

Expressions of Interest for the FCT Call 'Stimulus to Individual Scientific Employment - 8th edition'

The [Instituto de Ciências Sociais da Universidade de Lisboa](#) (ICS-ULisboa), an FCT Associated Laboratory, within the scope of the 'Stimulus to Individual Scientific Employment - 8th edition' competition promoted by the Foundation for Science and Technology, is accepting **expressions of interest**, as a host institution, from doctoral graduates in the fields of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Political Science, Economics, Human Geography, History, Social Psychology and Sociology, taking into account the research objectives and activities of ICS-ULisboa's [Thematic Lines](#) and [Research Groups](#).

Recipients:

National, foreign and stateless PhD holders with a background in any scientific field in the social sciences and humanities who wish to develop their scientific activity with ICS-ULisboa as their Host Institution.

Selection panel for expressions of interest:

President: Marina Costa Lobo, Director of ICS-ULisboa and Research Professor; Members: Ângela Barreto Xavier, President of the Scientific Council of ICS-ULisboa and Research Professor; Pedro Magalhães, President of the School Council and Research Professor; Sofia Aboim, Research Professor; Susana Matos Viegas, Deputy Director and Research Professor; Ana Nunes de Almeida, retired Research Professor of ICS-ULisboa.

Period for submitting expressions of interest:

Expressions of interest, written in Portuguese or English, should be submitted by **December 12, 2025**, to the e-mail candidaturas@ics.ulisboa.pt

Mandatory documentation for submitting expressions of interest:

1 - General information: a) Updated curriculum vitae, preferably CIENCIA VITAE; b) Certificate of completion of the doctoral programme. In the case of a doctorate obtained abroad, the candidate must submit a copy of the recognition of the doctoral degree in Portugal only at the contractualization stage.

2 - Scientific and curricular career: summary of scientific and curricular career and main activities and achievements obtained in the last 5 years - or less in the case of junior researchers (maximum 5,000 characters).

3 - Career development plan framing this expression of interest and its impact on future career goals and scientific achievements (maximum 5,000 characters).

4 - Research Plan to be developed, taking into account the terms of reference of the FCT Call for Proposals, and its framework and alignment with the themes and activities of the [Thematic Lines](#) and [Research Groups](#) of ICS- ULisboa, as well as with [Sustainable Development Goals](#) of the United Nations (maximum 5,000 characters).

5 - Conditions of the Host Institution: Indicate how the Research Plan fits into the mission and scientific strategy of ICS-ULisboa, as the Host Institution, and what contributions you think you can receive and make. (maximum 4,000 characters).

6 - Other documents: **a)** a copy of the two publications that the candidate considers most relevant (in pdf); **b)** a Letter of Motivation describing current research interests and how they fit in with the objectives and activities carried out at ICS-ULisboa; **c)** two letters of recommendation from social scientists affiliated with foreign institutions.

Criteria for selecting Expressions of Interest:

1 - Expressions of Interest will be assessed based on two criteria: **a)** Candidate – curriculum vitae; scientific and academic background, career development plan, selected publications, letter of motivation, and letters of recommendation; **b)** Research Plan and Hosting Conditions.

2 - Expressions of interest will be assessed on a scale of 1 to 10, with a weighting of 60% for the first criterion (candidate) and 40% for the second criterion (activity plan).

Announcement of the decision to support candidates with ICS-ULisboa as the Host Institution:

ICS-ULisboa's decision to support applicants to the Call will be communicated by e-mail by **January 12, 2026**.

Informations: www.ics.ulisboa.pt/en

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