

Call for Applications – Research Positions

1 Fellowship Grant

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for one (1) research fellowship in the project «URBiNAT - Healthy corridors as drivers of social housing neighbourhoods for the cocreation of social, environmental and marketable NBS» (Grant agreement: 776783), funded by the European Commission, and coordinated by Gonalo Canto Moniz.

a. Project Description:

URBiNAT focuses on the regeneration and integration of deprived social housing urban developments through an innovative and inclusive catalogue of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS), ensuring sustainability and mobilising driving forces for social cohesion. Interventions focus on the public space to co-create with citizens new urban, social and nature-based relations within and between different neighbourhoods. Taking the full physical, mental and social wellbeing of citizens as its main goal, URBiNAT aims to co-plan a healthy corridor as an innovative and flexible NBS, which itself integrates a large number of micro NBS emerging from community-driven design processes. URBiNAT consists of a worldwide consortium of academic and business partners around 7 European cities (Porto, Nantes and Sofia as 'frontrunners'; Siena, Nova Gorica, Brussels and Hje-Taastrup as followers), that will act as living laboratories to implement healthy corridor solutions.

Key social sciences features of the project include: interdisciplinary approaches, participatory practices and methodologies to citizen's engagement in innovative and inclusive city governance models, social, solidarity and sustainable economy, use of stakeholder knowledge without differentiating between scientific and citizen-driven knowledge. It also demonstrates high social innovation potential through active citizenship.

b. Scientific Field: Social Sciences and Humanities

c. Admission requirements (mandatory)

Candidates who are nationals, foreigners and stateless persons who hold the bachelor's and master's degrees in Social Sciences or Humanities or related scientific areas and holders of a professional curriculum that shows an appropriate profile for the work plan.

1. Graduate or Master degree diploma in Social Work, Sociocultural animation and local development, or other subject of Social and Human Sciences

2. proven academic work/interest in some of the project's key research areas, namely: social inclusion in urban context, citizen engagement and participatory methodologies.

Applicants with an academic degree and diploma issued by a foreign HEI must present proof of recognition of the academic degree by the Portuguese Higher Education System, (law DL66/2018). Any candidate without the recognition of the degree(s) will be admitted to the competition, but during the evaluation process the selection panel, cannot:

h. Duration of the fellowship:

The fellowship will last 12 months, starting in September 2019. The grant contract may be extended until the end of the project, depending on the project's needs and on the good performance of the fellow and his/her developed activities as defined in their work plan, and on the Principal Investigator's assessment.

i. Monthly allowance:

The monthly stipend will be 752,38 euros (Graduate), 989,70 euros (Master). The payment of the Voluntary Social Insurance and the Personal Accident Insurance adds up to this amount.

j. Selection process:

Applicants will be selected based on curricular evaluation. In case of equivalent curricular evaluations, the strongest applications will be evaluated through an interview, conducted in English and in Portuguese, meant to assess the applicants' potential in integrating the project scientific dynamic.

The jury reserves the right not to award the grant if none of the candidates fits the required profile.

k. Selection panel:

- Gonçalo Canto Moniz (President)
- Nancy Duxbury (Permanent Member)
- Sílvia Ferreira (Permanent Member)

l. Results publication:

All candidates will be notified of the results by e-mail. According to national legislation in place, applicants will have up to 10 days to place any formal complaints or requests clarification of doubts concerning the evaluation process, before confirmation of final results.

m. Application deadline:

From July 18 to August 2, 2019

n. Application process:

Applications must include:

- a) a letter of intent/motivation in English;
- b) the detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- c) copies of degree certificates and of other relevant documents for eligibility purposes.

Applications can be handed in personally, at CES facilities, or sent by postal mail, with stamp due until the final deadline, to the following address:

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