



RESEARCH FELLOW POSITION IN SOCIAL AND HUMAN SCIENCES

a. Description of the Competition:

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) of the University of Coimbra, Associate Laboratory (AL) through a contract signed with the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) on February 27th, 2002, opens a competition to a research fellow position in a regime of exclusivity.

b. Scientific area: Social and/or Human Sciences

c. Thematic description of the position

The candidate is expected to develop work in subjects closely related to the research areas of CES Research Groups (<http://www.ces.uc.pt/nucleos/indexen.php>), as well as the Doctoral Programmes (http://www.ces.uc.pt/doutoramentos/index.php?id_lingua=2) promoted by the Centre for Social Studies. CES gives priority to candidates possessing established connections with international research networks and showing a sufficient record of published work in international reference journals and publishers. The demonstrated ability to obtain funding for research projects is also highly valued.

d. Preferential criteria, with the corresponding weight (besides having a PhD degree at the closing date competition):

1. Absolute scientific merit (25%),
2. Professional experience (25%),
3. Adequacy of the academic profile to CES goals and strategic guidelines (25%).

The best candidates, selected according to these criteria, will be evaluated through a job talk and an interview conducted at CES, aiming at assessing the perspectives of integration into the Centre's scientific dynamics (25%).

e. Activities to be developed:

The selected researchers, apart from their scientific research activities (which include the submission

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of applications to research projects' funding), shall participate in the Doctoral Programmes and collaborate in outreach activities, as well as performing some organisational and administrative support tasks within the institution.

f. Applicable legislation at the and the conclusion of the contract:

Portuguese Labour Code, law no. 7/2009, of February 12th.

g. Work place:

The work will be developed at the Centre for Social Studies facilities, or at other locations relevant to the execution of the intended activities, according to work plans previously approved by CES Scientific Board.

h. Duration of the contract(s):

The contracts will have the duration of one year, starting on June 1st, 2013. The contracts may be renewed, according to the applicable labour legislation, coinciding with the duration of the Associate Laboratory status.

i. Nature of the contract and monthly salary:

The contract will be a fixed-term contract, in a regime of exclusivity, with remuneration as Research Fellow (rank 2). The monthly gross salary is 3,437 euros, with entitlement to holiday and Christmas pay, according to the Portuguese Labour Code. However, due to the austerity program implemented by the Portuguese Government, the salary was reduced during the period covered by the international assistance programme, to the gross monthly pay of 3,137 euros (before taxes).

j. Other supplementary information:

The pre-selected candidates' travel expenses to the job talks and interviews will be supported by CES.

The Centre for Social Studies reserves the right to not proceed with the recruitment if none of the candidates corresponds to the desired profile.

CES promotes equal opportunities.

k. Composition of the Selection Panel:

- Boaventura de Sousa Santos - President of the panel
- José Manuel Pureza
- Pedro Hespanha

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- António Sousa Ribeiro
- José Manuel Mendes

I. Results publication/notification:

The competition final results will be published in a list posted at the Centre for Social Studies facilities and the selected candidate will be notified by e-mail. The competition results will be sent to the remaining candidates by e-mail.

I. Deadline for applications:

March 31st, 2013

m. Submission of applications:

The applications should include a letter of intent and motivation (justifying the candidate's interest and suitability to CES scientific interests and activities), a complete Curriculum Vitae and a copy of the certificates of qualification, as well as a copy of all the candidate's relevant publications from the past five years.

The applications must be delivered, in person, at the Centre for Social Studies during the competition, or sent by postal mail, with the expedition date stamp until the last day of the competition, to the following address:

Centre for Social Studies
Reference: CES-LA/2/2013
Colégio de S. Jerónimo
Apartado 3087
3000-995 Coimbra
Portugal

For further details, please visit www.ces.uc.pt or contact:
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About the Centre for Social Studies (CES)

CES is a scientific research institution in the field of social and human sciences, founded in 1978 with the status of Non-Profit Private Association. In February 2002, CES was granted the status of

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Associate Laboratory by the Ministry of Science and Technology. CES is regularly evaluated by international experts, having received, in all occasions, a classification of "Excellent".

Today, CES has 121 researchers, 48 associate researchers and 64 junior researchers of several knowledge fields within Social and Human Sciences across the different Research Groups.

What do we do

CES research activities focus on studying the new dynamics of social interactions, both within the Portuguese society and the global sphere, namely North-South relationships. In addition to the main research activity, CES also provides specialized services in these fields of study.

CES has been offering a wide and growing programme of post-graduate training, including doctoral and post-doctoral programmes. CES also develops, within the scope of its status as Associate Laboratory, several Advanced Training actions, seeking to share the results of its researches with a more vast audience.

How do we do it

Research is often conducted in partnership with different national and international institutions. These partnerships result in the development of cooperation projects and, in a more permanent basis, in the development of specific protocols of cooperation with other academic institutions or other entities operating within CES research fields. CES also organizes its research across Observatories, resulting from protocols agreed with entities interested in benefiting from the results of the Centre's research activity.

Finally, the Biblioteca Norte/Sul (North/South Library) is also worth emphasizing. Created in 1998, it aims at gathering a bibliographic collection focused on periodical publications resulting from the scientific production of the South Hemisphere, in the fields of social and human sciences.

Our goals

* To promote new epistemologies and stimulate the cultural interaction of ideas as an exercise of knowledge ecology;

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- * To support the development of progressive human rights concepts, fighting against racial and sexual inequalities and discriminations, among others, and improving democracy;
- * To strengthen the participation in national and international networks, with special attention to North-South and European cooperation and the relationship with Portuguese-speaking countries.
- * To promote the democratic participation and active citizenship supporting the elaboration of public policies;
- * To improve the knowledge about the Portuguese society in a comparative perspective, in order to promote the diversity of visions and democratic debates within the society;
- * To promote post-graduate studies and advanced training activities to young researchers, professionals and citizens in general, as a way of contributing to the improvement of societal skills in order to achieve a better quality of life.

Our strategy

- * To promote interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research, combining contributions from different areas and traditions;
- * To develop new and innovative analytical, theoretical and methodological instruments and approaches, capable of understanding the specificities and complexities of contemporary societies;
- * To disseminate scientific knowledge, making it available in its multiple dimensions, through joint initiatives with civil society organizations, state institutions and international agencies, as well as with local, regional and national administration entities, within the Portuguese context.