

## Notice for the attribution of CESPU PhD scholarships PhD in Biomedical Sciences

**Duration, activity regime and workplace.** A call is open for the attribution of **2 (two) PhD Scholarships** financed by the Cooperative of Polytechnic and University Higher Education (CESPU). The fellowship has an annual duration, starting in November 2024, eventually renewable up to a maximum of 4 years, on an exclusive basis. The activities will be developed at the R&D units of the University Institute of Health Sciences - CESPU (IUCS), under the Doctoral Program in Biomedical Sciences, according to the CESPU Scholarship Regulation approved by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. (see CESPU Scholarship Regulation at [here](#)).

Further information on the study cycle can be obtained from [Information on the DCB](#).

**Work plan and scientific supervision.** The topic and work plan of the thesis project, as well as the supervisors, will be defined with the selected candidate during the second semester of the first academic year, within the scope of the curricular unit "Thesis Project" under the guidance of the Coordination Committee of the Doctoral Program.

### Admission requirements.

- a) The CESPU PhD scholarship is intended for applicant who is accepted in the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the IUCS doctoral program in Biomedical Sciences, starting in 2024/2025 (see Notice at [Doctoral Applications](#));
- b) Applicants must hold a Master's Degree, in the field of biological, biomedical, or health sciences, with a final average (Bachelor + Master), or final grade of Integrated Master, equal to or greater than 15 (numerical scale from 0 to 20). The required degrees must be formally completed until the end of the application submission period;
- c) Applicant with foreign academic degrees that are not recognized in Portugal, will be admitted to the competition. However, when submitting the application, it is mandatory to present the recognition of the foreign academic qualifications in Portugal, in accordance with the provisions referred to in Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of August 16th (rules for the recognition of foreign academic degrees and higher education diplomas in Portugal), and in Ministerial Order 33/2019, of January 25th (regulates the procedural requirements for the recognition of foreign academic degrees and higher education diplomas in Portugal). More information about the recognition in Portugal of higher education degrees and diplomas awarded by foreign higher education institutions is available at <https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/reconhecimento?plid=374>;
- d) Missing documents required in this call and/or incomplete information determines the ineligibility of the scholarship application.

**Evaluation and selection criteria.** Applicants will be selected for interview based on:

### Curriculum evaluation (50%):

- Academic qualifications (20%)
- Experience in participating in research projects (excluding projects from the 1st or 2nd cycle final projects) (7,5%)
- Scientific production (publications and presentations in congresses and/or participation in patent development) (12,5%)
- Letter of motivation (5%)
- Letters of reference (5%).

### Interview (50%):

The top 8 candidates in the curriculum evaluation will be invited for an interview.

The jury reserves the right not to award the scholarship if none of the candidates matches the desired profile, suitable for the research activities being carried out at IUCS.

Candidate final classification system shall be given based on a scale 0-20. The panel shall deliberate by means of roll-call vote justified under adopted and disclosed selection criteria, with no abstentions allowed.

After selection criteria application, the panel shall prepare a sorted list of approved candidates and respective classification. Panel's final decision shall be validated by the Rector of the institution, who is also in charge of deciding about the hiring.

**Composition of the selection jury:** includes members of the Coordinating Committee of the PhD program: Professor Ricardo Dinis (Director of Science Department and Jury President), Professor Hassan Bousbaa (Coordinator of the PhD program), and Professor Bruno Sarmento (Co-coordinator of the PhD program). Other professors from the PhD program and/or researchers from IUCS may be part of the jury. The jury has deliberative capacity with a minimum of two of the elements identified above.

**Notification of results.** Notification of the results will be made to the electronic address provided by the applicants.

**Scholarship.** The scholarship includes the following components:

- Research grant of **€800.00**, as provided for in Annex III of the CESPU Scholarship Regulation, payment to be made monthly by bank transfer;
- Exemption from doctoral fees and school insurance (does not include exemption from payment of registration/enrolment);
- Voluntary social insurance and personal accident insurance;
- In case of failure in a year and/or course units, the respective charges will be paid by the scholarship holder.

The scholarship contract template, the final reports to be prepared by the scholarship holder and the scientific supervisor, the corresponding evaluation criteria, the terms and conditions for scholarship renewal, as well as the regime applicable to information and publicity regarding this scholarship are defined by the CESPU Scholarship Regulations, of which they are an integral part.

**Legislation.** The scholarships are awarded under the Research Fellowship Holder Statute approved by Law no. 40/2004, updated by law decree 123/2019, of August 28th, and under Studentships and Fellowships of the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P., in force, and the CESPU Scholarship Regulation.

**Application and submission deadline:** Applications for scholarships are made on the application form for the doctoral program, with the same submission deadline.

Gandra, 29 April, 2024

The Rector,

Prof. Doutor José Alberto Duarte