

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE AWARD OF A RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Title: Research Grant for PhD Students in History; 1 position

Call reference: Lab2PT-PROEPCIRCULA/01/2026

A call is hereby opened for the award of one (1) research grant for PhD students in History, within the scope of the R&D project “Knowledge and practices in circulation: diseases, medical practices and the construction of knowledge networks between Portugal, Brazil and Africa (19th–21st centuries)”, reference FIOCRUZ/0001/2025. The grant is intended for the performance of duties at the Lab2PT Research Unit (Laboratory of Landscapes, Heritage and Territory) of the University of Minho and is funded by national funds through FCT – Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P., under the following conditions:

Scientific Area: History

Recipient category: PhD students in History

Identify the type(s) of scholarship to be awarded:

- a) **Degree courses:** [Research grants (BI) are intended for I&D activities by students enrolled in an integrated master's degree, a master's degree or a PhD].
- b) **Non-conferring degrees courses:** [They may also be intended for I&D activities by graduates or masters enrolled in non-academic degree courses].

Requirement for granting the fellowship:

- The applicants may apply without prior registration in the course for which the fellowship is open. The requirement to enroll in a degree course or non-academic degree course will be verified on the date of contracting the fellowship;
- Only fellowships whose selected applicants present a valid proof of enrollment in a degree course or non-academic degree course will be contracted, according to the type of the fellowship, issued by a Higher Education Institution, indicating, respectively, the academic year or its duration (start and term).

Applicants' eligibility: Candidates who meet the conditions set out in Article 9 of the Research Grant Regulations, No. 950/2019, of 16-12-2019, of FCT I.P. are eligible.

Nationals or citizens of other European *Union member states, third-country nationals, stateless persons, and citizens with political refugee status* are eligible to apply for this competition.

Candidate eligibility requirements:

- a) Applicants must, at the date of application, hold a Master's degree in History and demonstrate research experience in this scientific field.
- b) At the contracting stage, applicants must indicate enrolment in a doctoral programme in the field of History and submit proof of the academic qualifications completed by the application deadline.
- c) Ability to communicate and interact with different audiences, both academic and non-academic.
- d) Ability to work within multidisciplinary teams.
- e) Knowledge and experience in the use of databases.
- f) Availability to consult archives abroad and to undertake missions of an international nature.

Workplan and objectives to be achieved:

The main objective of this grant is to investigate the circulation of diseases between Portugal, Brazil, and Africa during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. To this end, it will also be essential to analyse the circulation of knowledge, practices, and agents during this period, as well as the creation of knowledge networks and integration into international institutions in the field of health.

Work plan:

1. Conducting research in the following national archives and libraries: National Archives of Torre do Tombo; Overseas Historical Archive; Military Historical Archive; Diplomatic Historical Archive of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; National Library of Portugal.
2. Carrying out research missions in Angola and Mozambique, where the following archives and libraries will be consulted: Mozambique Institute of Public Health; Historical Archive of Mozambique; National Health Library of Mozambique; and the National Archives of Angola.
3. Participation in research missions in Cape Verde and São Tomé and Príncipe.
4. Analysis of selected documentation and creation of databases to store the compiled information.
5. Completion of a doctoral thesis within the thematic framework of the project.
6. Organisation of scientific events and publications.
7. Participation in national and international scientific events.

Applicable legislation and regulations: Research Fellow Statute (EBI), approved by Law nº. 40/2004 of August 18, in its current wording and FCT Research Fellowship Regulation, approved by Regulation nº 950/2019, published in the Diário da República, 2nd series, of December 16, 2019, in its current wording, and Scientific Research Fellowship Regulation (RBIC) of the University of Minho, approved by order nº 4998/2025, published in

the Diário da República, 2nd series, nº 81, of April 28, 2025 Amended and republished through amendment statement no. 634/2025/2, published in the Official Gazette, 2nd series, no. 132, of July 11.

Host/Contracting institution and scientific supervision: The work plan will be carried out at the Laboratory of Landscapes, Heritage and Territory - Lab2PT of the University of Minho, under the scientific supervision of Alexandra Patrícia Lopes Esteves and the coordination of Paula Cristina Almeida Cadima Remoaldo.

