

Post/position/scholarship:

2 PhD Research Scholarships - CETAPS

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General Scientific Field: Cultural studies

Specific Scientific Field:

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1. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Applications are open from 11 August 2020 until 7 September 2020, 23:59 (Lisbon time). The applications and supporting documents stipulated in the following call for scholarship applications must be submitted by email to the following addresses: recrutamentorh@sp.up.pt and cetaps@letras.up.pt, with the subject APPLICATION FOR PHD SCHOLARSHIP – CETAPS and specifying Scholarship 1 or 2.

Each applicant may only apply for one scholarship. Any applicant submitting more than one application will have both applications disqualified.

False statements and instances of plagiarism are grounds for the disqualification of the applicant without prejudice to other disciplinary measures.

2. TYPE AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The PhD research scholarships are intended to fund the recipient's research activities undertaken during and leading to a PhD qualification at a Portuguese university.

The research activities contributing to the completion of the PhD will take place at the University of Porto's Centre for English, Translation and Anglo-Portuguese Studies, henceforth referred to as CETAPS, the host institution of the scholarship recipients, without prejudice to the possibility of work conducted in collaboration with other institutions.

The research activities undertaken towards the completion of a PhD of the selected scholarship recipients should adhere to CETAPS's activities and strategic plan. The activities should additionally be undertaken as part of the Doctoral Degree (Third Cycle) in Literary, Cultural and Interart Studies at the University of Porto (https://sigarra.up.pt/flup/en/CUR_GERAL.CUR_VIEW?pv_curso_id=1881&pv_origem=CAND).

The work plan will be carried out in its entirety at CETAPS (national scholarship).

As a rule, the scholarships are annual, renewable for up to four years (48 months), with a minimum duration of 3 consecutive months.

3. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

In order to apply for the PhD Research Scholarships, applicants must be enrolled in, or meet the necessary requirements to enrol in, the Doctoral Degree (Third Cycle) in Literary, Cultural and Interart Studies at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Porto. In addition, applicants must intend to undertake research activity which fulfils the requirements for completion of a PhD at CETAPS, with the possibility that some of these activities, where duly justified, take place in associated host institutions.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Applicant Eligibility Requirements

The following applicants may respond to this call:

- National citizens or citizens of other European Union Member States;
- Citizens of non-Member States;
- Stateless persons;
- Beneficiaries of refugee status.

Applicants to the PhD Research Scholarship must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a degree or master's degree in the Humanities, which includes English and English Language studies and associated fields considered valid for entry into the Doctoral Degree (Third Cycle) in Literary, Cultural and Interart Studies at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Porto;
- Be a permanent and habitual resident in Portugal, applicable to national as well as foreign citizens;
- Not have previously benefitted from a PhD scholarship or a PhD in enterprises directly funded by FCT, regardless of the duration.

4.2 Application Eligibility Requirements

Failure to include the following documents will result in immediate disqualification of the application:

- Details of identity document/citizen card/passport;
- Curriculum vitae, including: identification; educational background; professional experience; participation in scientific events (with or without presentation); participation in

research projects; publications; other points considered relevant for the assessment of the application;

- Certificates of academic degrees, specifying the final grade (mandatory), as well as (where possible) the marks obtained in all of the subjects; alternately, a signed declaration on honour, attesting to having completed a degree or master's degree before the application deadline;
- Record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher learning institutions and record of the conversion of the respective final grade to the Portuguese grading scale or, alternately, a declaration on honour stating that the recognition of the foreign degree equivalent to a degree or master's degree will be obtained before the application deadline.
- 2 (two) recommendation letters;
- Motivation letter, indicating the research area at CETAPS that the applicant proposes joining ("Mapping Utopianisms" – Scholarship 1 or "Relational Forms: Medial and Textual Transits in Ireland and Britain" – Scholarship 2). Additionally, the letter should explain how the proposed plan adheres to the CETAPS strategic project plan (<https://www.cetaps.com/strategic-project/>) and how it relates to the objectives of the Doctoral Degree (Third Cycle) in Literary, Cultural and Interart Studies at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Porto (https://sigarra.up.pt/flup/en/CUR_GERAL.CUR_VIEW?pv_curso_id=1881);
- Declaration of commitment to permanent residence in Portugal for the duration of the contract;
- Provisional research plan, including: a summary (maximum 300 words); a state of the art review (maximum 700 words); objectives and main topics of the research (maximum 300 words); detailed description, including a theoretical framework, explanation and justification of the main methodologies of the work (maximum 2 000 words); bibliographic references (maximum 20 references).

