

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 1 RESEARCH INITIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Ref: E2S/CIR /UIDB/05210/2020/BII/2025/11

A call is open for the award of one Research Initiation Fellowship within the scope of the Rehabilitation Research Center (CIR) Unit through the Multiannual Funding of Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) R&D Units reference UIDB/05210/2020, financial support from FCT/MCTES through national funds (PIDDAC), under the following conditions:

1. SCIENTIFIC AREA

Biomedical Engineering; Bioengineering; Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy or a related area.

2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

General requirements:

General requirements for applicants:

- Be enrolled on the date of the grant agreement, in a higher technical professional course, undergraduate course, integrated master's degree or master's degree;
- Candidates who are not yet enrolled may register, with the granting being conditional on the existence of a valid registration within six months from the date of communication of approval in the scientific evaluation, in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 2, in conjunction with Article 14, paragraph 6 of the Grant Regulations of the Polytechnic of Porto;
- Not exceed, with the signing of the grant agreement in question, an accumulated period of one year in this type of grant, consecutive or interspersed;
- Not have already benefited from any other research grant directly or indirectly financed by the FCT, granted under the terms of the Research Grant Holder Statute.

Candidates who have obtained the degree abroad must have the degree recognized in Portugal, and the conversion of the respective final classification to the Portuguese classification scale, under the terms of Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of 16 August.

Preferred factors:

Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate experience and competencies in:

- Knowledge and experience in analyzing, processing, organizing and handling documents;
- Experience in organizing scientific-professional events;
- Proficiency in using Office tools (e.g. Word, Excel, Power Point);

- d) Experience in managing web pages and databases;
- e) Good interpersonal relationship

3. WORK PLANE

Collaborate in the work plan of the UIDB/05210/2020 Project of the Rehabilitation Research Center (CIR) of E2S of P.Porto, namely:

- a) Collection of information;
- b) Review of the state of the art to support the preparation of applications;
- c) Collaboration in research and project management activities that take place at the CIR.

4. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REGULATION

- Law No. 40/2004, of August 18, amended by Decree-Law No. 202/2012, of August 27, by Decree-law n.º 233/2012, of October 29, by Law n.º 12/2013, of January 29, by Decree-law n.º 89/2013, of July 9, by Decree-Law n.º 123/2019, of August 28 and by Decree-Law No. 65/2024, of October 1;
- P.PORTO Research Grant Regulation (P.PORTO/P-001/2020), approved by the Order P.PORTO-P-015-2020.
- FCT Research Grants Regulation, I.P., n.º 950/2019, of December 16th, and amended by Regulation no. 643/2021, published in the 2nd series of the Official Gazette no. 135, of 14 July.

5. SCIENTIFIC GUIDANCE AND WORKPLACE

The work will be carried out on the Rehabilitation Research Center from the School of Health of the Polytechnic Institute of Porto in articulation, under the scientific guidance of Prof. Dr. Rubim Santos.

6. DURATION AND ACTIVITY REGIME

3-month scholarship contract, possibly renewable for periods of 3months, up to the maximum limit provided in the regulation, on an exclusive basis, in accordance with the applicable regulations.

7. AMOUNT OF MONTHLY MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The amount of the grant corresponds to €651,12, according to the FCT table of values in force, paid monthly, plus the reimbursement of the voluntary social security, in accordance with the provisions of the regulation, and in accordance with the Expense Authorization Request No. PAD-ESS6654.

8. METHOD OF SELECTION AND COMPOSITION OF THE JURY

The selection method to be used will be in accordance with the following selection criteria and respective valuations:

Sub-criterion 1: Curriculum and academic and scientific course evaluation (25%)

1. Affinity of the curricular training with the themes of the work plan
2. Consideration of other higher education actions
3. Other merits.

