

2013-2014 Call for MIT Portugal Program Doctoral Scholarships

Within the framework of the MIT Portugal Program, Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) launches the call for Doctoral Scholarships, taking place in Portugal and at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, US (MIT), in the following fields of research:

- Bioengineering Systems
- Engineering Design and Advanced Manufacturing – Leaders for Technical Industries (LTI)
- Sustainable Energy Systems
- Transportation Systems

The research topics available, as well as the supervisors, both at MIT and at the Portuguese Universities, are defined by the MIT Portugal Program. Hence candidates do not need to present a work program or an adviser's support letter as well as her/his CV at the time of application. The candidate is required to present a motivation letter where she/he should indicate specific areas of potential interest.

These scholarships are available to candidates holding a master degree or equivalent in the areas targeted by the MIT Portugal program.

Terms of the Call

The scholarships will be supported under the *Programa Operacional Potencial Humano do QREN Portugal 2007-2013* and by funds of the Portuguese Ministry of Education and Science (MEC).

Duration of the Call

The call will be open from February, 11th until March, 31st, 5:00pm GMT.

Evaluation

Evaluation is essentially based on the merit and motivation of the applicant. Additionally, applicants must demonstrate English proficiency. The evaluation procedure may require an interview in English either in person or by video conference. Preference will be given to candidates who present good results in the "GRE General Test" (general exam of the *Graduate Record Examination*). The evaluation panel will review the submitted applications, weighting the review elements and producing a sorted list of candidates.

More information is available at the website: <http://www.mitportugal.org/application/selection-process.html>

Eligibility

Applicants can be either Portuguese nationals or foreign citizens, including individuals without nationality, provided the application is supported by the Portuguese hosting institutions adherent

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to the *Acordo para a Cooperação Internacional em Ciência e Tecnologia e Ensino Superior* (*Agreement for the International Cooperation in Science, Technology and Higher Education*), celebrated with *Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia* (*Science and Technology Foundation*), in the framework of the MIT Portugal Program.

Candidates who have held a scholarship of the same type under FCT programs, will be limited to a maximum number of years of support established by FCT regulations.

Scholarships:

The scholarships will be granted under the rules established by the Research Grant Holder Statute (Law 40/2004, of August 18, amended by Decree Law 202/2012, of August 27), and according to the FCT Regulations for Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources.

Applications are eligible for support starting on September 1, 2013. Scholarships awarded under this contract will be funded by the State Budget of the Portuguese Ministry of Education and Science and, when eligible, by funds from the European Social Fund through the Human Potential Operational Program of NSRF Portugal 2007-2013 in accordance with provisions of the Specific Regulation of Intervention Type 4.1.

Submission of applications

Applications should be submitted electronically through the MIT Portugal Program website (<http://www.mitportugal.org>). No other means of submission are available.

More information about the MIT Portugal Program is available at the official website of the Program (www.mitportugal.org) or by e-mail inquiring through the address: apply@mitportugal.org