

Call for applications – 3 (three) vacancies

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory – University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for 3 research scholarships (position 1 - CES/17/2022-BI-PORTofCALL-P1; position 2 - CES/17/2022-BI-PORTofCALL-P2; position 3 - CES/17/2022-BI-PORTofCALL-P3), in the project PORTofCALL - African-Asian-European Encounters: Cultural Heritage and Ports of Call in the Indian Ocean during the Early Modern Period, ref PTDC/ART-DAQ/4357/2021, funded by FCT – Foundation for Science and Technology, through national funds, and coordinated at CES by Sidh Losa Mendiratta, Ph.D (Co-Principal Researcher).

CES provides a stimulating intellectual environment in the domain of social sciences and humanities. The project is part of the Thematic Line on *Urban Cultures, Sociabilities and Participation*, which focuses on urban cultures and modes of organization and regulation of social, cultural, political, and economic life in urban territories.

a. Project Description:

PORTofCALL - African-Asian-European Encounters: Cultural Heritage and Ports of Call in the Indian Ocean during the Early Modern Period

PORTofCALL aims at studying the relation between African-Asian-European encounters during the Early Modern period and the cultural heritage of the Indian Ocean's port settlements of Portuguese influence. By highlighting the diversity and values of those heritage sites, the project will create vision and tools for their future usage and manageable conservation, focusing on five representative cases.

Coordination by Marta Oliveira, Ph.D (Faculty of Architecture of the University of Porto - FAUP).

Expected duration of project execution: 36 months, starting January 1, 2022

b. Scientific field:

Architecture

c. Workplan, tasks:

The selected applicants are expected to have the following responsibilities, according to each position:

CES/17/2022-BI-PORTofCALL-P1

The selected researcher is expected to prepare and develop a master's dissertation within the project's scientific framework on the theme: 20th Century Surveys on Traditional Habitats in Mozambique, with the objective of submitting it towards obtaining a MA degree in Architecture. This task involves:

- i) Literature review and documentary research;
- ii) Analysis and synthesis of research results, involving design and mapping;
- iii) Participate in the knowledge transfer of the expected results, within the project's dissemination strategy.

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The selected researcher is expected to prepare and develop a master's dissertation within the project's scientific framework on the theme: Conservation Projects on Heritage of Portuguese Influence in the Persian Gulf, with the objective of submitting it towards obtaining a MA degree in Architecture. This task involves:

- i) Literature review and documentary research;
- ii) Analysis and synthesis of research results, involving design and mapping;
- iii) Participate in the knowledge transfer of the expected results, within the project's dissemination strategy.

CES/17/2022-BI-PORTofCALL-P3

The selected researcher is expected to prepare and develop a master's dissertation within the project's scientific framework on the theme: Women Travellers in India during the Mid-20th Century: Perspectives on Portuguese-Influenced Architecture and Cultural Landscapes, with the objective of submitting it towards obtaining a MA degree in Architecture. This task involves:

- i) Literature review and documentary research;
- ii) Analysis and synthesis of research results, involving design and mapping;
- iii) Participate in the knowledge transfer of the expected results, within the project's dissemination strategy.

d. Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

Portuguese Law nº 40/2004, of 18 August (Scientific Research Fellow Statute) and following amendments; FCT's (National Agency for Science and Technology) Regulations for Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources, and Regulations for Fellowships at the Centre for Social Studies.

Template of the fellowship contract: https://ces.uc.pt/oportunidades/bolsasemprego/Minuta_Contrato_Bolsa_CES.pdf

Template of the final activities report: https://ces.uc.pt/oportunidades/bolsasemprego/E_Relatorio_actividades.pdf

e. Workplace:

The tasks will be performed at the Centre for Social Studies facilities, or in other locations when appropriate in the interest of implementing the work plan, and Project's Principal Investigator (PI), or the Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI), will integrate the dissertation's scientific supervision team.

f. Duration of the fellowship contract:

The fellowship will last 6 months, starting on 1st October 2022. The fellowship contract may be extended for equal or different time periods, until the end of the project, depending on the evaluation of the work carried out, the financial provisions and scientific needs of the project.

g. Application dates:

Opens on: 16 June 2022

Closes on: 16 July 2022

h. Application process:

Applications must include:

- Bachelor's degree in the scientific area of Architecture (note: candidates must meet the eligibility conditions and conditions indicated in point k.)
- Supplement to the degree certificate specifying Curricular Units with individual grades
- Proof of the enrolment on a master's degree in the academic year 2021/2022 (note: candidates must meet the eligibility conditions indicated in point k.)
- Detailed Curriculum Vitae and Academic Path;
- Motivation letter (in Portuguese or English) with e-mail and phone number. (see point i.)
- Statement of preference ordering the preferred positions in this call (for example: position 1 - CES/17/2022-BI-PORTofCALL-P1; position 2 - CES/17/2022-BI-PORTofCALL-P2; position 3 - CES/17/2022-BI-PORTofCALL-P3) (see point c. and point i.)
- One selected work representative of the applicant's interest in the project's scientific themes

All documents should be in Portable Document Format (PDF) [15MB max.] and attached to the Application email sent to the address concursos@ces.uc.pt until the final deadline, and will be valid only after a reading receipt is sent.

Skills/Qualifications

i. Selection criteria and their weighing:

- Detailed Curriculum Vitae and Academic path (supplement to the degree certificate) (40%);
- Motivation letter (in Portuguese or English), which should also justify the ordering of the positions of this call, and justify the importance of the work mentioned in point 3 (30%);
- One selected work representative of the applicant's interest in the project's scientific themes (justify the choice in the motivation letter) (20%);
- Proficiency in Portuguese and English (10%).

The jury reserves the right not to select any candidate.

Benefits

j. Monthly Allowance

The monthly stipend for each position is 875,98 euros according with the Regulations for Fellowships at the Centre for Social Studies and at FCT. The payment of the Voluntary Social Insurance and the Personal Accident Insurance adds up to this amount (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores.phtml.en>)

Eligibility criteria

k. Mandatory requirements

All applicants must:

1. Be enrolled in a MA in Architecture (see associated conditions in a);
2. Hold a bachelor's degree in the scientific domain of Architecture (see associated conditions in b);

a) Applicants must provide proof of enrolment in a master's degree course in Architecture, in the current academic year. If at the time of application, the applicant does not have a valid document proving their enrolment, they must send a declaration of honour in which they state to undertake the enrolment within a maximum period of 30 days after the communication of the results, under penalty of not contracting the scholarship.

b) Applicants with an academic degree and diploma issued by a foreign Higher Education Institution 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:

- i) recognize the candidate's grades and assess according to the possession of such grades;
- ii) give equivalence to, or validate, the grade of her/his degree;
- iii) use that note or its conversion as an evaluation parameter.

In case of selection, the fellowship contract can only be signed after the recognition of the academic degree by the Portuguese authorities, under the terms of the Law-decree n66/2018, August 16. The selected candidate must deliver the recognition of the degree within 30 days after the communication of the results. After the 30 days, the jury may decide to 1. either extend the deadline for the candidate to prove the recognition; 2. assign the fellowship to the second place of that position; 3. or not award the fellowship.

Selection process

I. Selection process:

The selection of the candidate will be based on the curricular evaluation, applying the parameters described in i).

The jury may invite the best positioned applicants for an interview. The interview would then weigh 30% of the final grade. If interviews are held, interviewees will be informed of the date, hour, and mode.

m. Selection panel:

- Sidh Losa Mendiratta (President)
- Marta Peters Oliveira (permanent member)
- Antonieta Reis Leite (permanent member)
- Filipa de Castro Guerreiro (substitute member)

- Joao Luís Rebelo Marques (substitute member)

n. Communication of Results:

All candidates will receive the results by email. The meeting minutes of the selection panel will become available publicly. After the communication of results, applicants have 10 working days to present a redress to the evaluation and the result by email.

Additional comments

Equality of opportunities:

CES abides by the national law that regulates the prevention, prohibition and fighting against discrimination on the grounds of racial and ethnic identity, colour, nationality, family background, and territory of origin (Law nº 93/2017, 23 August).

Data protection:

By submitting your application, you are agreeing with the use of your personal data by CES administrative services for the sole purpose of the current call, namely to be contacted directly by CES services and allow the communication of results as in point n. of this call. CES abides by the principles of GDPR.

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