

ANNOUNCEMENT

AWARD OF 1 RESEARCH GRANT FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE HOLDER, REFERENCE: E2S/CIR/TF/DOI.ORG10.54499/UID/05210/2025/BI/2025/20

A call is open for the award of 1 Research Grant, within the scope of research activity in the field of Speech Therapy, at the Rehabilitation Research Center (CIR) Unit through the Multiannual Funding of Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) R&D Units reference doi.org/10.54499/UID/05210/2025, financial support from FCT/MCTES through national funds (PIDDAC), under the following conditions:

1. SCIENTIFIC AREA

THERAPY AND REHABILITATION / SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

2.1 – General requirements for application to a research grant:

- a) National citizens or citizens of other Member States of the European Union;
- b) Citizens of third states;
- c) Stateless individuals or beneficiaries of political refugee status;
- d) Applicants must be in the following academic situation:
 - 1) Be enrolled in an integrated master's degree or a master's program, with the objective of consolidating the scientific training through the development of research work leading to the corresponding academic degree, whether or not integrated in R&D projects.
- e) For case (1), applicants holding foreign degrees must have their degree recognized in Portugal, with conversion of the final classification into the Portuguese grading scale, under the terms of Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of August 16.

2.2 – Specific requirements:

- a) Academic qualifications: Degree in Speech Therapy.

2.3 – Preferential factors:

Preference will be given to applicants with knowledge and skills in:

- a) Knowledge and experience in using qualitative and/or quantitative research methodologies, demonstrable, for example, in co-authoring publications or reports, to be proven by documentation;
- b) Experience in research work, using qualitative and/or quantitative methodologies, with collection and analysis of empirical material, explaining the research tasks in which the candidate was involved (submission of a copy of the master's thesis and/or a statement from the project supervisor);
- c) (Co-)authorship of scientific publications (to be proven with documentation);
- d) Proficiency in English (if the candidate is not a native English speaker, this will be assessed in the interview);
- e) Proficiency in Portuguese (if the candidate is not a native Portuguese speaker, to be assessed in the interview);
- f) Immediate availability (to be mentioned in the letter of motivation).

3. WORK PLAN

Collaborate on CIR/CEMAH project work plans in the area of Speech Therapy and/or other related areas, namely:

- a) Carry out testing/calibration processes for Speech Therapy equipment and combine it with other equipment already existing at CIR
- b) Prepare support material for: i) use of equipment; ii) project development;
- c) Collaborate in the preparation of applications related to projects within the scope of the laboratory's activity, namely JEMSHI;
- d) Support the recruitment of participants for studies in the field of speech therapy and/or other areas under development in the laboratory;
- e) Participate in the collection, organisation, processing and analysis of data;
- f) Provide support for project management tasks;
- g) Collaborate in dissemination processes and coordination with partners and stakeholders;
- h) Write reports (in Portuguese or English) in accordance with applicable standards.

- i) Ensure compliance with quality standards and applicable ethical and legal requirements.

4. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

- Law no. 40/2004, of August 18, as amended by Decree-Law no. 202/2012, of August 27, by Decree-Law no. 233/2012, of October 29, by Law no. 12/2013, of January 29, by Decree-Law no. 89/2013, of July 9, by Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of August 28, and by Decree-Law no. 65/2024, of October 1.
- Article 37 of Decree-Law no. 63/2019, of May 16.
- Regulation of Research Grants of FCT, I.P., no. 950/2019, of December 16, as amended by Regulation no. 643/2021, of July 14.
- Regulation of Research Grants of P.PORTO (P.PORTO/P-001/2020), approved by Order P.PORTO-P-015-2020.

5. SCIENTIFIC COORDINATION

Scientific Coordinator: Professor Andreia Sofia Pinheiro de Sousa, PhD, Coordinator of the Centre for Movement and Human Activity Studies at Rehabilitation Research Center (CIR).

6. SCIENTIFIC SUPERVISION AND WORKPLACE

Scientific advisors: Professor Pedro André Guerreiro Martins de Araújo and Professor Ana Brígida Francisco Patrício.

The work will be carried out at the Centre for the Study of Movement and Human Activity, Rehabilitation Research Centre, School of Health Sciences, Polytechnic Institute of Porto.

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7. DURATION AND WORK REGIME

The grant contract will last for 12-months, renewable for periods of 3 months, under an exclusive regime, in accordance with the applicable regulations.

8. MONTHLY MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE AMOUNT

The amount of the grant is € 1040.98, according to the current FCT table of values (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Tabela_valores_SMM_2025.pdf), paid monthly, plus reimbursement of voluntary social security contributions, according to the regulations.

9. SELECTION METHOD AND JURY COMPOSITION

9.1 – Applicant selection methods:

The selection methods to be used will be in accordance with the following selection criteria and respective weightings:

9.1.1 Selection methods include: curriculum assessment (CA) and, if deemed necessary by the jury, an interview (I) to be conducted, partially in English, with the candidates who are highest ranked in the CA, up to a maximum of five (5). If conducted, the interview will account for 40% of the final classification. The final classification, after the interview, will be obtained using the following formula: $CV * 0.6 + I * 0.4$, on a scale of 0 to 100 points. If there is no interview, the final classification will be equal to that obtained in the curriculum evaluation.

