



**CALL FOR
PHD RESEARCH
STUDENTSHIPS
MED - FCT**

**CALL OPEN BETWEEN
15 MARCH AND 30 APRIL (17H LISBON) 2021**

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 **MED** INSTITUTO MULTIDISCIPLINAR PARA A AGRICULTURA,
AMBIENTE E DESENVOLVIMENTO

 **FCT** Fundação
para a Ciência
e a Tecnologia

MED opens a call for **10 Doctoral research studentships** funded by the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) under the Collaboration Protocol for Financing the Multiannual Plan of Research Scholarships for PhD Students, between FCT and MED (UI/5183/2020).

The call will be open between **15th March 2021, and 17:00 (Lisbon time) on 30th April 2021.**

These studentships, annual and renewable up to a maximum of 48 months, are intended for candidates registered or that meet the conditions necessary to enroll in one of the Doctoral Programs referred in point 2 of the [Notice of Call](#), and who wish to develop research activities in the MED or associated host institutions, leading to obtaining the academic degree of doctor.

The applications and the supporting documents to the application predicted in the Notice of Call must be submitted, mandatory, to the following email udit_med@uevora.pt.

Each candidate must submit only one application, under penalty of cancellation of all submitted applications.

The 10 grants are distributed by the following Thematic Lines and will be developed within the PhD Programs indicated in each case:

1. Olive groves and olive oil – Agricultural and Environmental Sciences PhD Program, or Food Sciences PhD Program, or Biochemistry PhD Program, or Agribusiness & Sustainability PhD Program, at the University of Évora.
2. Vineyards and wine - Agricultural and Environmental Sciences PhD Program, or Food Sciences PhD Program, or Biochemistry PhD Program, or Agribusiness & Sustainability PhD Program, at the University of Évora.

3. Irrigated Agriculture - Agricultural and Environmental Sciences PhD Program, or Agribusiness & Sustainability PhD Program, at the University of Évora.
4. Horticulture - Agricultural and Environmental Science PhD Program, at the University of Algarve.
5. Animal Production and Health - Veterinary Sciences PhD Program, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences PhD Program, or Biochemistry PhD Program, or Agribusiness & Sustainability PhD Program, at the University of Évora.
6. Agro silvo-pastoral systems - Interdisciplinary Management of Landscape PhD Program, or Agricultural and Environmental Sciences PhD Program, or Biology PhD Program, or Agribusiness & Sustainability PhD Program, at the University of Évora.
7. Biodiversity and Ecosystems functioning - Biology PhD Program or Biochemistry PhD Program, at the University of Évora.
8. Rural Dynamics and Governance - Interdisciplinary Management of Landscape PhD Program, or Agribusiness & Sustainability PhD Program, at the University of Évora.
9. Contribution to one of MED's strategic objectives - Agricultural and Environmental Sciences PhD Program, or Biology PhD Program, or Interdisciplinary Management of Landscape PhD Program, or Veterinary Sciences PhD Program, or Food Sciences PhD Program, or Agribusiness & Sustainability PhD Program, or Biochemistry PhD Program, at the University of Évora.
10. Contribution to one of MED's strategic objectives - Agricultural and Environmental Sciences PhD Program, or Biology PhD Program, or Interdisciplinary Management of Landscape PhD Program, or Veterinary Sciences PhD Program, or Food Sciences PhD Program, Agribusiness & Sustainability PhD Program, or Biochemistry PhD Program, at the University of Évora.

The research activities related to studentship no. 4 will be developed at MED-UAlg pole.

The research activities related to the remaining 9 studentships will be integrated in MED-UÉvora. One of these 9 studentships should be 50% developed and oriented at MED-UAlg. Another studentship will be 50% developed and supervised at MED-CEBAL.

The work plan can take place entirely or partially in a national institution (in-country studentships or mixed studentships, respectively).

Studentships have a one-year length, renewable up to a maximum of four years (48 months), and cannot be awarded for less than three consecutive months.

In the case of mixed studentships, the period of the work plan taking place in a foreign institution cannot exceed 24 months.

Work Plan

The submission of the application must have a Work Plan, which should contain the following sections:

- Identification of the Studentship (number) to which you are applying
- Title of the Work Plan
- Abstract (maximum 150 words)
- Keywords (maximum 6 words)
- State of the art (maximum 500 words)
- Objectives (maximum 300 words)
- Detailed description (maximum 1000 words)
- Framework of the Work Plan in the MED objectives, in one or more of the MED Thematic Lines, and in ongoing projects (maximum 300 words)
- Adequacy of the supervision team (maximum 500 words)
- Schedule of tasks (in PDF format)
- Attachments considered relevant for the evaluation of the application (up to a maximum of 5 documents and 10 MB)

Scientific supervision of studentships

- Each application may only have a maximum of three supervisors, one being the supervisor (mandatory) and the other two co-supervisors (optional).
- The principal supervisor must be an integrated member of the MED, and the co-supervisors may belong to other host institutions.
- The supervisors curriculum vitae must accompany the application. It should be in PDF format and preferably exported from the CIÊNCIAVITAE platform.

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 hold a graduate or master's degree in the scientific or related areas.
- To be a citizen permanently and usually living in Portugal, in case of the studentship work plan occurs, partially, in foreign institutions (mix studentships); this requirement applies to both national and foreign citizens;
- Not have benefited from a PhD or a PhD in industry studentship directly funded by FCT, regardless of its duration;

Application's admissibility requirements

- Copy of the documents of personal identification (valid Identification Card/Citizen's Card or Passport).
- Curriculum vitae of the candidate
- Academic degree certificates, indicating the final grade (mandatory) and, if possible, of all the disciplines completed, or alternatively, an applicant's declaration of honour which declares that completed the graduate or master's degree at the end of the application period;
- Academic degrees' recognition registration, awarded by foreign institutions and registration of the conversion of the respective final grade to the Portuguese grade scale, or, alternatively, the candidate's declaration of honour on how he/she obtained the recognition of the foreign degree equivalent to the graduate or master until the end of the application period;
- Letter of motivation and explanation of how the proposal contributes to the objectives of the MED or one of its Thematic Lines;
- Two recommendation letters attesting to the candidate's ability to do the PhD;
- Write the application and all related documents, including the motivation and recommendation letters, in Portuguese or in English.

Regarding the admissibility requirements, the following should be noted:

Only candidates who have completed the cycle of studies leading to a graduate's or master's degree by the end of the application period will be admitted. If they do not yet have the certificate of completion of the course, a declaration of honour from the candidates will be accepted as they have completed the necessary qualifications for the competition by the end of the application deadline. The attribution of the studentships is always dependent on the presentation of proof of the academic qualifications required to grant the studentship.

Applicants holding a diploma issued by foreign higher education institutions will be evaluated according to the same criteria as applicants with Portuguese institutions diplomas, as long as they submit in their application proof of (i) the recognition of the academic degrees and (ii) the conversion of the final classification into the Portuguese classification scale, in accordance with applicable legislation. It is mandatory to submit the recognition of such degrees and the conversion of the respective final grade to the Portuguese grading scale.

The recognition of foreign academic degrees and diplomas, and the conversion of the respective final grade to the Portuguese grading scale, can be issued by a Portuguese public higher education institution, or by the Directorate General for Higher Education (Direção Geral do Ensino Superior, DGES). FCT suggests visiting the DGES portal at <https://www.dges.gov.pt/en>.

For more information, please refer to the [Notice of Call](#) (in portuguese).

If you have any questions please contact us by the following email udit_med@uevora.pt