

NOTICE NO. 01/2024

AWARD OF A RESEARCH GRANT FOR A MASTER'S STUDENT

The **Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon (ICS-ULisboa)** is calling for applications for 1 (one) Research Grant for a Master's student, within the scope of the research project "ABIDE - Animal Abidings: recovering from disasters in more-than-human communities", funded by the European Research Council [ERC, ABIDE, Grant agreement ID: 101043231], and coordinated by Dr Verónica Policarpo, from the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon, under the following conditions:

1. Scientific area: Social Sciences and Communication Sciences.

2. Admission requirements:

2.1. Candidates must have the following mandatory requirements:

- a) A Master's degree in Social Sciences (Sociology, Anthropology or related areas) or Communication Sciences (Social Communication or related areas) or a Declaration of Commitment to enrol in a Master's degree in Social Sciences (Sociology, Anthropology or related areas) or Communication Sciences (Social Communication or related areas);
- b) Knowledge of spoken and written English.

2.2. Candidates should have as preferential requirements:

- a) Experience of collecting and analysing media;
- b) Knowledge of Portuguese and/or willingness to learn.

3. Work plan: The grant holder will work under the coordination of the project's Principal Investigator, Dr Verónica Policarpo. The work will be carried out as part of a team and the work plan will include:

- a) Contribution to the ongoing research in the ABIDE project by collecting and analysing data, as well as writing up the results, in conjunction with the PI, in order to achieve the project's objectives;
- b) Collecting and analysing news and media pertaining the three countries addressed in the project;
- c) Collecting and analysing news and social media content (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) on the subject of the project;
- d) Building and updating the respective databases;
- e) Content analysis of the news and digital content collected using NVivo/MaxQDA/EXCEL;
- f) Statistical analysis;
- g) Bibliographical research on digital methodologies (social media), respective database construction and meta-analysis;

h) Collecting, updating and analysing relevant bibliography in your area for the project topic.

The grantee's duties will also include:

- a) Participation in project team meetings;
- b) Participation in the organisation of activities within the scope of the project, either internal to the team (e.g. reading groups) or external, provided they are relevant to the theme of the project (e.g. seminars and conferences);
- c) Participation in the activities of the Human-Animal Studies Hub (seminars, reading groups) and ICS-ULisboa;
- d) Contribution to the project's scientific dissemination and publicity.

4. Applicable legislation and regulations:

4.1 Law no. 40/2004, of 18 August, amended by Decree-Law no. 202/2012, of 27 August, by Decree-Law no. 233/2012, of 29 October, by Law no. 12/2013, of 29 January, by Decree-Law no. 89/2013, of 9 July, and by Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of 28 August (Research Fellow Statute);

4.2. the University of Lisbon's Research Grant Regulations, approved by Order no. 6238/2020 published in Diário da República, 2nd series, no. 113, of 12 June, and, in the alternative, the Research Grant Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. (FCT, I.P.), Regulation no. 950/2019, Diário da República, 2nd series, no. 241, of 16 December.

5. Place of work: Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon.

6. Scientific orientation: The scholarship holder will be supervised by Dr Verónica Policarpo, the project coordinator.

7. Duration of the scholarship: The scholarship will last for 6 months, possibly renewable for a further 6 months.

8. Amount of the monthly maintenance allowance and Social Security:

8.1. The monthly maintenance allowance is 930.98 euros (nine hundred and thirty ninety-eight cents), paid monthly by bank transfer.

8.2 The grant holder may exercise his/her right to social security by joining the voluntary social insurance scheme, under the terms of the Research Grant Holder Statute, with ICS-ULisboa assuming the costs resulting from the contributions provided for in that Statute.

9. Selection methods and how they will be assessed:

9.1 The applicable selection methods will be curricular assessment and a selection interview.

9.2 The selection interview will be carried out with the five candidates with the best score in the curricular assessment, provided they score 4.5 points or more.

9.3 Candidates will be selected on the basis of the terms of reference set out in paragraph 2 of this notice, taking into account:

- a) Curriculum evaluation, based on the objectives of the project and the specific nature of the research work to be carried out, valued from 1 to 10 points (60%);
- b) Letter of Motivation, referred to in point 13.2 c), valued from 1 to 10 points (10%);
- c) Other factors considered relevant, namely publications and participation in specialised congresses and involvement in civil society activities considered relevant to the project, valued from 1 to 10 points (10%);
- d) Selection interview to assess professional and behavioural skills, valued from 1 to 10 points (20%).

9.4 The jury reserves the right not to award any grant if the candidates do not match the desired profile.

10. Composition of the Selection Board: Dr Verónica Policarpo (Chair), Dr Filipa Soares (1st member, who will replace the Chair in her absence), Dr Jussara Rowland (2nd member), Dr Maria Concetta Lo Bosco (1st member) and Dr Simone Frangella (2nd member).

11 - Prior hearing and notification of interested parties: All candidates will be notified of the final result of the assessment, sent to the email address used to submit their application, and/or by post to the address on the attached Personal Data Form, by means of a list in descending order of the final assessment obtained. Candidates may exercise their right to a prior hearing, in writing, within ten working days of notification. To this end, candidates may request that the minutes be sent to them by email or consult the procedural documents in person at the Institute during office hours.

12. Deadline for receipt of applications: The competition is open from **08 to 23 February 2024**.

13. Formalisation and processing of applications:

13.1 Applications must be sent by email to recrutamentos@ics.ulisboa.pt, indicating the reference "Call for Research Grants no. 01/2024", otherwise they will not be considered.

13.2 Applications must be accompanied, under penalty of exclusion, by the following documents, and no document that must be submitted at the time of application may be submitted after the deadline for submission:

- a) Personal data form and Declaration of Consent to Communicate Results via e-mail (see attached form);
- b) Detailed and up-to-date Curriculum Vitae;
- c) Letter of Motivation justifying your interest in the subject of the research project and the skills you think you can contribute to the project;
- d) Proof of enrolment in a Master's Degree in Social Sciences (Sociology, Anthropology or related areas) or Communication Sciences (Social Communication or related areas) or Declaration of Commitment to enrol in a Master's Degree in Social Sciences (Sociology, Anthropology or related areas) or Communication Sciences (Social Communication or related areas), in accordance with point 2.1 a) of this Notice;
- e) Presentation of the Master's degree enrolment is a mandatory condition for signing the contract.

14. Information about ICS ULisboa and its activities is available at: www.ics.ulisboa.pt

Lisbon, 08 February 2024

The Director

Prof. Dr. Marina Costa Lobo



ANNEX
PERSONAL DATA AND DECLARATION OF CONSENT FOR COMMUNICATION
OF RESULTS VIA E-MAIL

Full name:

Citizen Card / Identity Card / Passport no:

Valid until: //

Nationality:

Full address

Postal Code: -

e-mail:

I consent to all such communications and/or notifications in connection with this call being made to the e-mail address used to send my application.

(Place and date) of 2024

(Signature of candidate)