



RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Ref. DIR/04859_16

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A call for tenders is now open for the attribution of two Research Scholarships within the scope of the research project: “Support for the research groups of Católica Research Centre for the Future of Law (CEID-CRCFL): Citizenship, solidarity and social inclusion; EU Rule of Law and a Digital Sustainable Market; Law and Artificial Intelligence”, within the scope of CEID-CRCFL’s pluriannual financing contract-programme (UID/04859/2025), financed by national funds from the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. (FCT, IP).

Scientific area: Law

Admission requirements:

Candidates must have a master’s degree in Law, preferably Criminal Law, with a final classification of 16 or higher.

The candidates for the Research Scholarship must also be enrolled in a course that does not confer an academic degree in the areas of Social Sciences and Humanities that promotes the consolidation of their scientific training.

Work Plan:

The scholarship holder must develop the R&D activities within the scope of the project: “Support for the research groups of Católica Research Centre for the Future of Law (CEID-CRCFL): Citizenship, solidarity and social inclusion; EU Rule of Law and a Digital Sustainable Market; Law and Artificial Intelligence”, with a special focus on Special Vulnerable Victims Observatory, performing the following functions:

- Monitoring the execution of tasks and objectives established in the project;
- Preparation of technical documents;
- Support in the organization of scientific meetings and other activities to disseminate results;
- Management of information and scientific data resulting from the research carried out;
- Preparation, presentation and dissemination of project results;



- Support for the Católica Law Review.

Applicable legislation and regulations:

- Statute of the Scientific Research Fellow: <https://dre.pt/web/guest/legislacao-consolidada/-/lc/58216179/view?w=2019-08-28>;
- Regulation of Research Scholarships of the Science and Technology Foundation, I.P.: <https://dre.pt/application/conteudo/127238533>;
- Regulation of Research Scholarships of the Portuguese Catholic University: http://www.porto.ucp.pt/sites/default/files/files/DRH/RegBolsasInvestigacao_Cientifica_UCP_2020.pdf.

Workplace:

The work will be carried out at CEID-CRCFL – Centro de Estudos e Investigação em Direito – Católica Research Centre for the Future of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa – Faculty of Law, Porto, under the scientific guidance of Professor Sofia Pais.

Duration of the scholarship:

The fellowship, scheduled to start on 1st December 2025, will have the duration of 12 months on an exclusive basis.

Monthly maintenance allowance:

The amount of the scholarship corresponds to 1309,64 €, according to the research scholarship values awarded directly by FCT, I.P. in the Country (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM_atualizacao-2024.pdf), and will be paid by bank transfer.

Selection methods:

The selection methods to be used will be as follows:

- a) Curricular evaluation;
- b) Interview.

The curricular evaluation (CE) will result from the weighted average of the partial classifications resulting from the applicable selection method, on a scale from 0 (zero) to 20 (twenty), determined through the following formula:



CE= 0.40P1+0.40P2+0.20P3, where P1= Academic education, P2= Curriculum Vitae analysis, considering professional and research experience and familiarity with the themes developed in the project, P3=Motivation Letter.

Candidates who are classified with 15 (fifteen) or higher will be invited via email for a professional interview.

The final classification (FC) of the candidates will result from the weighted average of the partial classifications resulting from the applicable selection method, on a scale from 0 (zero) to 20 (twenty), determined using the following formula:

FC= 0.60CE + 0,40I, where CE=Curricular evaluation, I=Interview.

Composition of the Selection Jury: Professor Sofia Pais (President); Professor Conceição Cunha (Effective member); Professor Elsa Vaz de Sequeira (Effective member), and Professor Manuel António Fontaine Campos (Substitute member).

Form of advertising/notification of results:

The jury deliberates in accordance with the selection criteria adopted and disclosed. The jury meetings minutes will contain a summary of the meeting content. After completing the application of the selection criteria, the jury proceeds with the elaboration of the ordered list, with the ranking of the approved candidates. The ranking list of eligible candidates will be published on the premises of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa, in Porto and each candidate being notified of their position on the list ranking of candidates via email. Ineligible applicants will be notified by email, with details of the missing eligibility elements.

Complaint and appeal procedures:

Candidates have a period of ten working days, after the disclosure referred in the previous number, to give their opinion at a prior hearing.



Deadline for acceptance of the scholarship:

Within ten working days following notification of the grant award, the selected candidate must confirm in writing their availability to start the scholarship on the proposed date. Failing to do so or not having availability, the candidate placed in the next position will be called.

Application deadline and form of submission:

Applications will be accepted between 17 October 2025 and 02 November 2025 (**17:00 (Lisbon time)**).

Applications must be sent by email to Isabel Ferreira <misferreira@ucp.pt>, identifying in the subject of the email “Application to the competition with the reference DIR/04859_16”.

The following documents should be submitted:

- 1) Cover letter, identifying the title and reference of the project, and describing the motivation and professional objectives of the candidate;
- 2) Detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- 3) Copy of the certificate(s) of qualifications conferring academic degree in the terms requested in the notice, containing the final classifications;
- 4) Registration of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions and registration of the conversion of their final classification to the Portuguese grading scale.¹
- 5) Proof of enrollment in a course that does not award an academic degree as set out in the admission requirements.

Only applications received during the opening period of the above-mentioned call shall be considered.

Candidates who incorrectly formalize their application or who do not prove the requirements of this call are excluded. False statements made by applicants will be punished under the law.

Mandatory documentation:

¹If the required academic degree has been awarded by a foreign higher education institution, it must comply with the provisions of Portuguese legislation on the recognition of foreign degrees, regulated by DL n.º 66/2018, of 16 August. In case the candidate is selected, the signing of the contract is conditioned to the presentation of the formal document. Candidates are advised to consult the website of the Directorate-General for Higher Education (DGES) for additional information on this matter: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/reconhecimento>



The following documents must be sent, at the time of the eventual granting of the scholarship, for the purposes of its contractualization:

- a) Copy of the ID/Passport document and Tax identification document(s);
- b) Copy of academic degree certificates;
- c) Document of the registration of recognition of foreign academic degrees;
- d) Proof of enrollment in a course that does not award an academic degree identified in this Notice;
- e) Statement by the supervisor(s) assuming responsibility for supervising the work plan, pursuant to article 5-A of the Research Fellowship Holder Statute;
- f) Updated document proving compliance with the exclusive dedication regime.

Contract

The contract model to be used will be in follow the FCT scholarship holder contract draft available at the following link:

https://ucppt-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/ccabral_ucp_pt/EZcpJcEQtpCqvGaCIVKTS0BBcsZvXYjf2YroODpHafSow?e=f58mmk

Reports to be presented by the fellow and supervisor:

The final report model to be prepared by the fellow is available at the following link:

https://ucppt-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/ccabral_ucp_pt/ESnbf2LTfxFGj8NsKVEAe3lBi00sddFg238l4P7ziYmXTw?e=olqq3l

https://ucppt-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/ccabral_ucp_pt/ERYDFMVUybtPiCvIzJ8VHGoBs1g7VaULFKW_H9Aq2tSDSw?e=XK5JiK

The report model to be carried out by the supervisor and the respective evaluation criteria are available at the following link:



<https://ucppt->

my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/ccabral_ucp_pt/ERYDFMVUybtPiCvIzJ8VHGoBs1g7VaULFKW_H9Aq2tSDSw?e=XK5JiK

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