



## Call for Applications Doctoral Programme Scholarships

University of Lisbon  
Portugal

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Call for applications of 2 national PhD scholarships and 3 mixed PhD scholarships in the context of the Doctoral Programme in Philosophy of Science, Technology, Art and Society

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The Doctoral Programme in Philosophy of Science, Technology, Art and Society of the University of Lisbon was selected for financial support within the 2012 call for PhD Programmes of the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT, IP), being awarded with 5 PhD scholarships per year, of which 3 are mixed<sup>1</sup> and 2 are national.

According to the FCT PhD Programme regulations, the Directive Board has the responsibility to select the students that will receive the PhD scholarships through contracts signed directly with FCT, IP. Thus, in accordance with the Regulations on Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources of the Foundation for Science and Technology, the Directive Board of the FCT Doctoral Programme in Philosophy of Science, Technology, Art and Society open this call for applications to 5 PhD scholarships (2 national and 3 mixed) for the academic year 2014-15, starting on September 2014.

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<sup>1</sup> Mixed scholarships imply that the work plan will take place partially in a Portuguese institution. The development of the work plan in a foreign institution is dependent on budget availability of the funding institution and cannot in any case exceed two years.

## APPLICANTS

This call is intended to everyone who meets the requirements set forth in number 1 of Article 30 of the Decree-Law 74/2006 of 24<sup>th</sup> of March, amended by the Decree-Laws 107/2008 of 25<sup>th</sup> of June, and 230/2009 of 14<sup>th</sup> of September.

May apply to this call 1) Portuguese citizens, 2) citizens of other European Union member states, 3) third countries citizens, citizens of other countries holding a valid permanence residence permits in Portugal or who hold the status of long-term resident in accordance to the Law 23/2007 of 4<sup>th</sup> of July, amended by the Law 29/2012 of 9<sup>th</sup> of August, and 4) citizens of third states with which Portugal has established reciprocity agreements.

## MAIN SCIENTIFIC AREA OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Philosophy of Science

## SPECIALITIES OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Logic and Philosophy of Science  
Philosophy of Technology  
Science and Society  
Bioethics  
Science and Art

## CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

### 1. Academic qualifications:

- To hold a master degree (or legal equivalent) with a classification equal or superior to sixteen out of twenty in the area or related area that listed in the Doctoral Program, and
- To hold a scientific, artistic and/or professional curriculum recognized by the Directive Board of the Doctoral Programme as attesting the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies; or
- To hold a *licenciante* degree with a final classification equal or superior to sixteen out of twenty in the area or related area from those listed in the Doctoral Programme and to hold a scientific, artistic and/or professional curriculum recognized by the Directive Board of the Doctoral Programme as attesting the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies.

### 2. To submit a doctoral thesis proposal in one of the specialty areas of the Doctoral Programme (Logic and Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Technology, Science and Society, Bioethics and Science and Art).

### 3. To submit a declaration of acceptance to supervise the proposed Doctoral thesis by at least one member of the [Doctoral Programme's faculty](#).

## MONTHLY STIPENDS VALUES

The stipends values of the PhD scholarships are those provided by the FCT stipends available at <http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores.phtml.en>.

## PERIOD OF THE CALL

This call will be open from **15<sup>th</sup> February** to **15<sup>th</sup> April 2014**.

## APPLICATIONS

Applicants should be submitted via e-mail to [rssantos@fc.ul.pt](mailto:rssantos@fc.ul.pt) and should include the following mandatory documents:

1. Motivation letter;
2. Certificate of academic qualification scanned from the original or certified copy. The original or the certified copy must should be sent by registered mail with acknowledgment of receipt to:

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Centro de Filosofia das Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa  
Campo Grande C4.3.24,  
1749-016 Lisboa,  
Portugal*

3. Curriculum vitae complete and detailed;
4. PhD thesis proposal structured in Title, Abstract, State of the art, Objectives, Detailed description of the work plan and References
5. Declaration of acceptance to supervise the proposed Doctoral thesis by at least one member of the Doctoral Programme's faculty;
6. Clarification about the employment status during the period of the scholarship;
7. Copy of the identification document (Citizen card or passport) and the Fiscal Identification number;
8. Certificate of permanent residence, permanent residence permission or long-term resident status, if applicable;
9. Two recommendation letters sent directly to the Directive Board of the Doctoral Programme (see the a.m. address);
10. Indication of the type of scholarship you are applying for (national or mixed).

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation will be done in two stages. In the first stage it is evaluate the merit of the PhD thesis proposal and the merit of the candidate. The evaluation criteria and their corresponding weigh are the following: **Criterion 1.** PhD thesis proposal (40%); **Criterion 2.** *Curriculum vitae* in the Doctoral Programme area (40%); **Criterion 3.** Research experience and academic curriculum in the area or non-related areas of the Doctoral Programme (10%); **Criterion 4.** Other curriculum elements (10%). Each one of these evaluation criteria will be scored 0-20. The final rating of each candidate

in the first stage, rounded to one decimal, results from the application of the following formula:

**First stage evaluation** = [(Criterion 1 \* 0,40) + (Criterion 2 \* 0,40) + (Criterion 3 \* 0,10) + Criterion 4 \* 0,10)]

The first evaluation stage is concluded with the ranking of applicants according to their first stage evaluation, rounded to one decimal. Move forward to the second stage of evaluation the fifteen candidates receiving the highest rating.

The second evaluation stage consists of a personal interview that is ranked 0-20. The final evaluation of candidates results from the application of the following formula:

**Final evaluation** = [(Evaluation obtained in the first stage \* 0,75) + (Evaluation obtained in the second stage \* 0,25)]

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS**

The results will be published at <http://phd-ctas.fc.ul.pt>. In the case of an unfavorable award decision (i.e. for applicants not selected to receive grants), the applicant has a period of 10 days after disclosure, to be heard by the Evaluation Panel, by request of a preliminary hearing, pursuant to the Portuguese *Código do Procedimento Administrativo*. The final decision may be appealed to the Directive Board of the doctoral program, within 15 days after the respective notification.

## **EVALUATION PANEL**

The evaluation panel is chaired by the Program Director, Professor **Olga Maria Pombo Martins**, and includes the following members of the Directive Board of the Doctoral Programme: Professors **Angel Nepomuceno Fernández** (University of Seville), **António José Feliciano Barbosa** (Faculty of Medicine, University of Lisbon), **José Luís Oliveira Garcia** (Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon), **Maria Fernanda dos Santos Martins da Palma Pereira** (Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon), **Cristina de Sousa Azevedo Tavares** (Faculty of Fine-Arts, University of Lisbon), **Luís Manuel Marques Custódio** (Institute for Systems and Robotics, University of Lisbon).

## **FINANCING**

The grants awarded under this contract will be financed by funds from the State Budget of the Ministry of Education and Science and, when eligible, by funds from the European Social Fund through the Human Potential Operating Program of the Portuguese NSRF 2007-2013, in accordance with the provisions of the Specific Regulation of Intervention Typology 4.1.

Any cases not addressed in the present call are covered by the Regulations for Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, available at <http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml>.

## **CONTACTS**

Detailed information is available at <http://phd-fctas.fc.ul.pt>  
Inquiries should be addressed to [rssantos@fc.ul.pt](mailto:rssantos@fc.ul.pt)