The application and all of the documents attached to it, including the motivation and recommendation letters, must be in either English or Portuguese.

In relation to the abovementioned eligibility requirements, the following must be noted:

- In order to guarantee equal treatment between applicants with foreign and national academic degrees, the recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher learning institutions, as well as the conversion of the respective final grades to the Portuguese grading scale, is mandatory.

The recognition of foreign academic degrees and diplomas, in addition to the conversion of the final grade to the Portuguese grading system, may be requested at any public higher learning institution or at the Directorate General for Higher Education (DGES). You may consult the relevant information on the DGES website: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/en>.

- Only applicants who have completed their degree or master's degree before the application deadline will be eligible. Should the applicant not yet have a certificate attesting to the completion of the course, a declaration on honour by the applicant stating that the qualifications necessary for the application will have been awarded before the application deadline will be accepted. The scholarship will only be awarded once proof of these required academic qualifications can be provided.

5. WORK PLANS AND SCIENTIFIC SUPERVISION OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

The two scholarships will be awarded in order to advance the work undertaken in the respective research areas at CETAPS "Mapping Utopianisms" (Scholarship 1) and "Relational Forms: Medial and Textual Transits in Ireland and Britain" (Scholarship 2).

SCHOLARSHIP 1 - "Mapping Utopianisms"

The scholarship for the development of research in the field "Mapping Utopianisms" is aimed at a project that proposes a study of the way in which utopianism has influenced the construction of contemporary thought in recent decades. Beyond the literary texts that follow the contemporary narrative structure defined by Thomas More, the proposed projects may explore other literary forms, from graphic novels to hyper-utopias (literary texts posted on the internet), as well as other artistic forms such as cinema and theatre. Project proposals that focus on the study of positive transformation works (utopias as opposed to dystopias or anti-utopias) and include a component of Digital Humanities will be given preference.

SCHOLARSHIP 2 - "Relational Forms: Medial and Textual Transits in Ireland and Britain"

The scholarship for the development of research in the field "Relational Forms: Medial and Textual Transits in Ireland and Britain" is aimed at a project that demonstrates the intertextual and/or intermedial relations in British and/or Irish literary works and cultural features from the 20th and/or 21st centuries. Projects on the work of more than one author and that concern more than one medium, for instance, literature and the visual or performing arts, will be given preference.

In addition to the development of the research projects, scholarship recipients should participate in CETAPS activities, which include participating in event organisation committees, participating in conferences and education outreach activities, as well as taking on the responsibility of constantly updating the information on the CETAPS website regarding the recipients' research area.

Selected applicants commit to pursuing research leading to a doctoral degree, respecting the following cumulative conditions:

