

CALL FOR A RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP FOR A LICENTIATE DEGREE UNDER THE "H3ARTS - MOVING UPSTREAM IN THE DETERMINANTS OF CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH: A LIFECOURSE APPROACH USING POPULATION-BASED COHORTS FROM THREE WORLD REGIONS" PROJECT (REF. 2022.05496.PTDC) AT THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF UNIVERSITY OF PORTO

There is an open call for applications for a research scholarship for a licentiate degree in the scope of the project "H3ARTS - Moving upstream in the determinants of cardiovascular health: a lifecourse approach using population-based cohorts from three world regions", at the Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto, financed by national funds through Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) under the following conditions:

Application deadline: June 26 to July 10, 2023

1. Research field / Scientific area: Health Sciences

2. Applicable legislation and regulations

Statute of Scientific Research Grant Holder, approved by Law no. 40/2004, of August 18, as amended by Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of August 28; Regulation no. 950/2019, of November 29, published in Diário da República, no. 241, Series 2, of December 16 (Regulation of Research Grants of FCT, I. P.); Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16 (Legal regime for recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of higher education awarded by foreign higher education institutions); Administrative Procedure Code (CPA), approved by Decree-Law no. 4/2015, of January 7.

3. Admission requirements:

To apply for the scholarship, applicants must comply with the following requirements, for which documentary evidence must be provided:

- a. Degree in Health Sciences (Biomedical Sciences, Psychology, or similar areas);
- b. Be enrolled in a Master program (requirement to be proven before the hiring act);

or

Be enrolled in a non-academic degree course integrated in the educational project of a higher education institution, developed in association or cooperation with one or more R&D units, a requirement to be duly proven at the time of hiring.

If the candidate holds a degree awarded by a foreign higher education institution, it must be recognized by a Portuguese higher education institution, in accordance with the provisions of article 25 of Decree-Law no. 66/2018 of August 16, which approves the legal regime for the recognition of academic degrees and higher education diplomas awarded by foreign higher education institutions and Article 4 (2) (e) of Decree-Law no. 60/2018 of August 3, and any formalities established therein be fulfilled up to the date of the contracting act.

4. Preferred requirements:

- a. Previous experience in statistical analysis (STATA or SPSS);
- b. Participation in scientific research projects and population health research;
- c. Previous experience in writing scientific articles (published).
- d. Fluency in English and Portuguese, written and spoken.

5. Work Plan:

The main tasks to be performed under the scholarship will be:

- a. Data analysis of birth cohort data
- b. Writing of scientific publications
- c. Preparing and presenting abstracts at national and international scientific conferences
- d. Participation in team meetings and other relevant research activities

6. Workplace and supervision

The work plan will be developed at the Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto under the scientific supervision of Sara Soares.

7. Duration of the scholarship

The scholarship will have a duration of 12 months, starting in August 2023, in exclusivity, possibly renewable, but not exceeding the project's conclusion date (31/08/2024).

Note: In the case of degree who are enrolled in courses that do not confer an academic degree, the scholarship can only be awarded to those who do not exceed, with the conclusion of the scholarship contract in question, including possible renewals, an accumulated period of two years in this type of exchange, followed or interpolated.

8. Amount of the monthly maintenance allowance

The allowance amount is 930,98 euros (nine hundred and thirty euros and ninety-eight cents), per the table of values of the scholarships awarded directly by FCT, I.P. in Portugal.

9. Evaluation methods:

Curriculum evaluation (CE) and, if the selection board deems it necessary, a selection interview (I) for the first three best-ranked candidates in the CE. The final classification will be obtained by the formula $0,6 \times CE + 0,4 \times I$, on a scale of 0 to 20 points/100. If there is no interview, the final classification will equal the one obtained in the CE.

If none of the candidates demonstrates to have the profile indicated for the execution of the work plan, the jury reserves the right not to award the scholarship.

The criteria for curricular evaluation (CE) are (0 to 20 points):

- a. Academic background (0 to 2 points);
- b. Skills in quantitative methods (0 to 4 points);
- c. Specific knowledge for the theme of the project, namely cardiovascular epidemiology, health inequalities (0 to 2 points);
- d. Background in integrating multi and interdisciplinary teams of researchers (0 to 4 points);
- e. Participation in scientific research projects (0 to 4 points);
- f. Track record of international publications in peer-review journals (0 to 2 points);
- g. Proficiency in English, written and spoken (0 to 2 points).

The evaluation factors of the selection interview (I), if it takes place, will be:

- a. Professional knowledge and skills to accomplish the work plan (0 to 9 points);
- b. Motivation towards the research project (0 to 4 points);
- c. Communication skills (0 to 3 points);
- d. Professional attitude (0 to 4 points).

10. Selection panel:

President – Sara Soares

1st Effective member – Paula Meireles

2nd Effective member – Raquel Lucas

1st Alternate member – Ana López-Chéda

2nd Alternate member – Sílvia Fraga

11. Form of presentation of applications and the deadline for applications:

11.1 The Call for Applications is open until July 10, 2023.

11.2 The applications should be formalized, obligatorily, through email to the address candidaturas@ispup.up.pt, with the ref^a "BI – Lic | 2022.05496.PTDC" in the subject accompanied by the following documents of mandatory presentation:

- a. Letter of Motivation;
- b. Curriculum Vitae;
- c. Copy of the required qualification certificate(s), with the final classification obtained and the respective academic degree recognition (if applicable, to be presented before the contracting process);
- d. Other documents deemed relevant by the candidate.

11.3 Failure to submit the documents identified above in the application will result in the administrative exclusion of the candidates.

11.4 Candidates may also attach other documents they consider relevant for curricular evaluation and proof of enrolment in a Master programme.

12. Disclosure of the results:

- a) The evaluation results will be made public by sending minutes via the email provided at the time of application.
- b) Candidates have ten working days, counting from the day after the notification, to comment, if they wish, in a prior hearing.

13. Policy of non-discrimination and equal access

ISPUP actively promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, whereby no candidate may be privileged, benefited, prejudiced, or deprived of any right or exempted from any duty based on ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, family situation, economic situation, education, origin or social condition, genetic heritage, reduced work capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, the territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological beliefs or affiliation with a professional union.

14. Data protection and privacy policy

ISPUP is committed to complying with the personal data protection legislation to protect the data and privacy of employees, students, and partners. As the controller, ISPUP commits to processing all data collected during the application process according to the procedures defined in the data protection legislation and following the Privacy Policy.