

## RESEARCH ASSISTANT (MA) – One vacancy

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra (Portugal), calls for applications for **one position for research assistant** (CES/13/2022-AI-UNCHARTED) within the project “UNCHARTED-Understanding, Capturing and Fostering the Societal Value of Culture” (Grant Agreement nº 870793), funded by the Research Executive Agency (REA) of the European Commission under the framework programme H2020, and coordinated by the Principal Investigator (PI) Nancy Duxbury ([http://www.ces.uc.pt/investigadores/cv/nancy\\_duxbury.php](http://www.ces.uc.pt/investigadores/cv/nancy_duxbury.php)).

### a) Project Description:

The UNCHARTED project is a research and innovation action about understanding, capturing and fostering the societal value of culture. In recent decades, with the growing emphasis on the creative economy, culture has tended to be increasingly seen in political circles under the exclusive lens of the economy and its contribution to it. To counteract this tendency, it is necessary to define the social values associated with culture on a different basis from the traditional one. The work focuses on the valuation practices of the actors involved in cultural life. In this respect, three areas and three types of fundamental actors in the value dynamics of culture are distinguished: i. the field of cultural participation, in which citizenship is the protagonist; ii. the field of cultural production and heritage, where the professionals of creation and preservation are the ones who take the initiative; iii. the field of cultural administration, in which it is the experts and politicians who decide.

These are the starting point to structure the study of the different aspects involved in this evaluative dynamic: the emergence of values, the configuration of a value order, and the political impulse of values.

**Scientific Field:** Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

### b) Mandatory requirements:

- Have a Master Degree in Social Sciences or Humanities.

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 her/his degree will be admitted to the competition. Should that candidate be selected, she/he will need to provide proof of the recognition of her/his academic degree by the Portuguese authorities before signing the contract. The selected candidate will have to deliver the recognition of the degree within 30 days after the communication of the application results. After 30 days, the jury may decide to:

1. extend the deadline for the candidate to prove the recognition;
2. assign the fellowship to the second place; or
3. not award the fellowship.

## c) Preferred requirements, with the respective weighting:

1. Demonstrated academic interest and experience in carrying out research on Valuations of Culture and Sociology of Culture (25%);
2. Experience in conducting research using qualitative methodologies, such as interviews, and experience in analyzing policy documents (evaluation reports and cultural strategic plans) (30%);
3. Excellent language skills in both oral and written English, including ability to independently write in this language (25%);
4. Experience in research management; previous experience in projects (academic and non-academic) related with cultural and artistic practices (music, crafts and other art forms) will be valued (10%)
5. Autonomy, critical thinking and availability for national and international travel (10%).

## d) Selection process

The selection of the candidate will be made based on the curricular evaluation and, in case of a tie among the best candidates, interviews will be carried out in person or remotely. When applying the two methods of selection, curricular evaluation and interview, each will have a valuation of 50% in the final classification. In the interview, in order to clarify aspects related to the curriculum and previous experience, the candidate's ability to integrate the project, analysis and critical thinking, motivation and interest, and communication and verbal expression in English will be evaluated.

The jury reserves the right to not select any applicants for the positions, if applications do not meet the necessary standards and/or profiles in terms of absolute merit.

## e) Work plan:

The selected researcher is expected to contribute to the implementation of the project's scientific tasks, as well as to support any activities associated with the project's general goals. The selected candidate must have a profile that guarantees the monitoring of the scientific execution of the project, responding directly to the PI.

More specifically, s/he will work directly with the Principal Investigator, supporting the team in the following tasks:

- a) Carry out research, including conducting interviews, developing transcripts, document analysis, comparison and synthesis of findings;
- b) Actively contribute to analyses of findings;
- c) Contribute to the planning and coordination of fieldwork; carry out fieldwork; gather and organize data;
- d) Participate in meetings and academic conferences;
- e) Contribute to the organization of academic conferences and other events sponsored by the project;
- h) Contribute to drafting the project reports to be submitted to the EC;
- i) Contribute to the project's daily management tasks.

## f) Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

Labour Code Law No. 7/2009, of February 12th (and subsequent amendments).

## **g) Workplace:**

Research will be performed at the Centre for Social Studies facilities in Coimbra, Portugal. Researchers will occasionally need to travel to other locations to perform research tasks. Successful candidates are expected to move to Coimbra for the duration of the contract.

## **h) Duration of the Contract:**

A temporary contract ("termo certo"), fulltime, will be signed for the sole purpose of the execution of the project, in exclusive dedication.

The contract, expected to start in August 2022, will last nine months, renewable up to a maximum period of one year, depending on the scientific needs, the financial provisions of the project and the assessment by the CES of the RA performance.

## **i) Nature of contract and monthly allowance:**

a. Temporary contract ("termo certo").

b. The gross monthly salary will be 1250,00 euros with the right to 13th and 14th month salaries and to food allowance, in accordance with the Portuguese Labour Code.

## **j) Selection Panel:**

- Nancy Duxbury (president)
- Cláudia Pato de Carvalho (permanent member)
- Paulo Peixoto (permanent member)
- Paula Abreu (substitute member)

## **k) Communication of Results:**

All candidates will receive the results of the selection process by email. The minutes of the selection process will be made available for public consultation in the facilities of the Centre for Social Studies.

## **l) Application Deadline:**

Call opens on: June 30th 2022

Call closes on: July 16th 2022

After July 16th applications will not be considered for evaluation

## **m) Application Documents:**

Applications must include:

- a) Presentation/Motivation letter in English (max. 2 pages);
- b) Curriculum Vitae of max. 5 pages, highlighting the items most relevant to the topic of the call;
- c) Copy of qualification certificates and other relevant documents for eligibility purposes (please refer to section b) for eligibility purposes).



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Applications must be sent by email to [concursos@ces.uc.pt](mailto:concursos@ces.uc.pt) until the final deadline. Applications must be addressed to the President of the Jury, with the email Subject: Application to CES call CES/13/2022-AI-UNCHARTED).

## **n. Other complementary information:**

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

## **Data Protection:**

While submitting your application, you agree with the use of your personal data by CES staff for exclusive purposes of this open call. CES administrative staff will use your contacts to contact you directly, and in the publication of the results by sending the minutes to all applicants, according to the principles set by the GDPR.

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