

# Call for Applications

Philosophy of Science, Technology  
Art and Society

PD + F PROGRAMAS DE DOUTORAMENTO FCT



## Call for Applications Doctoral Programme Scholarships

Call for applications for 5 PhD scholarships (2 national PhD scholarships and 3 mixed PhD scholarships) in the context of the Doctoral Programme in Philosophy of Science, Technology, Art and Society

**Applications from March 30<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> 2019**

*Center of Philosophy of Sciences (CFCUL), Faculty of Fine-Arts (ULisbon), Faculty of Sciences (ULisbon), Faculty of Law (ULisbon), Faculty of Letters (ULisbon), Institute of Social Sciences (ULisbon), Higher Technical Institute (ULisbon), Institute of Systems and Robotics (ULisbon), Polytechnic Institute of Lisbon and University of Seville*

The Doctoral Programme in Philosophy of Science, Technology, Art and Society of the University of Lisbon was selected for financial support within the 2012 call for PhD Programmes of the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT, IP), being awarded with 5 PhD scholarships per year, of which 3 are mixed<sup>1</sup> and 2 are national.

According to the FCT PhD Programme regulations, the Directive Board has the responsibility to select the students that will receive the PhD scholarships through contracts signed directly with FCT, IP. Thus, in accordance with the Regulations on Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources of the Foundation for Science and Technology, the Directive Board of the FCT Doctoral Programme in Philosophy of Science, Technology, Art and Society open this call for applications to 5 PhD scholarships (2 national and 3 mixed<sup>1</sup>) for the academic year 2017–2018, starting on September 2017.

**Notice demanded by FCT:** The scholarships granting depends on the receipt of the required documentation and the budget availability of the funding entity.

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<sup>1</sup> Mixed scholarships imply that the work plan will take place partially in a Portuguese institution. The development of the work plan in a foreign institution is dependent on budget availability of the funding institution and cannot in any case exceed two years.

## **I - APPLICANTS**

This call is intended to everyone who meets the requirements set forth in number 1 of Article 30 of the Decree-Law 74/2006 of 24<sup>th</sup> of March, amended by the Decree-Laws 107/2008 of 25<sup>th</sup> of June, 230/2009 of 14<sup>th</sup> of September and 115/2013 of 7<sup>th</sup> of August.

May apply to this call 1) Portuguese citizens, 2) citizens of other European Union member states, 3) third countries citizens, citizens of other countries holding a valid permanent residence permits in Portugal or who hold the status of long-term resident in accordance to the Law 23/2007 of 4<sup>th</sup> of July, amended by Laws 29/2012 of 9<sup>th</sup> of August, 56/2015, of 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 63/2015, of 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 59/2017, of 31<sup>st</sup> of July, 102/2017, of 28<sup>th</sup> August and 26/2018, of 5<sup>th</sup> July; 4) citizens of third states with which Portugal has established reciprocity agreements.

## **II - MAIN SCIENTIFIC AREA OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME**

Philosophy of Science

## **III - SPECIALITIES OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME**

Logic and Philosophy of Science  
Philosophy of Technology  
Science and Society  
Bioethics  
Science and Art

## **IV - CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION**

### **1. Academic qualifications:**

- To hold a master degree (or legal equivalent) with a classification equal or superior to sixteen out of twenty in the area or related area that are listed in the Doctoral Program, **and**
- To hold a scientific, artistic and/or professional curriculum that must be recognized by the Directive Board of the Doctoral Programme as attesting the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies; **or**
- To hold a *graduation* degree with a final classification equal or superior to sixteen out of twenty in the area or related area from those listed in the Doctoral Programme and to hold a scientific, artistic and/or professional curriculum that must be recognized by the Directive Board of the Doctoral Programme as attesting the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies.

### **2. To submit a doctoral thesis proposal in one of the specialty areas of the Doctoral Programme (Logic and Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Technology, Science and Society, Bioethics and Science and Art).**

### **3. To submit a declaration of preliminary acceptance to supervise the proposed Doctoral thesis by at least one of the Professors of the Doctoral Programme, who will be the tutor / mentor of the candidate during the**

**PhD course, if selected; in case the candidate does not submit the mentioned declaration, the Scientific Committee suggests to the candidate, once admitted to the program and after auscultation of the same, a tutor / mentor.**

## **V - MONTHLY STIPENDS VALUES**

The stipends values of the PhD scholarships are those provided by the FCT stipends available at <http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores.phtml.en>.

## **VI - PERIOD OF THE CALL**

This call will be open from the 30<sup>th</sup> of **March** to the 15<sup>th</sup> of **May 2019**.