- a) integrating their research activity in the scientific activity of CETAPS, University of Porto, in the research fields "Mapping Utopianisms" or "Relational Forms: Medial and Textual Transits in Ireland and Britain" and in the Doctoral Degree (Third Cycle) in Literary, Cultural and Interart Studies at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Porto. The research will be carried out in accordance with the information received from the Centre's Coordinating committee and the Course Director, in addition to the indications of the dissertation supervisor(s) (once formally nominated);
- b) actively participating in and collaborating in the organisation of scientific and pedagogical activities promoted by CETAPS, University of Porto, and the Doctoral Degree (Third Cycle) in Literary, Cultural and Interart Studies at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Porto;
- c) following the completion of the course curriculum, the scholarship recipient must adhere to a work plan defined by them and their supervisor(s), which has been approved following a public presentation included in the Thesis Project II module of the Doctoral Degree (Third Cycle) in Literary, Cultural and Interart Studies at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Porto;
- d) during the Course, the scholarship recipient must publish at least three peer-reviewed scientific papers;
- e) during the Course, the scholarship recipient must present at a minimum of 3 peer-reviewed scientific events.

NOTE:

At the end of each year of the scholarship, the recipient will be required to present a detailed report to the Coordinating Committee of the Centre and the Course Director. The report, duly corroborated by their supervisor(s), must demonstrate the recipient's adherence to the established work plan and, where applicable, justify any divergence from the plan. The renewal of the bursary will depend on the positive evaluation of this report by the evaluators, who are nominated in a joint meeting between the Scientific Committee of the Doctoral Degree (Third Cycle) in Literary, Cultural and Interart Studies at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Porto and the Scientific Board of CETAPS.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

6.1 Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation will consider the merit of the applicant and the provisional research plan.

Applications considered eligible will be scored on a scale of 0 (zero) to 200 (two hundred) points in each of the following evaluation criteria:

- Criterion A – Merit of the Applicant, with a weight of 65% in the final overall grade of the application, distributed between the following components:

- 1) final grade of the degree or equivalent qualification, with a weight of 20% in the final overall grade of the application;
- 2) final grade of the master's degree or equivalent qualification, with a weight of 20% in the final overall grade of the application (applicants that apply without having completed their master's degree will receive zero points for this subcriterion);

In the case of applicants with an integrated master's, the final mark will count 40% of the overall grade of the application.

- 3) CV and recommendation letters, evaluated by the jury, weighing 25% in the final overall grade of the application.

- Criterion B – Merit of the Provisional Research Plan, weighing 35% of the final overall grade of the application. The jury will consider factors such as the quality of the plan, its content and formal presentation, as well as its integration and viability in the general framework of the scientific mission of CETAPS and the educational goals of the Doctoral Degree (Third Cycle) in Literary, Cultural and Interart Studies at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Porto.

In the event of a tie, the applicants will be ranked based on the marks attributed to each of the evaluation criteria and subcriteria according to the following order of precedence: Criterion B; Subcriterion A2; Subcriterion A3; Subcriterion A1.

Important note for applicants with degrees awarded by foreign higher learning institutions:

- Applicants with diplomas awarded by foreign higher learning institutions can apply and will be evaluated according to the same criteria as applicants with diplomas awarded by Portuguese institutions, as long as they include in their application proof of recognition of academic degrees and conversion of the final grade to the Portuguese grading scale according to the terms of the relevant legislation.
- Applicants with foreign diplomas that do not present proof of conversion of the final grade to the Portuguese grading scale will be evaluated with the minimum mark (0 points) for subcriteria A1 and A2.
- Nevertheless, scholarship contracts with applicants with diplomas awarded by foreign institutions will only be concluded once proof is presented of recognition of academic degrees and with conversion of the final grade, as stated above.

Applicants with a final grade lower than 160 (one hundred and sixty) points will not be considered eligible for the scholarship.

7. EVALUATION

The evaluation panel of the candidates is formed by the following permanent members:

- Panel coordinator:

Professor Carlos Manuel da Rocha Borges de Azevedo, who teaches at FLUP and is the Director of the Third Cycle (Doctoral Studies) in Literary, Cultural and Interart Studies of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Porto.

Other members:

- Professor Gualter Mendes Queiroz Cunha, Retired Professor of FLUP and Researcher at CETAPS
- Professor Carlos Francisco Mafra Ceia, faculty member at the Universidade Nova and Director of CETAPS.

