

Call for(1) one Research Fellowship – Clinical Psychology

Ad summary

A call is now open for 1 (one) Research Fellowship (call reference: **APPsyCI/010/BI/2023**) in the scope of the research-related activities in Psychology of the R&D Unit Applied Psychology Research Center Capabilities & Inclusion – APPsyCi (UIDB/05299/2020) at Ispa – Instituto Universitário, funded by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (*Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia*) – FCT, I.P./MCTES, through national funds (PIDDAC).

1. Scientific Field: Clinical Psychology

2.Funding Source: Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (*Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia*) – FCT, I.P./MCTES, through national funds (PIDDAC), via the Multiannual Funding of R&D Units 2020-2023 –core funding (reference: UIDB/05299/2020).

3. Applicant's Profile

Mandatory requirements:

- Master's degree in clinical psychology.
- Proficiency in Portuguese and English languages.
- Knowledge of data analysis software (e.g., SPSS, AMOS).

Preference factors:

- Previous experience in teamwork, scientific research, literature reviews and project management.
- Prior experience in research projects focused on the same topic as the work/project plan will be valued.

4. Requirements for admission to the competition

The following documents must be submitted:

- a) Master's degree in clinical psychology certificate with the final classification.
- b) Detailed Curriculum Vitae.
- c) Motivation Letter.

Only applicants who supply proof to have completed the study cycle leading to a Master's degree by the end of the application deadline will be admitted. If applicants do not yet have the certificate of completion, a declaration of honor will be accepted stating that they have completed the qualifications required for the call and that the Master's diploma/certificate will be dated within the application period. The fellowship award is always contingent upon the presentation of the mandatory proof of academic qualifications.

If the academic degree has been conferred by a foreign higher education institution, it must be recognized by a Portuguese higher education institution, and the final classification must be converted into the Portuguese evaluation scale, under the terms of the provisions of Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16th, which approves the legal regime of recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of Higher Education, attributed by foreign higher education institutions, and of paragraph e) of no. 2 of article 4 of Decree-Law no. 60/2018, of August 3rd.

If the candidate has already requested but is waiting on the recognition of the academic degree conferred by a foreign higher education institution to be issued, he/she can submit a declaration of honor clarifying that the recognition was requested and will be dated within the application period.

The recognition of foreign academic degrees and diplomas and the conversion of the final classification to the Portuguese classification scale may be requested in any Portuguese public higher education institution or at the Directorate-General for Higher Education (DGES, for automatic recognition only). Please consult the DGES portal for details: <http://www.dges.gov.pt>.

5. Requirements for signing the fellowship agreement.

The candidate must be enrolled in a PhD degree, or enrolled in a course that does not award an academic degree, in a Portuguese higher education institution. This registration must be completed until the time of contracting the research fellowship.

In the case of diplomas issued by foreign higher education institutions, the recognition of these academic degrees must be presented until the time of contracting the research fellowships and the date of recognition must fall within the application period (as indicated in 4.).

For the purposes of signing the contract, a form with personal information, Ciência ID, a copy of the identification document, and a declaration on exclusive functions exercise might also be requested.

False declarations are reason to cancel the candidacy without prejudice to the application of other sanction measures.

6. Work plan

The project *“What Goes Online, Stays Online? Examining the Role of Online Deliberate Self-harm Activities and the Relation Between Individual and Relational Factors and Deliberate Self-harm*, comprises activities related to the research of deliberate self-harm in adolescence, analyzing mediation models and risk indicators underlying deliberate self-harm in adolescence. Specifically, the fellow researcher will:

- Support project management with administrative and execution tasks;
- Perform literature review;
- Create and structure databases;
- Perform quantitative analysis;
- Organize and participate in project meetings and seminars;
- Prepare reports for the writing of scientific manuscripts.

It will also be possible to collaborate in other tasks as long as they are aligned with the objectives of the project/work plan, such as promotion activities at scientific events.

