

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
FOR 6 MIXED DOCTORAL GRANTS (M/F)
DOCTORAL PROGRAMME INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

1. DOCTORAL GRANTS (BD)

The CES Doctoral Program in International Politics and Conflict Resolution opens a call for applications for six full Doctoral Grants financed by national funds through the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education (FCT/MCTES), and the European Social Fund, through the Operational Programme of Human Capital (POCH), on the following conditions:

2. FIELD OF STUDIES

Social Sciences and Humanities

3. CANDIDATES

In accordance with article 5 and paragraph 1 of article 14 of FCT's Regulations for Studentships and Fellowships, eligible candidates are: Portuguese citizens, citizens of other European Union Member States and third-country nationals who hold the academic qualifications required to access third-cycle studies and who may obtain a doctoral academic degree in International Politics and Conflict Resolution.

Candidates who have in the past been awarded doctoral grants by FCT are not eligible to apply.

4. APPLICATION PERIOD AND PROCEDURE

4.1. Applications are open from March 14, 2019 to June 14, 2019.

4.2. Applications should be sent by e-mail, to doutoramentos@ces.uc.pt, by the deadline of submission (confirmed by the date of the e-mail sent with the application).

4.3. The application must include the following elements:

- a) Detailed CV in English (dated and signed with the candidate's e-mail address and authorization to be notified by this way);
- b) Cover letter;
- c) Copy of identity document;
- d) Copy of diplomas for all academic degrees, with final grades included (quantitative or qualitative);

In case of foreign academic degrees, and to guarantee the application of the principle of equal treatment to applicants with national or foreign academic degrees, it is mandatory to submit the recognition of such degrees and the conversion of the respective final grades to the Portuguese grading scale.;¹

A minimum grade of 10 will be scored in the cases that the final grade or the recognition of the foreign academic degrees and the conversation of the final grades are not submitted;

e) Document of proof of permanent and usual residence in Portugal, if applicable. This document may be submitted only upon conditional granting of the studentship, for purposes of contracting thereof. In case the work plan of the requested studentship is held, wholly or partially, in foreign institutions, candidates, independently of their nationality, will have to present, upon contracting, the document of proof of permanent and usual residence in Portugal;

f) Other documents attesting to preferential requirements mentioned in section 7.5 of this call;

g) Statement with proof of professional activity, specifying the nature of the labour relationship, function/role and number of weekly hours, if applicable; alternatively, a statement of honour indicating that you hold a professional activity, from which you derive income or receive other income generated from such an activity.

5. WORK PROGRAMME

Together with the documents listed in section 4.3, a work project must be mandatorily submitted, in accordance with the following structure:

A. Title

B. Abstract (max: 150 words)

C. State of the art (max: 500 words)

D. Objectives (max: 300 words)

E. Detailed description (max: 1000 words)

F. Attachments – include a chart in which a schedule for each corresponding task and the milestone dates are indicated.

The work plan must be written in English.

6. HOST INSTITUTION AND SCIENTIFIC SUPERVISOR

¹ The recognition of foreign academic degrees and diplomas of, as well as the conversion of the respective final grade to the Portuguese grading scale, can be issued by a Portuguese public higher education establishment, or by the Directorate General for Higher Education (Direção Geral do Ensino Superior, DGES) in cases of automatic recognition. The legal regime applicable to the recognition of foreign academic degrees submitted after 1 January 2019 is governed by the Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of 16 August, while requests submitted before 1 January 2019 are governed by Decree-Law no. 341/2007, of 12 October, and the Decree no. 227/2017, of 25 July. Alternatively, for equivalence to Portuguese qualifications processes, the request is governed by the Decree-Law no. 283/83, of 21 July.

FCT suggests further reading of the Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of 16 August, and visiting the portal of DGES at <http://www.dges.gov.pt/en>.

The host institution is the Centre for Social Studies of the University of Coimbra (Colégio de S. Jerónimo, Largo D. Dinis, Apartado 3087, 3000-995 Coimbra, Portugal).