Sub-criterion 2: Assessment of skills and experience in the area (50%)

1. Scientific publications and technological production
2. Experience in organizing scientific and professional events
3. Experience in participating in the preparation of applications for Research and Development
4. Professional experience
5. Experience in processing documentary information
6. Other merits

Sub-criterion 3: Interview (25%)

1. Fluency and ability to communicate
2. Clarification of existing doubts related to the curriculum and experience components and scientific (sub-criteria 1 and 2)
3. Assessment of critical thinking and complex problem solving skills

Candidates may be excluded if they present at least one of the following conditions:

- a) Because they do not have the mandatory requirements required in the invitation to tender (point 2.);
- b) Applicants who score less than 9.5 in any of the assessment components, are considered excluded from the public tender procedure, not being evaluated in the following component(s);
- c) The lack of attendance for the interview by the candidate or even the unavailability of the same in providing any additional clarifications that may be requested is equivalent to withdrawing from the competition.

Composition of the Selection Jury:

President of the Jury – Prof. Dr. Manuel Rubim Silva Santos, Principal Coordinating Professor at E2S|P.PORTO.

Effective Member – Prof. Dr. Andreia Sofia Pinheiro de Sousa, Adjunct Professor at E2S|P.PORTO, who substitutes for the President in absences and impediments.

Effective Member – Prof. Dr. Rui Miguel Urbano Veiga Macedo, Coordinator Professor at E2S|P.PORTO.

Substitute Member – Prof. Dr. António Mesquita Montes, Adjunct Professor at E2S|P.PORTO.

9. FORM OF PUBLICATION/NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

The results of the application will be communicated to the candidates electronically, through the platform available at <https://domus.ipp.pt/concursos/ess/pessoal/>, in accordance with the deadlines set out in the Regulation for Scholarships Research by P.PORTO.

10. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS AND FORM OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The contest is open for a period of 10 working days, from June 2 to June 16, 2025.

Applications must be formalized by completing the form application form, which is available at <https://www.ess.ipp.pt/ess/reclutamento/bolsas-de-investigacao/bolsas-de-investigacao>, and from the respective submission until the end of the deadline set together with the remaining documents:

- 1) Curriculum Vitae;
- 2) Certificates of Qualifications, or the respective recognition (with conversion of the respective classification final) when awarded by foreign higher education institutions;
- 3) Proof of enrollment in a study cycle leading to an academic degree, or in a higher professional technical course, if not a P.PORTO student;
- 4) Declaration, under oath, that on the date of hiring, the candidate will present proof of enrollment, if not enrolled in a higher professional technical course, undergraduate course, integrated master's degree or master's degree, on the date of enrollment;
- 5) Declaration, under oath, that:
 - a) The candidate has read the P.PORTO Research Grants Regulation (P.PORTO/P-001/2020), approved by Order P.PORTO-P-015-2020, and that the candidate undertakes to comply with it;
 - b) Does not exceed, with the conclusion of the scholarship contract in question, an accumulated period of one year in this type of scholarship, consecutive or interspersed;
 - c) Has not already been the beneficiary of any other research scholarship directly or indirectly financed by the FCT, granted under the terms of the Research Scholarship Statute.
- 6) Other documents that the candidate considers relevant.

Notes:

- The supporting documents referred to in number 2, proving the ownership of academic degrees and diplomas, or their recognition when they have been awarded by foreign higher education institutions, may be waived at the application stage, being replaced by a declaration of honor by the candidate, with this condition only being verified at the scholarship contracting stage.
Failure to submit or non-compliance with these documents within six months from the date of communication of approval in the scientific evaluation will imply the non-grant.
- The proof referred to in number 3 may not be submitted, and the granting of the scholarship will be conditional upon the existence of a valid registration within six months from the date of communication of approval in the scientific evaluation.

Applications sent via email or any other electronic means will not be accepted.

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May 29, 2025 – The President of the School of Health of the Polytechnic Institute of Porto, Professor *Maria Cristina Prudêncio Soares*.