

Research Initiation Fellowship (BII): 02-BII-2022-NIPE

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The Centre for Research in Economics and Management (NIPE) of the University of Minho (UM) opens a call for the attribution of one Research Initiation Fellowship, reference UIDB/3182/2020, with the financial support of the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT/MCTES) through national funds (PIDDAC) under the conditions set out below.

Scientific area: Economics

Recipients: Students completing the 1st year of Master's program in the Scientific areas of Economics.

Preferred skills: domain of statistical/econometric softwares and English language.

Applicants' admissibility requirements:

- a) To be enrolled in the 1st year of the Master's in Scientific áreas of Economics;
- b) Be graduated in Economics, with a final average of at least 15 points;
- c) Not having already been the beneficiary of any other research grant directly or indirectly funded by th FCT, assigned under tht Research Fellowship Holder Statutes.

Requirement for granting the fellowship:

- Candidates may apply without prior registration in the course for which the scholarship is open. The requirement to enroll in a degree course or non-granting course will be verified on the date of contracting the fellowship.
- For contratualization purposes, it only be accepted selected candidates who present valid proof of enrollment in the a degree course or non-degree course, according to the type of scholarship in the call for application, issued by the academic services of the Higher Education Institution, respectively with the indication of the current academic year or its duration (beginning and end).

Applicants eligibility: Applicants must comply with the eligibility conditions laid down in article 9 of the Research Grants Regulation of the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (2019).

Workplan: collaborate in the research and collection of bibliography and in the updating and consttution of databases, within the scope of ongoing research. The work plan will be developed in conjunction with the teaching component of the master's, and must not exceed and effort rate of more than 15 hours per week.

Applicable legislation and regulations: Research Fellowship Holder Statutes, approved by Law no. 40/2004 of August 18, in its current version published by Decree-Law no. 123/2019 of August 28; Regulation of Scientific Research Fellowships of the University of Minho (RBIC), published in “Diário da República”, 2nd serie, no. 119, through dispatch no. 6524/2020 of 22-06-2020, ratified by ratification declaration no. 447/2021 of 22-06-2021 and Regulation of Research Studentships and Fellowships (RBI) of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. - in force.

Host/Contracting institution and scientific supervision: The workplan will be carried out in the Centre for Research in Economics and Management (NIPE), School of Economics and Management of the University of Minho, in Campus of Gualtar and the work will be developed under the scientific guidance of Professor Dr. Natália Barbosa (NIPE’s member).

Fellowship duration: The grant will take place for a period of 3 months, with a provisional starting date on the November of 2022. The fellowship grant may eventually be renewed up to the applicable legal limit.

Amount of the research grant: The value stipend (Monthly Maintenance Allowance) is 486,12 euros, in accordance with the stipends values published by the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT I.P.) in the country (Annex I – Monthly Stipends Values for the maintenance allowances of the [FCT Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships](#) and Annex II of UMinho’s Regulation of Scientific Research Fellowships (RBIC), published in “Diário da República”, 2nd serie, no. 119, through dispatch no. 6524/2020 of 22-06-2020, ratified by ratification declaration no. 447/2021 of 22-06-2021, according to the applicable rules.

Payment is made until the 23rd of each month, through bank transfer to the fellowship holder's NIB indicated in the contracting process.

Other benefits: 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:

President of the Jury: Miguel Ângelo Reis Portela, Associate Professor with Aggregation of the School of Economics and Management of the University of Minho.

Effective Members:

Natália Barbosa, Associate Professor with Aggregation of the School of Economics and Management of the University of Minho.

Ana Paula Faria, Associate Professor with Aggregation of the School of Economics and Management of the

University of Minho.

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 1 to 20 values:

Applicant Merit - AM (100%):

Subcriterion A1 - Academic path (considering the classifications of academic degrees), with a weighting of 50%;

Subcriterion A2 - Personal curriculum (considering scientific background and transversal skills), with a weighting of 40%

Subcriterion A3 - Motivation letter, with a weighting of 10%.

The final classification of the applicant's merit with the achieved through the following formula:

$$MC=(A1*0,5)+(A2*0,4)+(A3*0,1)$$

For the purpose of a tiebreaker, the candidates will be ranked in the basis of the classifications assigned to each of the subcriteria of evaluation in the following order of precedence: subcriterion A1, subcriterion A2 and subcriterion A3.

If the evaluating panel deems it necessary, candidates placed in the top six places may be called for an interview. Applicants who obtain a final classification (score) without an interview of less than 14 points will be excluded.

The interview will be 30-minute-long, maximum, and it will be conducted in Portuguese. It will evaluate the candidates according to the following subcriteria:

Interview – INT:

Subcriterion B1 – Motivation, with a weighting of 50%;

Subcriterion B2 – Profile, with a weighting of 30%;

Subcriterion B3 – clarifications about the curriculum vitae, with a weighting of 20%.

