requirements to start a study cycle leading to a research-based PhD degree in a business environment. The duration of the grant is, as a rule, annual, renewable up to a maximum of four years and cannot be awarded for periods of less than three consecutive months.

Approved studentships may begin on a date established by the applicant, pending fulfilment of the following requirements:

- a. The studentships may not begin before 1 January 2014, or after 1 December 2014;
- b. The studentships may not start before the applicant returns the signed fellowship contract and should take place within fifteen working days after the reception date;
- c. The issuing, by FCT services, of the fellowship contract is subject to verification of budget availability.

ADDRESSEES

General criteria

Applicants to the current call should comply with the following:

- Be Portuguese citizens, or citizens of other European Union member states;
- Be third-country nationals holding a valid residence permit or who have acquired long-term resident status, pursuant to Law n.º 23/2007 of 4 July and amended by [Law no. 29/2012 of 9 August](#);
- Be third-country nationals of states with which Portugal has signed reciprocity agreements. The applicant should make reference to the publication in *Diário da República* of the agreement approval;
- Only Portuguese citizens or foreign citizens with permanent residence in Portugal may apply to fellowships with a work programme to be fully developed in foreign institutions.

Specific criteria of application for PhD Studentships and PhD Studentships in Industry

- To hold a post-Bologna degree or equivalent or post-Bologna Masters degree or equivalent by the end of the call;
- To hold a degree with final grade of 14 or higher. Exceptionally, to be first author of an original peer-review work that has been published or accepted for publication by the end of the application deadline of the present call, or provide proof of an equivalent achievement indicator, as long as it is widely accepted by the national and international scientific communities of the scientific area of the application;
- Applicants that have been selected for FCT studentships within FCT PhD Programmes may not apply to the present call for individual studentships.

Specific criteria for Post-Doctoral scholarships applications

- To hold a PhD degree by the closing date of the call.

FUNDING

Grants awarded within this call will be financed by funds from the State Budget of the [Ministry of Education and Science](#) and, and when eligible, by funds from the [European Social Fund](#) through the *Programa Operacional de Potencial Humano* of the QREN Portugal framework, in accordance with the provisions of the Specific Regulation of Intervention Type 4.1.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

The call is open between **29 July and 19 September 2013, 5:00 pm Lisbon time.**

APPLICATIONS

Individual applications should be submitted electronically using the form available at: <https://concursos.fct.pt/bolsas/>

Applications submitted by any other means will not be accepted. All supporting documents should be scanned and submitted in the form available, in accordance with [Article 16 of Regulation](#). The average score and whenever possible, the percentile of diplomas already completed as well as the *Suplemento ao Diploma* (Diploma Supplement) related to each study programme declaring its completion (see [Portaria No.30/2008](#) of 10 January) should be submitted.

In the present call only a single application may be submitted, which will be evaluated by the panel of the scientific area indicated in the application (each applicant may only apply to one scientific area). The submission of two applications implies the cancellation of both.

EVALUATION

Only applications that have been locked by the candidates will be considered for evaluation.

Each evaluation panel will follow the evaluation guide, assessing the corresponding applications, weighting the criteria and will produce ranked lists of applicants. The specific procedures adopted by each panel for each type of studentship will be recorded in minutes.

The evaluation panels will be set up by joining different scientific areas, listed in Annex I of the Evaluation Guide, according to the number of applications submitted in each area.

All applications should be scored from 1 (minimum) to 5 (maximum) in the three evaluation criteria considered: merit of the applicant, quality of the work programme and merit of the host conditions. For the purpose of subsequent decision on studentship awards, applicants will be ranked according to the weighted average of the three evaluation criteria. The weighting factors are, respectively, 4, 4 and 2.

REGULATION

The regulation is available on the Internet at:

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

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