The applicants' evaluation panel also includes the following alternates:

- Nicolas Robert Hurst, faculty member at FLUP and researcher at CETAPS.
- Maria Ellison de Matos, faculty member at FLUP and researcher at CETAPS.
- Nuno Manuel Dias Pinto Ribeiro, faculty member at FLUP and researcher at CETAPS.

Each application will be judged according to the criteria laid down in this call, appraising all the information provided for evaluation.

All members of the panel, including the coordinator, commit to respect a set of essential responsibilities concerning the evaluation process, such as the duty of impartiality, the declaration of any possible conflict of interest, and confidentiality. At all times during the process of evaluation, confidentiality will be totally protected and assured, so as to guarantee the independence of all and any recommendations.

Members of the panel, including the coordinator, may not be supervisors, or co-supervisors, of any applicants who have applied for this scholarship.

For each application, the panel will prepare a final evaluation form which will contain the reasoning for the grade given for each evaluation criteria and sub-criteria in a clear, coherent, and consistent manner.

All members of the evaluation panel will prepare minutes of all their meetings.

The minutes and their annexes shall include the following information:

- Name and affiliation of each and every member of the evaluation panel;
- Identification of all excluded applications and the reasons for such exclusion;
- Methodology adopted by the panel for some particular cases;
- Final evaluation forms for each applicant;
- Provisional grades and ranking of applicants, in descending order of the final grade, of all applications evaluated by the panel;
- Conflict of interest declarations from all panel members;
- Possible delegations of power and voting rights in case of justified absence.

8. DISCLOSURE OF RESULTS

The results of the evaluation will be communicated to the applicants by e-mail to the e-mail address initially used by the applicant to send the application or the e-mail address indicated within the application dossier.

9. DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES FOR PRE-HEARING, COMPLAINT AND APPEAL

After communicating the provisional list with the assessment results, the candidates will have 10 business days during which they may present their comments during a pre-hearing for interested parties, according to articles 121 et seq. of the *Código do Procedimento Administrativo* (Code of Administrative Procedure).

The final decision will be rendered after examination of the judgements presented in the pre-hearing. A complaint against the final decision may be brought within 15 business days, or, alternatively, an appeal may be brought within 30 business days, both starting from the day of notification. The applicants who choose to file a complaint must address their arguments to the member of the Board of Directors of FCT with the necessary powers. The applicants who choose to file an appeal must address it to the member of the Board of Directors of FCT.

10. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AWARD OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The research scholarship contracts will be entered into directly with FCT.

It is compulsory to send the following documents, upon the award of the scholarship, for purposes of the contract:

- a) Copy of ID document, including proof of tax and social security numbers*;
- b) Copies of all certificates of academic qualifications;
- c) Presentation of the registration of recognition of foreign academic qualifications and conversion of their final grade to the Portuguese grading scale, as the case may be;
- d) Proof of registration and enrolment in the Third Cycle Degree (Doctoral studies) in Literary, Cultural and Interart Studies at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Porto;

- e) Statement from the supervisor(s) taking responsibility for the supervision of the plan of work, according to article 5-A of the Research Fellowship Holder Statute (FCT will provide the statement format);
- f) Proof that the applicant has been accepted by the institution where the research activities will take place, ensuring the necessary conditions to their progress, as well as fulfilling the duties set out in article 13 of the *Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação* (research fellow statute) (FCT will provide the statement format);
- g) Recent proof of compliance to the requirement of full-time study (FCT will provide the statement format).

The award of the scholarship also depends on:

- compliance with the requirements laid down in this Call for Application;
- the result of the scientific evaluation;
- the non-existence of unjustified default of obligations related to a previous scholarship/bursary under a previous scholarship/bursary directly or indirectly financed by FCT;
- budget availability on the part of FCT.

The non-delivery of any necessary documents to finalize the scholarship contract, within 6 months of the date of communication of the decision for the conditional award of the bursary, will result in the expiry of the award and the closure of the case.

