

CinTurs PhD Scholarships 2021

The Research Centre for Tourism, Sustainability and Well-being (CinTurs) of the University of Algarve (UALG) is opening a call for **3 PhD Studentships in the areas of Economics and Management, Economic and Social Geography, Psychology and Sociology**, under the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) Research Fellowship Regulation and the Research Fellowship Holder Statute.

The studentships granted in this call will be financed by FCT under the Protocol of Collaboration of Multiannual Funding Program of R&D Units for PhD Studentships, signed between FCT and CinTurs.

These PhD studentships are aimed at applicants that comply with the requirements for PhD studies and who wish to carry out research towards this degree in the [areas of CinTurs](#).

The studentships will be ascribed to the following PhD programs of the University of Algarve:

[PhD program in Tourism \(Faculty of Economics\)](#): 1 scholarship

[PhD program in Economic and Management Sciences \(Faculty of Economics\)](#): 1 scholarship

[PhD program in Psychology \(Faculty of Human and Social Sciences\)](#): 1 scholarship

The call for applications is open from 14 April to 14 May 2021 (5pm, Lisbon time). Applications and the supporting documents must be sent/ submitted in PDF format to cintursinfo@ualg.pt. Only one proposal per applicant is allowed.

For further information on how to apply and detailed guidance notes, please read careful the [Notice of the Call](#) (available only in Portuguese).

The proposals must use the template provided [here](#), respecting the following minimum standards and written in English:

- font Times New Roman
- font size of 12 points
- 1.5 single line spacing
- A4 page size (margins should not be changed)
- The maximum total length for the document is 10 pages, including timeline and bibliography. It should be composed by the following sections: abstract (maximum 250 words), object of study and its relevance, objective(s), state-of-art, methodology, expected results (including the number of expected scientific articles), timeline and bibliography.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. ADMISSIBILITY

1.1 Applicants' admissibility requirements

The following citizens may apply to this call:

- National citizens or citizens from other member-states of the European Union;
- Third-party states citizens;
- Stateless individuals;
- Citizens holding a political refugee status.

To apply for a PhD studentship it is necessary:

- To have a bachelor or a master degree;
- To be a citizen permanently and usually living in Portugal, in case the work plan of the requested studentship proceeds, entirely or partially, in foreign institutions (in case of both in Portugal and abroad or exclusively abroad studentships); this requirement is applicable to both national and foreign citizens;
- Not to have benefited from a PhD or a PhD in industry studentship directly funded by FCT, regardless of its duration.

1.2 Application's admissibility requirements

It is mandatory, under penalty of non-admissibility, attach to the application the following documents:

- Copy of the citizen/ID card or passport;
- Curriculum vitae of the candidate;
- Academic degree certificates, indicating the final grade and, if possible, the final classification of the disciplines completed, or alternatively, a declaration of honor from the candidate as he/she completed the bachelor's or master's degree until the application deadline;
- Register of the recognition of foreign academic degrees and the conversion of the respective final grade to the Portuguese grading scale, or alternatively, a declaration of honor from the candidate as he/she obtained recognition of foreign degree equivalent to bachelor or master until the application deadline;
- Motivation letter, explaining the reasons for her/his application, presenting her/his academic/professional career path and how it is related to the work plan, if applicable;
- 2 different recommendation letters, signed by the respective issuer; these letters should include the academic and/or professional context relationship of

- the candidate with its referee and should also specify that are related with this call; supervising acceptance letters should not be used as recommendation letters; as an example, recommendation letters may refer to the applicant's maturity and career path adequacy related to the proposed work plan;
- Write the application and all related documents, including motivation and recommendation letters, in Portuguese or in English. The work plan should be written exclusively in English;
 - Present a work plan that fits into one of the three research areas of CinTurs: Sustainable Tourism and Territories; Tourism and Hospitality Competitiveness and Governance or Tourism and Stakeholders' Well-being;
 - Mention of the PhD program in which the work plan will be developed.

Regarding the admissibility requirements, the following should be noted:

- In the case of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions, and in order to guarantee the application of the principle of equal treatment to candidates who hold foreign and national academic degrees, the recognition of these degrees and the conversion of the respective final classification is mandatory for the Portuguese classification scale. The recognition of foreign academic degrees and diplomas, as well as the conversion of the final classification to the Portuguese classification scale, can be required in any public higher education institution, or in the Directorate-General for Higher Education (DGES, only in the case of automatic recognition). Regarding this matter, it is suggested to consult the DGES portal through the following address: <http://www.dges.gov.pt>.
- Applicants will only be admitted who have completed the cycle of studies leading to the degree of bachelor or master by the end of the application period. If they still do not have the certificate of completion of the course, a declaration of honour from the candidates will be accepted as they completed the necessary qualifications for the purposes of the competition by the end of the application period. The design of the scholarship is always dependent on the presentation of proof of ownership of the academic qualifications required to grant the scholarship.

2. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation of **each sub-criteria** in **Criteria A** (Merit of the Applicant) and in **Criteria B** (Merit of the Work Plan) will follow what is established for these criteria in the FCT Call for PhD Studentships – 2021 ([here](#) in Portuguese, [here](#) in

English). The Evaluation Panel may decide to conduct interviews to clarify each of the evaluation criteria.

3. SUPERVISOR(S)

The indication of the supervisor(s) in the application form is optional. However, the applicant may propose a supervisor who belongs to the teaching staff of UALG and is an [integrated member of CinTurs](#). Alternatively, the applicant may propose a supervisor who does not meet these characteristics. In the latter case, CinTurs will appoint a (co) supervisor of the Research Centre before the start of the contract, who will be responsible for monitoring the PhD thesis at CinTurs and UALG. This (co) supervisor must be a member of the teaching staff of UALG and be an integrated member of CinTurs.