

## NOTICE NO. 18/2023

### AWARD OF A RESEARCH GRANT FOR DOCTORAL STUDENT

The Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon (ICS-ULisboa) is calling for applications for 1 (one) Research Grant (BI) for a PhD Student under 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, sub-areas Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology, Human Geography, related areas of Human-Animal Studies; Multispecies Studies, Environmental Studies, Indigenous Studies.

#### **2. Admission requirements:**

##### **2.1. Candidates must have the following mandatory requirements:**

- a) Enrollment or commitment to enroll in a Doctoral Program in the areas of Sociology, Anthropology, Human Geography, Psychology, or other related areas of Multispecies Studies and human-animal relations.
- b) Master's degree in Sociology, Anthropology, Human Geography, Psychology, Human-Animal Studies, Anthrozoology, Multispecies Studies, or another area related to the theme of the project;
- c) Availability for fieldwork in remote areas in one or more of the 3 countries included in the project: Australia, Brazil, Portugal;
- d) Advanced knowledge of English (spoken and written).

If the academic degree required in this Notice, as a requirement for admission, was obtained abroad, you must take into account what is mentioned in point 13 of this Notice regarding the qualifications certificates.

##### **2.2. Candidates should have the following as preferential requirements:**

- a) Knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methodologies for data processing;
- b) Knowledge and/or experience of ethology and/or ethno-ethology;
- c) Knowledge and/or experience in GIS - Geographic Information Systems;
- d) Interest in and orientation towards interdisciplinarity, dialog and co-construction of knowledge with other disciplines;

- e) Digital communication skills (including maintaining webpages, Facebook pages, Instagram and Twitter accounts);
- f) Knowledge of Portuguese, or willingness to learn.

### 3. Work plan:

The grantee will develop in his/her doctoral thesis a proposal for conceptualization and respective empirical observation of the experiences of animals affected by fire, including:

- The multisensory dimensions of these experiences;
- The physical clues that signal post-fire recovery;
- The practices and abilities of the species under study to interact with the territory and other species, including humans, and to recover;
- The meanings and values implied in these practices;
- The biopolitical and ethical implications of these practices for informing multi-species justice.

The grantee will collaborate in ABIDE's research activities, namely by:

- a) Contributing to the ongoing research of the ABIDE project, including collecting and analyzing data, as well as writing up results, in conjunction with the PI, in order to achieve the project's objectives;
- b) Collecting, processing and analyzing data from the press, social media and public policies; multi-species ethnography; geographic information, using GIS;
- c) Preparing reports and other project outputs;
- d) Preparing activities and events related to the project (seminars, conferences, courses, workshops);
- e) Writing articles, book chapters and other scientific publications, and collaborating with the team on collective publications;
- f) Scientific dissemination activities;
- g) Scientific secretariat, including meeting minutes, database updates, organization of bibliographies and archive data.

The grantee's duties also include:

- a) Participation in project team meetings;
- b) Participation in the organization of activities within the scope of the project, either internal to the team (e.g. reading groups) or external (e.g. seminars and conferences);
- c) Participation in the activities of the Human-Animal Studies Hub (seminars, reading groups), and ICS-ULisboa.

### 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 the *Diário da República*, 2nd series, no. 113, of 12 June and, in the alternative, the Research Grant Regulations of the *Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, 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 supervision:** The supervision of the scholarship holder will be the responsibility of Verónica Policarpo, PhD, Principal Investigator of the project.

**7. Duration of the scholarship:** The scholarship will last for six months, renewable up to the limits established in the University of Lisbon's Research Scholarship Regulations.

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

**8.1.** The monthly maintenance allowance is **€1,199.64 (one thousand one hundred and ninety-nine euros and sixty-four cents)**, paid monthly by bank transfer.

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

**9. Selection methods and how they are valued:**

**9.1** The applicable selection methods will be:

- a) Curriculum evaluation;
- b) A letter of motivation in which the applicant expresses the extent to which he/she can make a distinctive contribution to the project;
- c) A selection interview.

**9.2** Candidates will be assessed on a scale of 1 to 10 points. The selection interview will be held for the candidates placed in the top 3 positions, 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:

- a) Curriculum evaluation, based on the objectives of the project and the specific nature of the research work to be carried out (60%);
- b) Motivation letter (10%);
- c) Selection interview to assess professional and behavioural skills (30%).

**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 Panel:** Dr Verónica Policarpo, Principal Researcher of the ABIDE Project, ICS-ULisboa (President); Dr Susana Matos Viegas, Principal Researcher of ICS-ULisboa (1st Effective Member); Dr Maria Concetta Lo Bosco, Junior Researcher of ICS-ULisboa (2nd Effective Member); Dr Edalina Sanches, Assistant Researcher of ICS-ULisboa (1st Substitute Member) and Dr Simone Frangella, equivalent to Assistant Researcher at ICS-ULisboa (2nd Substitute 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 ranked 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 applications:** The competition is open from **22 September to 20 October 2023**.

**13. Formalising and examining applications:**

**13.1** Applications must be sent by email to [recrutamentos@ics.ulisboa.pt](mailto:recrutamentos@ics.ulisboa.pt), indicating the reference "**Call for Research Grants no. 18/2023**", otherwise they will not be considered.

**13.2** Applications must be accompanied, under penalty of exclusion, by the following documents; 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 Communication of Results via e-mail (see attached form);
- b) Detailed and up-to-date Curriculum Vitae;
- c) Motivation letter 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 or Declaration of Commitment to enrol in a PhD Program in the areas of Sociology, Anthropology, Human Geography, Environmental Geography, or other related areas of Multispecies Studies and human-animal relations.
- e) Document(s) proving that the candidate meets the conditions required for the type of scholarship, namely certificate(s) of the academic degree(s) required, with final average, or proof that he/she has already applied for the respective certificate(s);
- g) Proof of enrolment in a doctoral program is a mandatory condition for signing the contract;
- h) For academic degrees obtained in foreign countries, which have not yet obtained either recognition or equivalence or registration of the degree, recognition of the degree is required,



under the terms of Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16, in conjunction with Ministerial Order no. 33/2019, of January 25.

**14. Information about ICS ULisboa** and its activities is available at: [www.ics.ulisboa.pt](http://www.ics.ulisboa.pt)

Lisbon, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

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 2023

(Signature of candidate)