*If the applicant prefers, they may present the documents in person at the funding entity, who will keep the information contained in such documents that are relevant for the validity and execution of the contract, including civil, tax and social security numbers, as well as the validity of the respective documents.

11. FINANCING

The payment of the scholarships will start once the applicant has returned the duly signed contract. This must take place within 15 business days from the date of receipt. Scholarships awarded under the current call for applications will be financed by FCT with funding from the State Budget and, when eligible, with funding from the European Social Fund, to be made available under the PORTUGAL2020 agreement, through the Regional Operational Programme of the North (NORTE 2020), the Regional Operational Programme of the Centre (CENTRO 2020) and the Regional Operational Programme of the Alentejo (Alentejo 2020), among others, according to the regulations laid out to this end.

12. COMPONENTS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The recipients will receive a monthly maintenance subsidy as per the table in Annexure I of the RSF.

The scholarship may include other components, as set out in article 18 of the RSF and according to the amounts laid out in the respective Annexure II.

All recipients will be insured by FCT against personal accidents in respect of the research activities.

All recipients not covered by a social security scheme may ensure their right to social security by joining the voluntary social scheme, under the Social Security Contribution Regimes Code, whose payments will be covered by FCT pursuant to and within the limits provided for by the provisions of Article 10 of the EBI.

13. PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMPONENTS

The payments due to the recipients will be made by bank transfer to the account identified by the beneficiary for this purpose. The payment of the monthly maintenance subsidy will be made on the first business day of each month.

Payment of registration, enrolment or tuition fees will be made directly by FCT to the national institution where the recipient is a registered doctoral student.

14. TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The renewal of the scholarship will depend on an application by the recipient, within 60 business days prior to the beginning of the renewal period, accompanied by the following supporting documents:

- a) recommendations made by the supervisor(s) and by the hosting body regarding the monitoring of the work of the recipient and the assessment of the recipient's activities;
- b) recent proof of compliance to the requirement of full-time study;
- c) recent proof of renewal of registration in the cycle of studies that leads to a doctoral degree.

15. INFORMATION AND ADVERTISING OF THE AWARDED FUNDING

In all R&D activities directly or indirectly funded by the scholarship, namely all presentations, publications, and scientific outputs, as well as theses, realised with the support provided by the scholarship, there should be explicit mention of the financial support provided by FCT and the European Social Fund, through the Regional Operational Programme of the North (NORTE 2020), the Regional Operational Programme of the Centre (CENTRO 2020) and the Regional Operational Programme of the Alentejo (Alentejo 2020). To this end, documents relating to these activities must bear the insignia of FCT, the MCTES, the ESF and the EU, in accordance with the graphic guidelines of each operational programme.

The disclosure of research results financed by the RSF must adhere to the current FCT guidelines on open access data, publications and other research outputs.

With regard to all bursaries and, in particular, in the case of actions supported by community funding, including from the ESF, there might be monitoring and control undertaken by national and community bodies under the applicable legislation. The recipients have the obligation to cooperate and to provide all the information requested, which includes surveys and assessment studies in this area, even after the scholarship period has ended.

16. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL ACCESS POLICY

The FCT upholds a non-discrimination and equal access policy, whereby no applicant may be favoured, impeded or deprived of any rights or exempt from any claim due to their origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, civil status, family situation, economic situation, education, background or social status, genetic heritage, reduced work capacity, deficiency, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, region of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions or union membership.

17. LEGISLATION AND APPLICABLE REGULATION

The Call is bound by the current Notice of the Call, by the Regulation of Research Scholarship of FCT, adopted by Regulation no. 950/2019, published in Série II of the official gazette of the Portuguese Republic, DR of 16 December 2019, by the Research Fellowship Holder Statute passed by Law no. 40/2004, on 18 August, in its current version, and in accordance with the applicable national and Community legislation.