## **VII - APPLICATIONS**

Applicants should be submitted via e-mail to [bolsas2017.pdfctas@gmail.com](mailto:bolsas2017.pdfctas@gmail.com) and should include the following mandatory documents:

1. Motivation letter;
2. Certificate of academic qualification scanned from the original or certified copy. The original or the certified copy must be sent by registered mail with acknowledgment of receipt to:

*Programa de Doutoramento FCTAS  
Centro de Filosofia das Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa  
Campo Grande C4.3.24,  
1749-016 Lisboa,  
Portugal*

3. Complete and detailed Curriculum vitae;
4. PhD thesis proposal structured in Title, Abstract, State of the art, Objectives, Detailed description of the work plan and References
5. Declaration of preliminary acceptance of orientation of the proposed doctoral thesis by a Professor of the Doctoral Programme, who will assume the role of Tutor / Mentor of the candidate during the PhD Course if he is selected; If the candidate does not present the mentioned declaration, the Scientific Committee will suggest to the candidate, once admitted to the Program and after hearing it, a Tutor / Mentor;
6. Clarification about the employment status during the period of the scholarship (a declaration in which you explain what is going to be your employment status, employed/not employed/other, will be sufficient);
7. Copy of the identification document (Citizen card or passport) and the Fiscal Identification number;
8. Certificate of permanent residence, permanent residence permission or long-term resident status, if applicable;
9. Two recommendation letters sent directly to the Directive Board of the Doctoral Programme (see the a.m. address on point 2.);
10. Indication of the type of scholarship you are applying for (national or mixed).

## VIII - HOST INSTITUTION

Faculty of Science, University of Lisbon, Ernesto de Vasconcelos Street, 1749-016 Lisbon.

## IX - EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation will be done in two stages. In the first stage it is evaluate the merit of the PhD thesis proposal and the merit of the candidate. The evaluation criteria and their corresponding weigh are the following: **Criterion 1.** PhD thesis proposal (40%); **Criterion 2.** *Curriculum vitae* in the Doctoral Programme area (40%); **Criterion 3.** Research experience and academic curriculum in the area or non-related areas of the Doctoral Programme (10%); **Criterion 4.** Other curriculum elements (10%). Each one of these evaluation criteria will be scored 0-20. The final rating of each candidate in the first stage, rounded to one decimal, results from the application of the following formula:

$$\text{First stage evaluation} = [( \text{Criterion 1} * 0,40) + ( \text{Criterion 2} * 0,40) + ( \text{Criterion 3} * 0,10) + \text{Criterion 4} * 0,10)]$$

The first evaluation stage is concluded with the ranking of applicants according to their first stage evaluation, rounded to one decimal. Move forward to the second stage of evaluation the fifteen candidates receiving the highest rating. The second evaluation stage consists of a personal interview that is ranked 0-20. The final evaluation of candidates results from the application of the following formula:

$$\text{Final evaluation} = [( \text{Evaluation obtained in the first stage} * 0,75) + ( \text{Evaluation obtained in the second stage} * 0,25)]$$

## X - ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

The results will be published at <http://phd-ctas.fc.ul.pt>. In the case of an unfavorable award decision (i.e. for applicants not selected to receive grants), the applicant has a period of 10 days after disclosure, to be heard by the Evaluation Panel, by request of a preliminary hearing, pursuant to the Portuguese *Código do Procedimento Administrativo*. The final decision may be appealed to the Directive Board of the doctoral program, within 15 days after the respective notification.

## XI - EVALUATION PANEL

The evaluation panel is chaired by the Program Director, Professor **Maria Fernanda dos Santos Martins da Palma Pereira** (Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon), and includes the following members of the Doctoral Programme: Professors **Ana Nunes de Almeida** (Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon), **Cristina de Sousa Azevedo Tavares** (Faculty of Fine-Arts, University of Lisbon), **Jorge Miguel Luz Marques da Silva** (Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisbon), **José Luís Oliveira Garcia** (Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon), **Maria João Monteiro Brilhante** (Faculty of Letters, University of Lisbon), **Nuno Gabriel de Castro Nabais dos Santos** (Faculty of Letters, University of Lisbon/ Centre for Philosophy of Sciences of the University of Lisbon), **Olga Maria Pombo Martins** (Centre for Philosophy of Sciences of the University of Lisbon), **Paulo Manuel Mello de Sousa Mendes** (Faculty

of Law, University of Lisbon) and **Rodrigo Ventura** (Higher Technical Institute, University of Lisbon).

## **XII - FINANCING**

The grants awarded under this contract will be financed by funds from the State Budget of the Ministry of Education and Science and, when eligible, by funds from the European Social Fund through the Human Potential Operating Program of the Portuguese NSRF 2007-2013, in accordance with the provisions of the Specific Regulation of Intervention Typology 4.1.

Any cases not addressed in the present call are covered by the Regulations for Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, available at <http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml>.

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## **XIII - APPLICABLE LAW AND REGULATIONS**

Statute of the Research Fellow, approved in annex to Law No. 40/2004 of 18<sup>th</sup> August, amended republished by Decree-Law 202/2012 of 27<sup>th</sup>, and 233/2012 of 29<sup>th</sup> October, and also by Law No. 12/2013 of 29<sup>th</sup> January, and Decree-Law No. 89/2013 of 9<sup>th</sup> July. Grants Regulation of the FCT, IP, approved by Regulation No 234/2012, published in the Official Journal, Series II, of 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012, as amended by Regulations N.os 326/2013, published in the Official Journal, Series II, of 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013, 339/2015, published in the Official Journal, Series II, of 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015, and 137-A/2018, published in the Official Journal, Series II, of 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

## **XIV - CONTACTS**

Detailed information is available at <http://phd-fctas.fc.ul.pt>  
Inquiries should be addressed to [bolsas2017.pdfctas@gmail.com](mailto:bolsas2017.pdfctas@gmail.com)