9.1.1.1 The criteria and weighting factors for the curriculum assessment (CA) are:

- a) Academic/professional background and its suitability to the project's themes and activities – 25%;
- b) Proven knowledge and experience in data collection and analysis methods using qualitative and/or quantitative methodologies – 10%;
- c) Experience of participation in R&D projects, including those leading to a degree – 25%;
- d) Co-authorship of scientific publications – 25%;
- e) Motivation and interest in longitudinal health data collection and health data processing – 15%.

9.1.1.2 In the interview (E), if conducted, the following will be assessed:

- a) Ability to express oneself and verbal fluency in Portuguese and English (20%);
- b) Specific knowledge for carrying out the work plan (40%);
- c) Personal attitude and communication (20%);
- d) Ability and motivation to work in a team (20%).

9.2 – Tie-breaking criteria:

In the event of a tie in the final classification, the following tiebreaker criteria will be applied, in descending order:

- a) Enrolment in a master's degree programme;
- b) Average grade in the course;
- c) If the tie remains, the jury will hold a vote in which all members of the jury will vote, with the jury president having the casting vote in the event of a further tie.

9.3 – Reasons for applicants exclusion:

Candidates may be excluded from the competition on the following grounds:

- a) For not meeting the requirements set out in the competition notice (point 2);
- b) Candidates who obtain a score lower than 9.5 in any of the assessment components shall be considered excluded from the competition procedure and shall not be assessed in the following component(s);
- c) Failure to attend the interview, where applicable, or the candidate's unwillingness to provide any additional clarifications requested, shall be considered as withdrawal from the competition.

9.4 – Selection jury composition:

President – Professor Andreia Sofia Pinheiro de Sousa, Associate Professor at E2S|P.Porto.

Effective Member – Professor Pedro André Guerreiro Martins Araújo, Associate Professor at E2S|P.Porto, who replaces the chair in case of absence or impediment.

Effective Member – Professor Ana Brígida Francisco Patrício, Coordinating Professor at E2S|P.Porto.

Alternate Member – Professor David Tomé Bartolomeu Simões, Coordinating Professor at E2S|P.Porto.

10. METHOD OF PUBLICATION/NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

The results of the competition will be communicated to the applicants electronically, via the email address provided in the application, in accordance with the deadlines established in the P.PORTO Research Grant Regulations. The minutes shall be obligatorily archived by the jury on the support platform for this competition: <https://domus.ipp.pt/concursos/ess/pessoal/>.

11. DEADLINE AND PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

11.1. Application deadline

The competition is open for a period of 10 working days, from 20/11/2025 to 04/12/2025.

Date of publication: 19/11/2025.

11.2. Procedure for submitting applications

Applications must be formalized by completing the electronic application form, which is available at <https://www.ess.ipp.pt/ess/recrutamento/bolsas-de-investigacao/bolsas-de-investigacao>,

and submitting it together with all required documents by the established deadline.

Applications sent by email or through any other electronic means than that specified will be automatically excluded.

11.3. Application supporting documents

1) Curriculum Vitae;

2) Academic certificates, or their official recognition (with conversion of the final grade), when awarded by foreign higher education institutions, without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 1 of the following section;

3) Proof of enrollment in a degree program or a non-degree course, if the applicant is not a student of P.PORTO, without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 2 of the following section;

4) Declaration, under honor pledge, stating that:

(A) The applicant is aware of the current P.PORTO Research Grant Regulations and undertakes to comply with it; (B) The applicant does not exceed, with the signing of the present grant contract, the maximum legally established period, whether continuous or cumulative.

5) Motivation letter;

6) Any other documents the applicant considers relevant.

11.4. Application supporting documents: specific conditions

The proof documents mentioned in item 2 of the preceding section, of the following type:

- 1) Academic degree(s) and diploma(s), or their recognition when awarded by foreign higher education institutions – mandatory whenever degree ownership is a condition of admission or a selection criterion for applicants. However, it may be waived at the application stage and replaced by a declaration of honor by the applicant, with verification of this condition taking place only at the grant contracting stage;
- 2) Proof of enrollment in a degree program or in a non-degree course, in the case of applicants who are not P.PORTO students – mandatory whenever enrollment is an admission requirement. The awarding of the grant will be conditional upon valid enrollment within six months from the date of notification of approval in the scientific evaluation stage.

12. TIME LIMITS AND PROCEDURES FOR COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

The final decision may be contested within 15 working days (complaint) or appealed to the President of P.PORTO within 30 working days, following notification, in accordance with Article 12 of the current P.PORTO Research Grant Regulations.

13. EXPENSE AUTHORIZATION

Expense Authorization Request No.: PAD-ESS7318

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November 14, 2025 – The President of the School of Health of the Polytechnic Institute of Porto, Professor *Maria Cristina Prudêncio Soares*.