

RESEARCH STUDENTSHIP

Call for applications – 1 (one) vacancy

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) of the University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for 1 research studentship (CES/37/2022-BI-TRACE-IT) in the project [TRACE – Tracing Queer Citizenship over Time: Ageing, ageism and age-related LGBTI+ politics in Europe, Grant Agreement 101044915 - TRACE, funded by the European Union within the scope of the European Research Council, and coordinated by Ana Cristina Santos.

CES provides a stimulating intellectual environment in the domain of social sciences and humanities. The project is part of the research line Democracy, Justice and Human Rights, and, more specifically, CES consolidated work in the field of LGBTIQI+ Studies.

a. Project Description:

TRACE – Tracing Queer Citizenship over Time: Ageing, ageism and age-related LGBTI+ politics in Europe

In recent years, ageing has been considered a priority area in both governmental policies and research agendas. Sitting at the intersection between Gender and LGBTI Studies, on the one hand, and Age, Ageing and Life Course Studies on the other, and bringing together distant memories and the current daily management of intimate life, TRACE sociologically explores the impacts in later life of growing up in a time when legal recognition was not available for LGBTI+ people. TRACE will pay particular attention to issues related to health and well-being, care and intimacy.

Taking queer citizenship as a set of criteria through which democracies can be evaluated, TRACE also explores the extent to which the EU has influenced local political and socio-legal advancements in LGBTI+ rights, narratives and experiences over time. To respond to this aim, TRACE develops an innovative age-sensitive, analytical lens focused on ageing, ageism and age-related LGBTI+ politics through which progress and backlash in countries that experienced substantial changes in their intimate citizenship regimes will be investigated.

Expected duration of project execution: 60 months, starting January 1, 2023

b. Scientific field:

Social and Human Sciences, preference Sociology or Gender, Feminist or LGBTI+ Studies.

c. Work Plan Description and applicants' required profile:

c1. Applicants' required profile

1. Applicants must be doctoral students in the required scientific field **or** holders of a Master's degree, willing to enrol in one of CES' PhD programmes (the researcher should preferably apply to one of these two PhD Programmes at CES/University of Coimbra: Human Rights in Contemporary Societies (taught in English) or Feminist Studies (taught in Portuguese), more information: <http://www.ces.uc.pt/doutoramentos>);
 - a) Fees of the PhD programmes will be supported by the project, until the end of the studentship, limited to €2000 per academic year (this amount covers the tuition fees of CES' PhD programmes).
2. The candidate must be willing to develop his/her thesis under the supervision of TRACE' Principal Investigator in a topic considered relevant for TRACE.

c2. Work plan, tasks:

The selected candidate should develop his/her PhD thesis in articulation with TRACE topics and empirical research fields, about a specific aspect of LGBTI+ ageing in Italy under the supervision of TRACE' Principal Investigator.

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. More specifically, s/he will be asked to gather, organize and analyse qualitative data (e.g. interviews, archival data, policy and legal documents, etc.), carry out a critical review of literature, conduct fieldwork, contribute to the project's dissemination and communication activities and networking and produce reports and outputs (e.g. scientific and outreach publications, participation in and organization of scientific events), among other tasks needed for the implementation of the project's goals.

The selected researcher will work at the Centre for Social Studies facilities in Coimbra, Portugal, and should have availability for frequent traveling and to stay an expected time of three consecutive months in Italy to conduct fieldwork. The precise location will be agreed with the PI according to the project's best interest.

d. Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

Portuguese Law nº 40/2004, of 18 August (Scientific Research Fellow Statute) and the 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 in Coimbra, Portugal or in other locations when necessary for the good implementation of the work plan, under the scientific supervision of the Project's Principal Investigator.

f. Duration of the fellowship contract:

The fellowship will last 12 months, expected to start in February 2023. 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 the scientific needs of the project.

g. Application dates:

Opens on: 30 November 2022

Closes on: 5 February 2023 (The Selection Panel decided to extend the applications deadline)

h. Application process:

Applications must include the following documents:

- 1) a letter of intent/motivation in English. The letter must include:
 - a) interest in developing their PhD thesis about a specific aspect of LGBTI+ ageing in Italy under the supervision of TRACE' Principal Investigator, availability for national and international traveling, as well as the contest reference (CES/37/2022-BI-TRACE-IT), e-mail and phone number;
 - b) furthermore, for holders of a Master degree, willing to enrol in one of CES' PhD programmes, indication of the preferred PhD programme for enrolment.
- 2) detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- 3) Copies of documents proving that the candidate meets the Eligibility Criteria, as per point k. of this notice:
 - a) copies of the master's degree certificate/s with the final score;
 - b) copy of the enrolment in a doctoral Degree in the current academic year **or** a declaration of honour committing to apply to one of CES' PhD programmes (<https://ces.uc.pt/en/doutoramentos/apresentacao>);
- 4) other relevant documents to the application or eligibility purposes.

Applications should be sent by email to concursos@ces.uc.pt until the application deadline date (a confirmation email should follow in the next few days). The "Subject" field of the e-mail must contain the reference of the competition and the name of the candidate (i.e. CES/37/2022-BI-TRACE-IT – NAME OF THE APPLICANT).

3.2 Skills/Qualifications

i. Selection criteria and their weighing:

1. Adequate CV regarding the work to be developed within the project (20%);
2. Relevant scientific publications and research experience in LGBTI+ topics (30%);
3. Documented experience in qualitative research methodologies (20%);
4. Previous engagement with Ageing-related topics (20%);
5. Interest in dissemination and communication of scientific outputs for different audiences (10%).

The jury reserves the right not to select any candidate.

j. Monthly Allowance

The monthly stipend is 1250 euros according to 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>). Fees of the PhD programmes will be supported by the project, until the end of the studentship, limited to €2000 per academic year.

Eligibility criteria

k. Mandatory requirements

1. Be a doctoral student in Social and Human Sciences, preference for Sociology or Gender, Feminist or LGBTI+ Studies or meet the requirements to enrol in one of the following CES' PhD programmes: Human Rights in Contemporary Societies (taught in English) or Feminist Studies (taught in Portuguese), more information: <http://www.ces.uc.pt/doutoramentos> (see associated conditions in a);
2. Hold a master's degree in the area of Social Sciences and / or humanities, preference Sociology or Gender, Feminist or LGBTI+ Studies (see associated conditions in b);
3. Demonstrated proficiency in Italian: must be the mother tongue or the candidate must have lived more than 5 years in the country, Italy.
4. Proficiency in English: levels B2, C1 or C2 in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – CEFR, mother tongue or the candidate must have lived more than 5 years in a country where the official language is English;

a) Applicants must provide proof of enrolment in a doctoral degree, in the current academic year. If at the time of application, the applicant does not have a valid document proving their enrolment in a doctoral degree, 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. After the 30 days, the jury may decide to 1. either extend the deadline for the candidate to enrol in a doctoral degree; 2. assign the fellowship to the second place; 3. or not award the fellowship.

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 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; 3. or not award the fellowship.

I. Selection process

Applicants will be selected based on their curricular evaluation. In case of equivalent curricular evaluations, the best-positioned applicants should be short-listed for an interview in English, meant to assess the applicant's potential in integrating the project's scientific dynamic, his/her/their motivation in pursuing studies related to the project's thematic areas and communication and verbal expression in English. Each of the two methods of selection applied will have a rating of 50% in the final classification.

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

m. Selection panel:

- Ana Cristina Santos (President)
- Júlia Garraio (permanent member)
- Bruno Sena Martins (permanent member)
- Madalena Duarte (substitute member)
- Inês Nascimento Rodrigues (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.

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o. Additional comments

Equality of opportunities:

CES abides by the national law that regulates the prevention, prohibition and fighting against discrimination (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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Website for additional job details

<https://www.ces.uc.pt/pt/agenda-noticias/emprego-bolsas-estagios>

