

Notice for the attribution of CESPU PhD scholarships

University Institute of Health Sciences (IUCS)

Duration and Activity Regime. A call is open for the attribution of 2 (two) PhD Scholarships financed by the Cooperative of Polytechnic and University Higher Education (CESPU). The fellowship has an annual duration, starting in February 2022, eventually renewable up to a maximum of 4 years, on an exclusive basis. The activities will be developed at the Institute of Research and Advanced Training in Health Sciences and Technologies (IINFACETS), under the Doctoral Program in Biological Sciences Applied to Health of the University Institute of Health Sciences (IUCS), according to the CESPU Scholarship Regulation approved by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, IP (see CESPU Scholarship Regulation at <https://www.cespu.pt/ensino/candidaturas/candidaturas/doutoramento/>).

Object of Activity and Scientific Orientation. The work to be carried out will be in the area of health sciences. Research projects, as well as supervisors, will be defined by the Coordinating Committee of the Doctoral Program, according to the profile of the selected candidates.

Admission Requirements.

- i) CESPU PhD scholarships are intended for applicants who are accepted in the 6th edition of the IUCS doctoral program, starting in 2021/2022 (see Notice 2021-2022/6th edition at <https://www.cespu.pt/ensino/candidaturas/candidaturas/doutoramento/>);
- ii) Applicants must hold a Master's Degree, in the field of biological, biomedical, or health sciences, with a final average (Bachelor + Master), or final grade of Integrated Master, equal to or greater than 16.00 (numerical scale from 0 to 20). The required degrees must be formally completed until the end of the application submission period;
- iii) Applicants with foreign academic degrees that are not recognized in Portugal, will be admitted to the competition. However, when submitting the application, it is mandatory to present the recognition of the foreign academic qualifications in Portugal, in accordance with the provisions referred to in Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of August 16th (rules for the recognition of foreign academic degrees and higher education diplomas in Portugal), and in Ministerial Order 33/2019, of January 25th (regulates the procedural requirements for the recognition of foreign academic degrees and higher education diplomas in Portugal). More information about the recognition in Portugal of higher education degrees and diplomas awarded by foreign higher education institutions is available at <https://www.dges.gov.pt/en/pagina/degree-and-diploma-recognition?plid=1536>;
- iv) Experience in scientific projects: candidates must have active participation in research projects (excluding bachelor's and/or master's Report/thesis), documented by official records or letters of recommendation; other documented forms of active participation in research and development activities, not described under the above-mentioned criteria, may be considered by the Jury if it deemed equally relevant;
- v) Missing documents required in this call and/or incomplete information determines the ineligibility of the scholarship application.

Evaluation and selection criteria. Applicants will be selected for interview based on curriculum evaluation:

- Academic qualifications (40%)
- Experience in research projects (30%)
- Scientific production - publications and presentations in congresses and/or participation in patent development (10%)
- Letter of motivation (10%)
- Letters of reference (10%).

The top 8 candidates in the curriculum evaluation will be invited for an interview.

Among the applicants interviewed, 2 will be selected according to the curriculum evaluation (50%), previously specified, and the interview (50%).

The jury reserves the right not to award the scholarship if none of the candidates matches the desired profile, suitable for the research activities being carried out at IUCS.

Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will include members of the Coordinating Committee of the PhD program: Professor Ricardo Dinis (Director of Science Department and Jury President), Professor Hassan Bousbaa (Coordinator of the PhD program), and Professor Bruno Sarmiento (Co-coordinator of the PhD program). Other professors from the PhD program and/or researchers from IINFACTS may be part of the jury. The jury has deliberative capacity with a minimum of two of the elements identified above.

Notification of results. Notification of the results will be made to the electronic address provided by the applicants.

Scholarship. The scholarship includes the following components:

- Research grant of **€800.00**, as provided for in Annex III of the CESPU Scholarship Regulation, payment to be made monthly by bank transfer;
- Exemption from doctoral fees and school insurance (does not include exemption from payment of registration/enrolment);
- Voluntary social insurance and personal accident insurance.

In case of failure in a year and/or course units, the respective charges will be paid by the scholarship holder.

Legislation. The scholarships are awarded under the Research Fellowship Holder Statute (available at: <https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/estatutobolseiro.phtml.en>), approved by Law no. 40/2004, in its updated version, and under Studentships and Fellowships of the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology in force (available at: <https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml>) and the CESPU Scholarship Regulation.

Application Submission Period. Applications for scholarships are made on the application form for the doctoral program.

The scholarship application documents are common to the application documents for the doctoral program.

Gandra, May 12, 2021

The Rector,

Prof. Doutor José Alberto Duarte