7. Applicable legislation

Law No. 40/2004, of August 18th, as amended by the Decree-Law No. 123/2019, of August 28th, in its current wording (Research Fellowship Holder Statute/Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação - EBI);

Regulation No. 950/2019, of November 29th, published in Diário da República, No. 241, Series II, of December 16th (FCT's Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships/Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação da FCT - RBI);

Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of August 16th (Legal regime of recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of higher education awarded by foreign higher education institutions);

Regulation for Scientific Research Fellowships of Ispa – Instituto Universitário; and other applicable legislation.

8. Workplace and scientific supervision

The research fellowship contract will be signed with ISPA, CRL (contracting entity). The place of work is located at APPsyCI - Applied Psychology Research Center Capabilities & Inclusion, located at Ispa – Instituto Universitário, Rua Jardim do Tabaco, 34, 1149-041 Lisboa, Portugal and/or other locations necessary for the implementation of the planned activities, under the scientific supervision of Professor Maria Gouveia-Pereira.

9. Duration of fellowship

The fellowship will have a duration about eight (8) months, eventually renewable for periods not exceeding the eligible period of the project, conditioned by the project's budget, and in accordance with the maximum period for research fellowships as indicated in points 4 and 5 of Article 6 of FCT's Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships.

The fellowship is expected to start in May 2023.

10. Remuneration and other components

The monthly maintenance subsidy is €1199.64, in accordance to the table of monthly maintenance stipend in Portugal set by FCT for activities in exclusive dedication regime (https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/Tabela_de_Valores_SMM_2023.pdf), subject to any updates that may apply, to be paid monthly through bank transfer. The fellow is also entitled to the applicable voluntary social security system (Seguro Social Voluntário, Decree-Law No. 40/89, of February 1st; EBI – art. 10^o), and a personal accidents insurance.

11. Submission of applications

The call is open from **05 April to April 20, 2023, by 17:00** (Lisbon time).

Only applications received within the specified application period will be considered.

Applications must be formalized by sending the following mandatory documents (as described in point 4):

- a) Copy of the master's degree Certificate or Diploma with final grade.
- b) Detailed Curriculum Vitae.
- c) Letter of Motivation.

Applications should clearly state the call reference APPsyCI/010/BI/2023, in the subject field and be sent via e-mail to candidaturas.investigadores@ispa.pt and cc to appsyci@ispa.pt or via post mail directed to Ispa – Instituto Universitario – Departamento de Recursos Humanos – Rua Jardim do Tabaco 34, 1149-041 Lisboa.

All documents must be submitted in PDF format.

The non-compliance with these requirements may determine the rejection of the application.

12. Evaluation and selection criteria

Curriculum Evaluation

Candidates will be evaluated and ranked by their curriculum, according to the following criteria, and each having the indicated weight:

- a) Master's degree final classification (25%).
- b) Previous experience in the scientific area of the project (clinical area, adolescents, and deliberate self-harm), according to the CV (40%)
- c) Previous experience in management activities, according to the CV (10%)
- d) Motivation and interest in the subject, as shown by the candidate's motivation letter (25%).

Applications will be evaluated, and candidates ranked, on a 0,00 – 20,00 scale. The final classification will result from the formula:

$$\text{Final classification} = (\text{Criterion A} \times 25\%) + (\text{Criterion B} \times 40\%) + (\text{Criterion C} \times 10\%) + (\text{Criterion D} \times 25\%)$$

For tie-breaking purposes, the ranking of the candidates will be based on the classifications assigned to each of the evaluation criteria in the following order of precedence: Criterion B) Previous experience in the scientific area of the project; Criterion C) Previous experience in management activities, according to the CV; Criterion A) Academic qualifications; and D) letter of motivation.

If none of the candidates presents the appropriate and/or necessary skills and competences required for the position and respective work plan, despite fulfilling all the requirements for admission, the Evaluation Panel has the right to not attribute the fellowship.