The supervision of the accepted candidates may be temporarily ensured by the Director of the doctoral programme. At the end of the first semester of the first academic year a supervisor will be appointed.

7. EVALUATION AND SELECCION METHODS

7.1. There is one selection phase composed of the curricular evaluation (CE), and an interview (I), based on the following criteria: curricular evaluation 80% and interview 20%;

7.2. Both the curricular evaluation and interview are graded according to a scale ranging from 0 to 20, which takes into account up to two decimal places.

7.3. Candidates will be graded according to the following criteria

A. curricular evaluation (80%)

1. Academic and scientific curriculum:

1.1 Bachelor's degree (4/20);

1.2 Other academic training (4/20);

1.3 Publications / Research (4/20);

2. Professional curriculum: professional merit assessment (3/20);

3. Draft proposal of research project (5/20).

B. Interview (20%)

The interviews, which will be held on June 25, 26 and 27, 2019 (in person or through Skype), will assess objectively and systematically the candidate's knowledge of the field, his/her technical skills and his/her command of the English language. The adequacy of the candidate's profile and motivation will be assessed. Candidates will be scored on a 0-20 scale.

7.5. Preferential requirements: to be a candidate at the doctoral programme in International Politics and Conflict Resolution offered by CES in partnership with the University of Coimbra (UC). Application must be duly established by official documentation.

7.6. The final ranking of the candidates is calculated on a 0-20 scale, resulting from the weighted average of the classifications achieved at the CE and I. In the event of a tie, the classification achieved at the interview will be used as a tiebreaker and if the tie persists, the curricular evaluation classification will be taken into account.

7.7. Candidates can request access to the minutes of the jury, wherein they can consult the assessment criteria and the respective weightings of both the CE and the I, as well as the final appraisal system applied and classifications' table.

8. SELECTION JURY

The jury is made up by the following members: Maria Raquel Freire (Chair), Daniela Nascimento and Bernardo Teles Fazendeiro. The substitute members of the jury are, first Teresa Almeida Cravo and second Paula Duarte Lopes.

9. PUBLICATION AND NOTIFICATION OF THE RESULTS

9.1. The list of admissions and eliminations, as well as the results obtained and the final ranking of the candidates who complete the application process will be available at the CES webpage (<https://www.ces.uc.pt/pt/doutoramentos/programas-de-doutoramento/international-politics-and-conflict-resolution/bolsas>).

9.2. Once the provisional ranked list of the evaluation results has been communicated through e-mail, applicants may use their right to dispute the proposed decision during the preliminary hearing phase, which takes place 10 working days after the communication of results.

9.3. The final list will be sent to all candidates.

10. DURATION OF THE GRANT AND MONTHLY ALLOWANCE

In accordance with article 9 of FCT's Regulation for Studentships and Fellowships (RSF), the grant has a duration of one year and can be renewed up to a maximum of four years. The scholarship's start date should be September 2019.

The monthly maintenance allowance is laid out in a table attached to the mentioned regulation and in accordance with the type of scholarship. The monthly stipend as well as any charges which may result from the scholarship holders adhesion to the voluntary social security scheme (1st tier) will be paid monthly by bank transfer to the account indicated by the grant holder during the contract period.

The grant should be carried out as an exclusive, full-time activity, as required by the terms of the Research Fellowship Holder Statute.

11. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUALITY POLICY

The Centre of Social Studies promotes a non-discrimination and equality policy, so that no candidate may be favoured, benefitted, disadvantaged, or deprived of any right or exempt from duties on account of ascendance, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, education, social status, genetic heritage, reduced working capacity, impairment, chronic disease, nationality, ethnicity or race, country of origin, language, religion, political or ideological beliefs or union affiliation.

12. LEGISLATION AND APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

Research Fellowship Holder Statute – Law number 40/2004 of August 18, available at <http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/estatutobolseiro.phtml.pt> /
<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamentos.phtml.en>.

FCT's Regulation for the Studentship and Fellowships – Regulation number 137-A/2018 of February 27, available at <http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.pt> /
<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamentos.phtml.en>.

Scholarship grants depend on required documentation being provided and the budget availability of the funding entity.