

Doctoral Program in Spatial Planning

PhD Scholarships (BD) for the FCT Doctoral Program in Spatial Planning

Call for Applications for 4 Individual Doctoral Scholarships

The Doctoral Program in Spatial Planning (DPSP), jointly offered by Faculty of Engineering/ University of Porto (FE/UP) and University of Coimbra (UC), was selected in the competition for funding from the Foundation for Science and Technology, IP (FCT, IP), having been awarded 4 PhD scholarships. Under that tender, the Scientific Committee of the DPSP is committed to select the students who will benefit from the scholarships funded by FCT, IP. The scholarships will be awarded directly by FCT to the student.

Thus, under the Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação Científica, approved by Law no. 9 40/2004 of 18th August, in its current wording, and Regulamento de Bolsas da Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, the Scientific Committee launches a tender for the selection of scholarship recipients.

DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS (BD): FOUR (4)

These scholarships are intended for individuals who meet the requirements set forth in Article 30, paragraph 1, of Decree Law no. 74/2006, of March 24, as amended by Decree-Law no. 107/2008 of June 25, and 230/2009 of September 14. These scholarships are one year in duration, renewable for up to a total of four years and not less than three consecutive months.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

1. Education, scientific and professional experience

At the time of the application it is mandatory to make proof of the conclusion of the academic degree needed to be admitted in the study cycle to obtain doctor's degree. Foreign degrees will only be accepted by recognition of Direção Geral do Ensino Superior or Portuguese public college according to recognition of foreign qualifications regulation, Decree-Law no 341/2007, dd. October 12 and Decree-Law no 283/83, dd. June 21.

2. Nationality

- i) Portuguese citizens or citizens from other member states of the European Union;
- ii) Citizens from other states, holders of a valid residence permit or beneficiaries of long-term resident status as predicted in Law No. 23/2007, of 4 of July, amended by Law No. 29/2012 of 9 of August;
- iii) Citizens from other states with which Portugal has signed reciprocity agreements;

- iv) Portuguese citizens or citizens from other states who hold a permanent residence in Portugal;
- v) Citizens from other states, whenever the appropriate opening announcement includes an individual interview as one of the selection methods;
- vi) Concerning the scholarships whose work programs might be developed wholly or partially in foreign institutions, there can only be applications from national or foreign citizens who have permanent residence in Portugal.

PERIOD OF APPLICATIONS

The call is open between **20-06-2016 to 11-07-2016**

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications should be sent by email to recursoshumanos@fe.up.pt and to pdpt@fe.up.pt, indicating the reference “**FEUP-BD-PDPT**” in the subject. The application must include the following components:

- Copy of ID document / passport
- General curriculum vitae
- Official certificate of the university degree(s)
- Official transcripts with final mark/grade and marks/grades for all courses
- Letter of motivation (explaining the reason why the application is made)
- Reference letters - the contact details (name, institution and e-mail) of at least two references should be supplied
- Recent photo of the candidate.

Candidates who have not yet obtained their academic degree by the closing date of the call will be eligible provided they declare, in the letter of motivation, that the degree will be awarded by September 30, 2016. If this condition is not fulfilled, the scholarship will not be awarded.

WORKPLACE

The PhD will be developed at FE/UP (Oporto) or UC (Coimbra) depending of the preference of the grantholder, and possibly also in some foreign institution if deemed necessary or advantageous by the Scientific Committee of the DPSP.

Only national or foreign citizens who have permanent residence in Portugal are entitled to make part of the doctoral programme in foreign institutions.

DURATION

The duration of the scholarship is annual, renewable up to a maximum of four years. It cannot be awarded for periods of less than three consecutive months.

VALUE OF MONTHLY STIPEND

The values of monthly stipends are the same as those of the scholarships awarded directly by FCT for programmes in Portugal (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores.phtml.en>).

APPLICABLE LAW

Law No. 40/2004, of 18 of August, as amended by Decree-Law No. 202/2012 of 27 of August, and amended by Decree-Law No. 233/2012 of 29 of October and by Law No. 12/2013, of 29 of January and by the Decree-Law No. 89/2013 of 9 of July (FCT Studentship and Fellowship Regulations); current FCT Regulations for Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.en>).

EVALUATION

The Board of Directors will analyze and evaluate the applications, and the candidates selection will be based on an objective evaluation of the following specific criteria and weights:

- Academic achievements; preference will be given to candidates with background on the research areas of the programme – weight: 50%;
- Relevant scientific activities (e.g. participation in research projects, authorship of journal and conference papers, patents, etc.) - weight: 20%;
- Relevant professional experience (related with the programme's scope) - weight: 15%;
- Motivation (based on the interview, statement of purpose and reference letters) - weight: 15%.

The number of selected candidates may be less than the number of scholarships available, depending on their overall merit.

PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

The results of the selection process will be communicated via email and by letter to all candidates. In the case of an unfavourable decision (i.e. for applicants not selected to receive scholarships), the applicant has a period of 10 days after disclosure of results, to be heard by the Board of Directors, by requesting a preliminary hearing in the terms of the Portuguese Código do Procedimento Administrativo. The final decision can be appealed to the Foundation for Science and Technology, IP, within 15 working days of its notification.

FINANCING

The allowances related to the contracts will be financed by the Ministry of Science, Technonoly and higher Education budget and when eligible through funds from European Social Fund through the Operating Programs of programming period 2014-2020, of Portugal 2020, namely Thematic Operating Program of Human capital, Regional Operating Program of North, Center or Alentejo, according the specific applicable regulation.

Any cases not addressed in the present call are covered by the Regulations for Research Scholarships of FCT, available at <https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento2012.phtml.en>

VACANT POSTS: 4

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 11-07-2016