Fellowship duration: The grant will have a duration of 12 months, with an expected start date in March 2026. The grant may be renewed for equal periods, subject to the maximum duration allowed under the project.

Amount of the research grant: The amount of the grant corresponds to 1309,64 €/month, according to the table of values of the Research scholarship of FCT, in the country (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Tabela_valores_SMM_2025.pdf) and table of values of the University of Minho, updated annually, as decided by the Management Board.

Payment is made on the 23rd of each month, through bank transfer to the Bank Identification Number of the fellow identified in the contractualization process.

Other benefits: Reimbursement of Voluntary Social Insurance, if the candidate chooses to receive it, corresponding to the 1st level of discounts (for research grants with a total duration 6 months or higher) and personal accident insurance.

Exclusivity regime: The grantee will perform the activities under exclusivity, as foreseen in article 5º of the Research Fellow Statutes and applicable regulations.

Selection panel:

In the event of an impediment of the Chair of the Selection Committee, they shall be replaced by the first full member, and an alternate member shall be appointed to replace the full member.

Chair of the Selection Committee:

Alexandra Patrícia Lopes Esteves, Associate Professor with Habilitation at the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Minho.

Full Members:

Paula Cristina Almeida Cadima Remoaldo, Full Professor at the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Minho;

Paulo Teodoro dos Mártires de Matos, Assistant Professor at ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon.

Alternate Members:

Francisca Alves Cardoso, Assistant Researcher at the Centre for Research in Anthropology (CRIA)/IN2PAST, NOVA FCSH Hub, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, NOVA University of Lisbon;

Gisele Sanglard, Senior Researcher at the Department of History of Science and Health and Professor in the Graduate Programme in History of Science and Health at Casa de Oswaldo Cruz/Fiocruz.

Criteria and procedures for applications assessment and selection: The applications assessment will focus on the candidate's Merit, following evaluation criteria, valued on a scale of 0 to 5 values (or another scale):

A. Applicant Merit - AM (70%):

A.1: Academic path (considering the classifications of academic degrees), with a weighting of 50%;

A.2: Personal curriculum ((which reflects the scientific and professional background), highlighting research experience in History, experience in research work with nineteenth- and twentieth-century documentation, and proficiency in database construction software), with a weighting of 40%;

A.3: Motivation letter, with a weighting of 10%.

The final classification of the **Applicant's Merit (AM)** will be achieved through the following formula:

$$AM = (a * 0,5) + (b * 0,4) + (c * 0,1)$$

Candidates ranked in the top three (3) positions who obtain a minimum score of 2.5 in the Applicant's Merit (AM) will be admitted to the interview stage. The Selection Committee will assess the following subcriteria:

B. Interview – INT (30%)

- B.1: Interpersonal skills (30%);
- B.2: Knowledge demonstrated in the subject area of the call (40%);
- B.3: Motivation (20%);
- B.4: Language skills (10%).

The **Interview score (INT)** will be calculated using the following formula:

$$INT = (B1 \times 0.3) + (B2 \times 0.4) + (B3 \times 0.2) + (B4 \times 0.1)$$

The final score (FS), combining the Applicant's Merit (AM) and the Interview (INT), will be calculated using the following formula:

$$FS = (CM \times 0.7) + (INT \times 0.3)$$

Application deadline and submission: The call for applications is open from 04/02/2026 till 18/02/2026.

Applications must be submitted by email to (info@lab2pt.uminho.pt), indicating the reference number of the competition in the subject line. Only applications submitted within the established deadline and accompanied by the following documents will be accepted:

- a) Candidate's updated curriculum vitae;
- b) Certificates of the academic degrees obtained or, if applicable, the candidate's declaration of honor that he/she has completed the degrees required in the notice by the application deadline (not applicable to research initiation grants).
For degrees obtained abroad, the record of recognition of the academic degrees and record of the conversion of the respective final classification to the Portuguese classification scale must be presented, or, alternatively, a declaration of honor from the candidate.
This declaration must attest to facts that occurred prior to the application. In the event of a discrepancy between the information contained in the declaration and the documentation submitted for the purposes of contracting the scholarship, only the information contained in the latter will be considered. If it is found that the documents proving the academic degree and diploma, or their recognition under the terms of Decree-Law n.º 66/2018, of August 16, do not correspond to the classifications awarded in the assessment of the academic career and may consequently alter the candidate's ranking, the scholarship will not be contracted;
- c) Motivation Letter

Form of publication/notification of results: The results of the evaluation are published in a single list (by final score obtained), posted in a visible and public place in the host unit, as well as by email to all candidates, attaching, for this purpose, the minutes of the jury's deliberations, within a maximum period of 90 working days from the deadline for submission of applications.

