

Article 1 – Ambit

1. The present regulation applies to the post-doctoral programme of Porto Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa.
2. The post-doctoral programme aims at deepening researchers' skills to carry out autonomous research.
3. The post-doctoral programmes to be developed at Porto Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, are part of the research lines of CEID – Católica Research Centre for the Future of Law.

Article 2 – Typology

1. The post-doctoral programme is an *individual research programme*.
2. The post-doctoral research project is to be developed by a PhD holder under the supervision of a member of CEID - Católica Research Centre for the Future of Law, holder of a doctorate degree, integrated in the respective research line and part of the Porto Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa.

Article 3 – Application

1. Application to the post-doctoral programme begins with the presentation of an individual post-doctoral research project to the Regional Coordinator of CEID - Católica Research Centre for the Future of Law.
2. Applications are open to holders of a PhD degree in Law, with the exception of those who are part of the integrated teaching staff of the Porto Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa.
3. Applications must include the following elements:
 - a. Document proving the doctoral degree
 - b. Updated *curriculum vitae*
 - c. Individual post-doctoral project, which must include:
 - i. Topic to be dealt with;
 - ii. Line of investigation in which it belongs;
 - iii. Research work plan and respective methodology;
 - iv. Timeline;
 - v. Declaration of acceptance by the project supervisor.
4. Applications are open all year long.

Article 4 - Application Approval

Post-doctoral applications, accompanied by the opinion of the Regional Coordinator of CEID - Católica Research Centre for the Future of Law, are approved by the Faculty's Regional Scientific Council, or by a commission with delegated competence.

Article 5 – Duration

1. The programme has a minimum duration of 6 months and a maximum duration of 3 years.
2. Enrolment in the programme implies a research period of at least 3 months at Porto Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa.

Article 6 – Research conditions

1. Post-doctoral researchers are granted access to the library and UCP-subscribed databases, as well as to research-dedicated facilities within the campus and logistic support provided to UCP students in general.
2. Whenever appropriate, post-doctoral researchers may take part in research projects or other activities, including lecturing.
3. Post-doctoral researchers are subject to the Code of Ethics and Conduct of Universidade Católica Portuguesa.

Article 7 – Registration and Enrolment

1. Registration and enrolment in the post-doctoral programme are to be carried out at the Academic Services Office within a maximum period of one month after approval of the application.
2. In the case of programmes lasting over one year, researchers must renew their registration annually, until conclusion.

Article 8 – Fees and Payment Conditions

1. Registration and enrolment fees, as well as tuition fees, are defined annually by the Faculty Board.
2. In case the post-doctoral researcher engages in research or lecturing activities, tuition fees might suffer a reduction.

Article 9 – Post-Doctoral Report

1. Upon completion of the programme, post-doctoral researchers must present a comprehensive report to their supervisor on the activities carried out and their connection with the work programme.
2. The Report may take the form of a:
 - a. Research report of a theoretical and/or empirical nature; or
 - b. A compilation of works carried out within the ambit of the post-doctoral programme, in which case it must be accompanied by a general contextualization of the works and a conclusion.
3. In a letter to the Regional Scientific Council, post-doctoral researchers must deliver the following documents at the UCP Academic Services Office:
 - a. One copy of the Report in paper and another in digital format;
 - b. A reasoned evaluation proposal prepared by the supervisor.
4. The Regional Scientific Council, taking into account the supervisor's proposal, approves the final evaluation.

Article 10 – Title Award

Successful completion of the post-doctoral programme entitles post-doctoral researchers to the issuance of a Post-Doctoral Studies Certificate signed by the coordinator of CEID – Research Centre for the Future of Law and the School Director.

Article 11 – Data and Interpretation Gaps

Doubts and omissions emerging during the application of the present Regulation are resolved by the Faculty Board.

Article 12 – Entry into Force

The present Regulation enters into force on the first day after its publication.