

ANNOUNCEMENT

AWARD OF ONE RESEARCH GRANT FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE HOLDER, REF.: E2S/CISA/BIONORTHEALTH/BI/2025/ 19

A call is open for applications for one Research Grant under the ObsNortHealth Initiative : *Creation of an Observatory of Digital Competences in the Healthcare Sector* , at the Health and Environment Research Center (CISA) – LAQV/REQUIMTE Branch, of the School of Health of the Polytechnic of Porto, with Operation Code 09/C06-I07/2024.P11721, funded by the Project integrated in Initiative RE-C06-i07 – More Digital Impulse | Reform and Modernization of Medicine – NORTE+ HEALTH | Digital Transition and Innovation in Health Education, of the Recovery and Resilience Plan (PRR), under the following conditions:

1. SCIENTIFIC AREA

Health Sciences

2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

2.1 – General requirements for admission to research grant applications:

- a) National citizen or citizen of another member state of the European Union;
- b) Citizen of a third country;
- c) Stateless person or beneficiary of political refugee status;
- d) Be in one of the following academic conditions:
 - 1) Be a student enrolled in an integrated master's degree, aiming to consolidate their scientific training through the development of research work leading to the obtaining of the respective academic degree, integrated or not in R&D projects.
 - 2) Hold a bachelor's or master's degree and be enrolled in courses that do not award an academic degree and are part of the educational project of a higher education institution, developed in association or cooperation with one or more R&D units.
- e) For cases referred to in point 1), candidates who have obtained their degree abroad must have it recognised in Portugal, with the conversion of the final grade to the Portuguese grading scale, in accordance with Decree-Law No. 66/2018 of 16 August.

f) **2.2 – Specific requirements:**

- a) Academic background: Degree in Health Sciences or related scientific field;
- b) Not to have benefited from a non-degree-awarding research scholarship for an accumulated period of 2 years, consecutive or non-consecutive.

2.3 – Preferential factors:

Preference is given to candidates who have experience and skills in:

- a) Knowledge and experience in using qualitative and/or quantitative research methodologies, demonstrable, for example, in the co-authorship of publications or reports, to be documented;
- b) Experience in research work, using qualitative and/or quantitative methodologies, with the collection and analysis of empirical material, with an explanation of the research tasks in which the candidate was involved (submission of a copy of the master's dissertation and/or a declaration of project manager);
- c) (Co)authorship of scientific publications (to be documented);
- d) Proficiency in English (if the candidate is not a native English speaker, to be assessed during the interview);
- e) Digital skills, proven in the curriculum;
- f) Proficiency in Portuguese (if the candidate is not a native Portuguese speaker, to be assessed during the interview);
- g) Immediate availability (to be mentioned in the cover letter).

3. WORK PLAN

The project aims to contribute to the creation of a digital skills observatory in the healthcare sector at the Escola Superior de Saúde (School of Health). The tasks to be developed at CISA – the LAQV/REQUIMTE Branch, at E2S/P.PORTO – are:

- a) Contribute to the implementation of the digital skills observatory in the healthcare sector;
- b) Support the construction of a digital skills survey in the healthcare sector;
- c) Support the recruitment of participants for the study;
- d) Participate in the collection, organization and processing of data;



- e) Contribute to the development of a guiding document describing relevant digital skills in the healthcare sector;
- f) Collaborate in data analysis;
- g) Ensure compliance with quality standards, as well as applicable ethical and legal requirements.

4. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REGULATION

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

5. SCIENTIFIC COORDINATION

Scientific coordinator: Professor Doutor Agostinho Luís da Silva Cruz, Full Professor with Habilitation of E2S|P.PORTO, Coordinator of CISA – LAQV/REQUIMTE Branch of E2S|P.PORTO.

6. SCIENTIFIC GUIDANCE AND WORKPLACE:

Scientific advisors: Professor Doutor Agostinho Luís da Silva Cruz, Professora Doutora Piedade Aurora Gonçalves de Barros and Professor Doutor Ângelo Miguel Cardoso Jesus.

The work will be developed at CISA – LAQV/REQUIMTE Branch, located at E2S|P.PORTO:

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7. DURATION AND WORK REGIME

Scholarship contract of 9 months, non-renewable, on an exclusive basis, in accordance with the applicable regulations.

8. MONTHLY MAINTENANCE GRANT

The scholarship amount is €1,040.98, in accordance with the current FCT funding table (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Tabela_valores_SMM_2025.pdf), paid monthly, in addition to reimbursement of voluntary social security contributions, as provided for in the regulations.