Candidates are informed, at a preliminary hearing, in accordance with Articles 121 and 122 of the Administrative Procedure Code, of the likely outcome of the final decision, and may comment within 10 working days of this notification.

(The waiver of the hearing for interested parties must be justified in accordance with Article 124 of the CPA)

An appeal may be lodged against the final decision within 15 working days, or an appeal may be lodged with the highest executive body of the funding entity within 30 days, both after the respective notification (Article 12(nº6) of the FCT Research Grant Regulations).

Within 10 working days of notification of the grant award, the applicant must declare their acceptance in writing. In case of non-acceptance, the next highest ranked applicant will be notified immediately.

Constitution of a selection reserve list: The applicants ranked in the next positions on the ordered list will be included in a selection reserve list, which can be used until 30/06/2026.

Fellowship contractualization: The scholarship is awarded through the signing of a contract between the University of Minho and the scholarship recipient, in accordance with point 2.4 of the Rules for the Award and Management of Scholarships

https://www.fct.pt/wpcontent/uploads/2022/03/Normas_de_Atribuicao_de_Bolsas_2021.pdf and the draft contract in Annex II of the University of Minho's Scientific Research Scholarship Regulations.

The contract can only be signed after receipt of all the documentation required for the type of scholarship, which must occur within a maximum period of 6 months, including proof of academic degrees or diplomas, as well as enrollment in non-degree study cycles or courses, as applicable.

Once all the documentation has been received, the contracting entity has 60 working days to sign the scholarship contract. Once received by the scholarship holder, the contract must be returned, duly signed, within 15 working days.

Term and cancellation of fellowship contracts: Without prejudice to the other grounds laid down in the University of Minho's Scientific Research Scholarship Regulation and in the Research Fellow Statute, the scholarship will cease on completion of the contracted work plan, as well as on expiry of the period for which it was granted or renewed.

The **final report** must be submitted to the scientific advisor, in accordance with the defined objectives and evaluation criteria, no later than 60 working days after the end of the scholarship and must be drawn up in accordance with Annex I of the Regulations of the University of Minho.

Non-discrimination and equal access policy: Universidade do Minho actively promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, so that no candidate may be privileged, benefited, harmed or deprived of any right or exempt from any duty due, namely, to ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, economic situation, education, social origin or condition, genetic heritage, reduced working capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and trade union membership.

Declaration of Honor

Academic qualifications

I, (full name), candidate for the vacancy for the award of a (type of scholarship), within the scope of the project (name or reference of the project), published on the Euraxess portal, with the reference (ref. notice), declare on my honor that I have completed the academic degree of (academic degree), qualifying for the type of scholarship in the competition, namely the course (designation), by the (University conferring the degree), on the date XX/XX/XXXX, with a final average of XXXXX values on the YY scale.

As it is not possible for me to present proof of qualifications until the end of the competition, I declare that I undertake to present the aforementioned certificate at the conclusion of the scholarship contract, in the event that I am selected for the vacancy in the competition.

As this is true, I hereby date and sign this declaration.

(Place), (date).

(full name)

NOTE: The declaration may only attest to facts that occurred prior to the application.

In the event of a discrepancy between the information contained in the declaration and the documentation submitted for the purpose of contracting the scholarship, only the information contained in the latter will be taken into account.

Declaration of Honor

I, (full name), bearer of identification document number (XXXX), candidate for a research grant (type of grant), within the scope of the project (name or reference of the project), published on the Euraxess portal, with the reference (ref. call for proposals), declare on my honor that (I have not received any research grants to date / I have received the following research grants) under the Research Grant Holder Statute.

University	Financing Entity	Project	Type of Grant	Duration	Start	Term

As this is true, I hereby date and sign this declaration.

(Place), (date).

(full name)