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PhD Programme in Medicines and Pharmaceutical Innovation (i3DU)

CALL FOR INDIVIDUAL PhD SCHOLARSHIPS

The PhD Programme in Medicines and Pharmaceutical Innovation (i3DU) (<http://www.ff.ul.pt/phd3duul/>), promoted by Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon and Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Porto, was awarded 16 PhD scholarships, financed by national funds through *Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia* (FCT), for the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

For 2018-19, FCT proposed an additional edition of this Program with a funding of 4 PhD scholarships.

In the context of this call, the Recruitment Committee will be responsible for selecting the students that will receive the scholarships funded by FCT. The scholarship contracts will be signed directly with FCT.

Granting the studentship is dependent on the receipt of the required documentation and budget availability from the funding entity.

Thus, in accordance with the Research Fellowship Holder Statute, published by Law no. 40/2004 of August 18, in its current wording, and the Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships from FCT, the i3DU Executive Board opens this call for individual PhD fellowship applications.

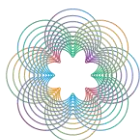
TARGET POPULATION

The four (4) scholarships to be attributed in this specific 2018-19 call are intended for those who meet the requirements set forth in Article 30, paragraph 1, of Decree-Law no. 74/2006, of March 24, republished as Decree-Law no. 115/2013 of August 7, and amended by Decree-Law no.107/2008 of June 25, and 230/2009 of September 14. The duration of the scholarships is annual, renewable for up to a total of four years, and not of less than three consecutive months.

The following individuals may apply to this programme:

- a. Portuguese citizens or citizens from other member-states of the European Union;
- b. Citizens of other countries that hold, until the starting date of the scholarships, a valid residence permit in Portugal or beneficiaries of the long-term resident statute;
- c. Citizens of other countries with which Portugal has signed a reciprocity agreement;

Only Portuguese or foreign citizens who have permanent residence in Portugal may apply for scholarships for which the work program is to be entirely or partly developed in foreign institutions.



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PERIOD OF APPLICATIONS

The call is open from December 6, 2018 to January 14, 2019, 5:00 pm (Lisbon time).

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission to the i3DU PhD Programme requires:

- Documented MSc degree from an accredited university in Portugal or from abroad;
- Strong background in Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Engineering, as well as other Life and Health Sciences;
- Minimum combined average grade for BSc and MSc degrees of 15 out of 20, or equivalent mark in foreign university systems;
- Fluency in English, both written and spoken;
- In special circumstances, other candidates with outstanding academic curriculum and a BSc degree will be considered;
- Students with MSc degrees in other areas will be admitted if their interest in Life and Health Sciences is clearly justified in the motivation letter and interview.

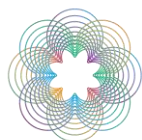
APPLICATIONS

Applications are submitted through the i3DU PhD Programme online platform and must include the following elements:

- Application form (available at <http://www.ff.ul.pt/phd3duul/apply-now/>);
- Copy of ID document / passport, for personal data validation;
- Curriculum Vitae;
- Copy of certified transcripts showing all academic degrees awarded, with final grade (in English or Portuguese);
- Motivation letter (describing the interest of the candidate in the scientific domain, research activity, personal aims, and research topics of interest);
- Two reference letters (describing the applicant potential in areas of Pharmaceutical Sciences and scientific research, as well as evidencing the candidate's working capacity, initiative and organization);
- Other pertinent documents to evaluate the candidate's merit and motivation.

Candidates must have obtained their academic degree by the closing date of the call to be eligible. The candidate must supply a document providing that he/she has been granted the degree. Simply demonstrating completion of the course without having been issued proof of the degree will not be accepted.

Applicants with foreign academic degrees are required to submit the records of acknowledgment of such degrees and conversion of the respective final grades to the Portuguese grading scale (whenever a final grade was awarded to the foreign degree), issued by the Directorate General for Higher Education or by a Portuguese public higher education establishment (regime governed by Decree-Law No. 341/2007, of October 12th) or, alternatively, submit the document of acknowledgment/equivalence of the foreign qualifications to the corresponding Portuguese qualifications, issued by a Portuguese public higher education establishment (process governed by Decree-Law No. 283/83, of June 21st).



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The records of acknowledgment of such degrees must be completed by the date of submission of the application.

Documents that do not comply with this requirement will not be considered for evaluation or studentship granting.

SELECTION AND RANKING CRITERIA

The Recruitment Committee, after receiving all the applications, will score them by means of a two-stage evaluation process. Only the eligible applications will be considered.

During the first phase, the Recruitment Committee will analyze the applications based on an objective evaluation of the following specific criteria and weights:

- Academic achievements (final classification and main scientific area of previous degree(s) - 70%;
- Relevant scientific activities (participation in research projects, authorship and co-authorship of scientific papers, abstracts in conferences, patents) and relevant professional experience - 20%;
- Motivation (based on the letter of motivation and reference letters) - 10%.

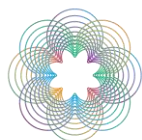
In the second phase, a shortlist of the 10 highest ranked candidates in the first phase will be individually interviewed by a minimum of 5 of the members of the Recruitment Committee (live or via video conference). Candidates will be informed via e-mail about the date and place of the interview. This interview will be carried out in order to assess candidate's knowledge, motivation, communication skills in English and specific technical skills, motivation, and communication skills in English, as well as their initiative and working capacity to successfully fulfill the work plan. The interviewed candidates will be re-ranked taking into account their mark in the first phase (75%) and the interview classification (25%).

Merit assessment is determined in accordance with the minutes of the meeting called for that purpose. From all jury meetings, minutes will be produced including the grounds of fact and right concerning candidates admission (or not), based on the specific and individual application of scientific evaluation criteria pre-established and approved.

PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

The results of the selection process will be communicated via e-mail to all the applicants. In the case of an unfavorable award decision (i.e. for applicants not selected to be offered a scholarship), the applicant has a period of 10 working days, after disclosure, to be heard by the Recruitment Committee by requesting a preliminary hearing, pursuant to the Portuguese *Código do Procedimento Administrativo*.

The final decision may be appealed to FCT within 15 working days of notification of the decision.



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FUNDING

The scholarships awarded under this contract will be financed by funds from the State Budget of the Ministry for Science, Technology and Higher Education. The amount of the scholarship corresponds to €993,43 monthly, according to the table for the scholarships awarded directly by the FCT, I.P. in the country (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores.phtml.pt>). Scholarships will be paid monthly by bank transfer.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships of *Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia*, I.P., approved by Regulation No. 234/2012, of June 5th, altered and republished by Regulation No. 326/2013, of August 7th, altered by Regulation No. 339/2015, of June 9th and by Regulation No. 137-A/2018, of February 27th.

Research Fellowship Holder Statute, approved by Law No. 40/2004, of August 18th, altered and republished by Decree-Law No. 202/2012, of August 27th, altered also by Decree-Law No. 233/2012, of October 29th, by Law No. 12/2013, of January 29th, and by Decree-Law No. 89/2013, of July 9th.

i3DU PhD Programme Executive Board
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