

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 6 DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2019/2020

Announcement

In the framework of the Carnegie Mellon Portugal Program (CMU Portugal), Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FCT) opens a call for applications for six (6) Ph.D. Scholarships, taking place in Portugal and at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) in the framework of the CMU Portugal Dual Degree Ph.D. Programs in the following fields:

- Computer Science
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Engineering and Public Policy
- Language Technologies
- Robotics
- Software Engineering

More information regarding each Dual Degree Ph.D. Program can be assessed in the [CMU Portugal website](#).

Regulations

The scholarships will be granted under the rules established by the **Research Fellowship Holder Statute** (approved by Law 40/2004, of August 18, amended and republished by the Decree-Law 202/2012, of August 27; Decree-Law 89/2013, of 9 July; Decree-law 233/2012, of 29 October; and Law 12/2013) and under the **Regulation for Studentships and Fellowships** of FCT, I.P. (approved by Regulation 234/2012, of June 25; amended and republished by Regulation 326/2013, of July 27; Regulation 339/2015, of June 17; and Regulation 137-A/2018, February 27).

Term of the Call

Scholarships awarded in the current call will be financed by national funds through FCT and the Ministério da Ciência, Tecnologia e Ensino Superior.

The call will be **open from October 22, 2018 to December 31, 2018** according to the specific application deadlines of each Ph. D. Program:

- Computer Science - December 10, 2018 (Noon EST)
- Robotics - December 10, 2018 (Noon EST)
- Software Engineering - December 10, 2018 (Noon EST)
- Language Technologies - December 10, 2018 (Noon EST)
- Electrical and Computer Engineering - December 31, 2018 (Noon EST)
- Engineering and Public Policy - December 15, 2018 (Noon EST)

Early deadlines with reduced application fees are available for the following Ph.D. Programs: November 30 (Noon EST) for Computer Science, Robotics, Software Engineering, and Language Technologies; December 15 (Noon EST) for Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Applications

Pursuant to Article 5 in conjunction with article 14 of the [Regulations for Studentships and Fellowships](#) of FCT, Portuguese citizens, citizens of other European Union member states, and third-country nationals holding the academic degree required to enroll in a Ph. D. program, in accordance with the procedures adopted by Carnegie Mellon University, may apply to this call, taking into account the research areas specified by the CMU Portugal Program available in the [CMU Portugal website](#). Citizens who already have previously received an identical type of FCT-funded fellowship, for the same purpose, are not eligible for this call. The Ph.D. candidate's application should satisfy the requirements established in Article 16 of the Regulations for Studentships and Fellowships of FCT, in accordance with the procedures adopted by Carnegie Mellon University.

Research areas available for Ph. D. Scholarships, as well as the supervisors at both CMU and Portugal, are defined by the CMU Portugal Program. Hence, candidates do not need to present a work program or an adviser's support letter and CV at the time of application. However, candidates are required to present a CV, recommendation letters, and a motivation letter where they should justify the reasons for applying to one of these programs and their research topics selection. The candidates should also present a certificate with an official transcript for each higher education degree. The Scholarship will only be granted if the candidates are accepted by CMU and by one of the Portuguese Universities within one of the Ph. D. programs.

Evaluation

The admission and selection of the candidates are in accordance with the procedures adopted by Carnegie Mellon University.

Evaluation is essentially based on the merit and motivation of the applicant. Additionally, applicants must demonstrate good fluency and writing skills in English. Candidates are strongly recommended to present the results of both the "TOEFL Test" (Test of English as a Foreign Language) and the "GRE GENERAL TEST" (general exam of the Graduate Record Examination), or, if it is the case, the results of the "GMAT" (Graduate Management Admission Test).

The evaluation panels will review the submitted applications, weighting the review elements, and ranking the candidates. Individual interviews are foreseen as a selection method for the final phase of the evaluation.

Evaluation Panel

The evaluation panels will consist of at least three experts for each Ph.D. Program of this call. The evaluation panel should include one of the coordinators of the Ph.D. Program that will serve as the chair of the evaluation panel; one faculty member from Carnegie Mellon University that is associated with the Ph.D.; a faculty or research member associated with the Ph.D.

Scholarship Duration and Monthly Stipend amount

In accordance with the collaboration agreement signed between FCT and Carnegie Mellon University, the scholarship has the duration of one year, renewable up to a maximum of 5 years, of which 3 years, at most, will be funded directly by FCT, while the studies are being conducted in Portugal, and the remaining by Carnegie Mellon University, with a planned start in September 2019.

The monthly stipend will be 993,43 € while in Portugal. The stipend and any expenses related to voluntary social security contributions (1st step) will be paid through bank transfer on a monthly basis. The information on the stipend values for the FCT Ph.D. Scholarships (Bolsa de Doutoramento – BD) is available [here](#).

The fellowship holders' functions are carried out under exclusive dedication, in accordance with the terms established in Article 5 of the Research Fellowship Holder's Statute.

Application submission

The applications should be submitted online through the website of each dual degree Ph. D program at Carnegie Mellon University. **To apply and to know in detail all the information required for each Ph.D. please visit the CMU Portugal Program website at [“Admissions and Scholarships”](#).**

Studentships and Fellowships regulations

Studentships and Fellowships regulations are available on the [FCT website](#).

Publication and Results Notification

The list of admissions will be published on the Carnegie Mellon Portugal Program [website](#), and the admitted candidates will be notified through the electronic address provided in their Curriculum Vitae.

For additional information please contact us at apply@cmuportugal.org.