Note for the evaluation of Criterion a):

- 1 – The final average of the master's degree in a post-Bologna course results from the simple arithmetic average of the final classification obtained in the 2nd cycle (master's degree);

2 – In the case of Integrated master’s degrees awarded by institutions that do not issue certificates with discrimination of the final classifications of 1st and 2nd cycles, the final classification indicated in the Integrated master’s degree certificate after the completion of the cycle of studies will be considered.

3 – In the case of submission of an integrated master’s certificate and a pre-Bologna or 2nd cycle Master's degree, the final classification of the Integrated Master’s will be considered;

4 – When candidates submit more than one equivalent Master's, or Integrated Master’s, degree (equivalent number of ECTS), the Evaluation Panel will decide which academic degree is best suited for the pursuit of the research plan and which should, therefore, be considered for Criterion A. Other course(s) presented by the candidate can eventually be considered for Criterion B.

5 – The Evaluation Panel will award the minimum score (10 points on a 0 – 20 scale) required for obtaining a degree in Portugal when the submitted Portuguese certificates do not mention the final classification.

6 – The Evaluation Panel will award the minimum score (10 points on a 0 – 20 scale) required for obtaining a degree in Portugal when candidates submit a declaration of honor indicating they have completed the cycle of studies leading to a Master’s degree by the application deadline but do not present the concomitant certificate (as indicated in point 4 of the call for applications);

7 – The Evaluation Panel will award the minimum score (10 points on a 0 – 20 scale) required for obtaining a degree in Portugal when degree certificates/diplomas issued by foreign institutions are not recognized in Portugal and/or do not have the respective final classifications converted to the Portuguese evaluation scale (as indicated in point 4 of the call for applications).

13. Evaluation Panel

The evaluation panel will consist of:

- President of the jury, Professor Maria Gouveia Pereira (Associate Professor at ISPA - Instituto Universitário and Integrated Researcher at the APPsyCI Research Unit)
- Member of the jury, Professor Mariana Pires de Miranda (Assistant Professor at ISPA – Instituto Universitário and Integrated Researcher at the APPsyCI Research Unit)
- Member of the jury, Professor Eva Duarte (Assistant Professor at ISPA – Instituto Universitário and Researcher/Collaborator at the APPsyCI Research Unit)

Alternate Member of the Jury:

- Professor David Neto (Assistant Professor at ISPA – Instituto Universitário and Integrated Researcher at the APPsyCI Research Unit);
- Prof. Doutora Inês Pinto (Professora Auxiliar do ISPA-Instituto Universitário, Pedopsiquiatria, Hospital Beatriz Ângelo).

14. Communication of results

The results will be notified no later than 90 working days after the closing date for submission of applications to the e-mail address provided by the applicants.

15. Deadlines and procedures for preliminary hearing, complaint, and appeal

After communicating the provisional list of the results, applicants who want to dispute the results have a period of 10 working days to request a preliminary hearing, in accordance with Articles 121 and following of the Administrative Procedure Code (CPA). The final decision will be communicated after the examination of the arguments presented at the preliminary hearing. After this communication, the selected candidate has 10 working days to accept, in written, the awarded fellowship. Otherwise, withdrawal or renouncement of the fellowship will be considered, unless a proper justification is presented.

After the final decision, a complaint may be placed within 15 working days or, alternatively, an appeal within 30 working days, both counting from the notification date. Applicants who wish to submit a complaint or an appeal should address their complaint to the Board of the funding agency.

In case the selected candidate renounces or withdraws from the fellowship, the Evaluation Panel can notify and attribute the fellowship to the candidate(s) in the subsequent position(s), if applicable, and according to the final ranking list.

16. Templates for the research fellowship contract and for the final reports by the fellow and by the supervisor

The template for the research fellowship contract as well as the template and timings for the final reports to be created by the fellow and by the supervisor, and concomitant evaluation criteria, can be found in the Ispa – Instituto Universitário’s Regulation for Scientific Research Fellowships (Appendices 2, 3, and 4) at:

https://intranet.ispa.pt/sites/default/files/users/10008/rg102_bols_invest_cient_2023.pdf