

CALL FOR A RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP FOR A MASTER 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 SAÚDE PÚBLICA DA UNIVERSIDADE DO PORTO

There is an open call for applications for a research scholarship for a master 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: September 04, to September 17, 2024

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 or similar areas);
- b. Master in Health Sciences (Pharmacy or similar areas);
- c. Be enrolled in the Public Health Doctoral Programme, 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.

Note: In the case of graduates or masters 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.

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 using R or STATA, preferably demonstrated through coursework;
- b) Involvement in scientific research projects with experience handling databases from various countries;
- c) Prior experience retrieving data from REDCap;
- d) Experience in writing scientific articles and conference presentations;
- e) Fluency in both written and spoken English and Portuguese.

5. Work Plan:

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

- a. Analyzing birth cohort data from various countries;
- b. Writing scientific publications;
- c. Preparing and presenting abstracts at national and international scientific conferences;
- d. Participating 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 5 months, starting in October 1st 2024, in exclusivity, not exceeding the project's conclusion date.

8. Amount of the monthly maintenance allowance

The allowance amount is 1,259.64 € (One thousand two hundred fifty-nine euros and sixty-four 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. 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 (R or STATA) (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. International publications in peer-review journals and communications in international conferences (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 – Mariana Amorim

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 September 17, 2024.

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

- a. Letter of Motivation;
- b. Curriculum Vitae;
- c. Documents proving that the applicant meets the conditions required for the type of scholarship to which he is applying, namely certificate(s) of qualification(s), with the final classification obtained and the respective academic degree recognition by a Portuguese higher education institution (if applicable) and proof

of enrolment in a cycle of studies leading to a degree or in a non-degree course*.

The degree recognition must be duly proven until the act of hiring. If the recognition of the degree is under review, should be send proof of the request;

d. Other documents deemed relevant by the candidate.

* Proof of enrolment in a cycle of studies leading to a degree or in a non-degree course may be waived at the application stage and replaced by a declaration of honour of the applicant, only in the contract phase of the scholarship. However, the grant will be conditional on the delivery of these documents.

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

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. In case of withdrawal of the candidate ranked first, the highest body of the Institute reserves the right to call the next candidate and so on until the vacancy is filled.

14. 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.

15. 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.