The interview classification (INT) will be obtained by applying the following formula:

$$INT = B1+B2+B3$$

In case of interview, the final classification (CF) of the Candidate Merit (MC) and the Interview (INT) will be obtained by applying the following formula:

$$CF=(MC \times 0,7) + (INT \times 0,3)$$

If the interview does not take place, the final classification (CF) will correspond to 100% of the evaluation obtained in the Merit of the candidate (MC).

The jury may not attribute the fellowships if the quality of the candidates is inferior to the intended.

The academic degrees and diplomas documents, or their respective recognition when awarded by foreign higher education institutions are not mandatory in the application phase, being replaced by a declaration of honor of the candidate with the contents of academic results. The documents of academic qualification or respective recognition will be required in the contracting phase and must attest facts that occurred on a date prior to the application. In situations of divergence between the information contained in the declaration and the documentation submitted for contracting the grant, only the information contained in the latter will be considered. If the documents proving the ownership of the academic degree and diploma, or the respective recognition under the terms of Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of August 16, do not correspond to the classifications awarded in the evaluation of the academic path, which can change the candidate's ranking, the fellowship won't be contracted.

Notes: *Applicants with degrees obtained abroad must present proof of recognition of qualifications in Portugal and conversion of the final classification obtained in them to the Portuguese classification scale or declaration under the terms indicated in the previous point. Candidates who do not comply with one of these provisions, the selection panel will assign "0" in the grade of the graduation and/or master course. Candidates will be evaluated on the remaining parameters.*

Disclosure of results: The provisional results of applications, based in the selection panel minutes, will be sent to the applicants by email until 90 working days from the applications deadline.

If case of unfavourable results, the candidates have a period of 10 working days to comment, if desired, in a prior hearing to interested parties, pursuant to articles 121 and 122 of the Code of Administrative Procedure (DL no. 4 / 2015 of January 7th).

Complaint and appeal procedures: The final results of the evaluation will be published through an ordered list, posted in a visible and public place of the host unit, as well as by email to all applicants, enclosing for that purpose, the minutes of the jury deliberations.

The selected candidate must inform its willingness to accept the grant, in writing. In case of rejection, the fellowship will be awarded to the next candidate in the ordered list of applicants.

The final decision can be contested within 15 working days, by sending to the President of the jury the corresponding claim. Interested parties may also submit an optional hierarchical appeal, in accordance to number 3 of article 13 of the UMinho's Regulation of Scientific Research Fellowships (RBIC).

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 31/03/2023.

Application deadline and submission: The call for applications is open from 15/09/2022 till 03/10/2022 (until 23:59, local time).

Applications must be formalized, obligatorily, by sending an application letter accompanied by the following documents: *curriculum vitae*; *qualifications certificate or declaration of the applicant*; *proof of enrollment in the 1st year of Master's Degree in the Scientific areas of Economics or declaration of the applicant*; *motivation letter*; *other documents important to the evaluation process*.

Applications must be sent by email to nipe@eeg.uminho.pt, indicating the reference of the call for applications in Subject "02-BII-2022-NIPE". Applications submitted by other means will not be accepted.

Fellowship contractualization: The fellowship will be attributed by signing a fellowship contract between the University of Minho and the fellow, accordingly with the contract minute (annex IV of the Regulation of Research Fellowships of the University of Minho (RBIC), published in *Diário da República, 2nd Série, no. 119*, through dispatch no. 6524/2020 of 22-06-2020, ratified by ratification declaration no. 447/2021 of 22-06-2021, as indicated in 2.4 of the FCT document: "[Rules for Granting and Management of Grants within the scope of R&D projects, including infrastructure projects, the multi-annual financing program for R&D units and other FCT financing instruments \(Version 2021\)](#)".

The contract may only be concluded after all the documentation required is collected, which must take place within a maximum period of 6 months.

Once all the documentation has been received, the contracting entity has a period of 60 working days to conclude the scholarship contract. Once received, the fellow must return the contract duly signed within 15 working days.

The activities under the fellowship contract can only began after proper authorization by the contracting entity.

Term and cancellation of fellowship contracts: Without prejudice to the other causes provided the fellowship regulations (FCT and UMinho) and in the Statute of the Research Fellow, the fellowship ends with the completion of the work plan, as well as with the expiration date for which it was granted or renewed.

At the end of the fellowship, the grantee is obliged to present a Final Report of the work carried out, in accordance with the objectives and evaluation criteria defined with the scientific advisor, within 30 days after the end of the scholarship.

The **final report** must be prepared in accordance with Annex I of the Scientific Research Fellowships

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