7. METHOD OF SELECTION AND COMPOSITION OF THE JURY

9.1 – Candidate selection methods:

The selection methods to be used will be in accordance with the following selection criteria and respective scores: curriculum evaluation (CA) and, if the jury deems it necessary, an interview (E) to be conducted, partially in English, with the candidates best placed in the CA, with a maximum of 5 (five). The interview, if conducted, will account for 40% of the final score. The final score, after the interview, will be obtained using the following formula: $CA * 0.6 + E * 0.4$, on a scale of 0 to 100 points. If there is no interview, the final score will be the same as that obtained in the curriculum evaluation.

9.1.1. The criteria and weighting factors for curricular assessment (CA) are:

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

9.1.2. In the interview (E), if it is carried out, the following will be assessed:

- a) Ability to express oneself and to be verbally fluent in Portuguese and English (20%);
- b) Specific knowledge to carry out the work plan (40%);
- c) Personal attitude and communication (20%);
- d) Ability and motivation to work in a team (20%).

9.2 – Tiebreaker criteria:

In situations of equal final classification, the following tiebreaker criteria is applied: undergraduate course average.

9.3 – Reasons for exclusion of candidates:

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

- a) For not having the requirements set out in the call's notice (point 2);
- b) Candidates who obtain a score lower than 9.5 in any of the assessment components will be excluded from the process and will not be assessed in the following component(s);
- c) Failure by the candidate to attend the interview, when applicable, or even his/her unavailability to provide any additional clarifications requested, is equivalent to withdrawal from the call.

9.4 – Composition of the selection jury:

President of the Jury – Professor Doutor Agostinho Luís da Silva Cruz, Full Professor with Habilitation of E2S|P.PORTO.

Full Member – Professor Doutor Ângelo Miguel Cardoso Jesus, Associate Professor of E2S|P.PORTO, who replaces the president in absences or impediments.

Full Member – Professor Sara da Costa Granja, Assistant Professor at E2S|P.PORTO.

Substitute Member – Professor Piedade Aurora Gonçalves de Barros, Associate Professor of E2S|P.PORTO.

Substitute Member – Professor Ana Isabel de Freitas Tavares de Oliveira, Associate Professor at E2S|P.PORTO.

10. FORM OF PUBLICATION/NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

The results will be communicated to the candidates electronically, via email and the email address declared by them in the application, in accordance with the deadlines set out in the P.PORTO Research Grants Regulations, and the minutes must be filed by the jury on the support platform for this call: at <https://domus.ipp.pt/concursos/ess/pessoal/>.

11. APPLICATION DEADLINE AND METHOD OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

11.1. Deadline for submission of applications

The call is open for a period of 10 working days, from 20/10/2025 to 31/10/2025.

Publication date: 17/10/2025.

11.2. Form of submission of 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 by the deadline set together with the remaining documents.

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

11.3. Application supporting documents

1. Curriculum vitae;
2. Certificates of qualifications, or their 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 enrolment in a degree-awarding cycle of studies or in a non-degree-awarding course, if not a student at P.PORTO, without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 2 of the following section;
4. Declaration, under honour commitment, that:
 - (a) they have read the current P.PORTO research scholarship regulations and undertake to comply with them;
 - (b) the award of this scholarship contract does not exceed the maximum legally permitted period, consecutive or non-consecutive.
5. Motivation letter;
6. Other documents that the candidate considers relevant.

11.4. Specific conditions for supporting documents

The documents referred to in item 2 of the previous section:

- 1) **Proof of academic degree(s) and diploma(s), or their recognition** when awarded by foreign higher education institutions – mandatory whenever holding the degree is a condition of admission or a selection criterion, although it may be waived during the application stage and replaced by a declaration of honour from the candidate, with verification occurring only at the scholarship contract stage;
- 2) **Proof of enrolment** in a degree-awarding cycle of studies or a non-degree-awarding course, if not a student at p.porto – mandatory whenever enrolment is a condition of admission, with the scholarship grant conditional upon valid enrolment within six months from the date of notification of approval at the scientific evaluation stage.

12. Deadlines and procedures for complaints and appeals

A complaint may be lodged against the final decision within 15 working days, or an appeal may be made to the president of p.porto within 30 working days, both counted from the date of notification, in accordance with article 12 of the current p.porto research scholarship regulations.

13. AUTHORISATION OF EXPENDITURE

Expense Authorization Request No. PAD-ESS7079.

Project Reference : PRR NORTE+SAÚDE | DIGITAL TRANSITION AND INNOVATION IN HEALTH EDUCATION (09/C06-107/2024.P11721).

Project Title : ObsNortHealth : Creation of a digital skills observatory in the healthcare sector.

15 October 2025 – The President of the School of Health at the Polytechnic Institute of Porto, *Professor Doutora Maria Cristina Prudêncio Pereira Soares*.