

Fellowships and Grants



Call for Applications for Doctoral Program Scholarships 2016/2017

Announcement

In the framework of the Carnegie Mellon Portugal Program (CMU Portugal), FCT and the Information and Communication Technologies Institute (ICTI) open a call for applications for PhD Scholarships, taking place in Portugal and at the Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), in the following fields:

- Computer Science
- Computer Science – Robotics
- Software Engineering
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Language Technologies
- Applied Mathematics
- Technological Change and Entrepreneurship
- Engineering and Public Policy

Specific research topics are available at www.cmuportugal.org.

The research topics available, as well as the supervisors, both at CMU and at the Portuguese Universities, 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 the candidates are required to present recommendation letters and a motivation letter where they should justify the reasons for applying to one of these programs and also justify their research topics selection. The scholarship will only be granted if the candidates are accepted by CMU and by one of the Portuguese Universities within one of the PhD programs.

The scholarships will be granted under the rules established by the [Research Grant Holder Statute](#) (Law 40/2004, of August 18), and according to the FCT [Regulations for Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources](#) of FCT.

PhD Scholarships

These scholarships are available to persons holding a bachelor degree or a masters degree or equivalent in the areas targeted by the CMU Portugal Program.

Term of the Call

The scholarships awarded under this contract will be financed by funds from the Ministry of Education and Science and as eligible for funding from the European Social Fund, to be made available under the new Common Strategic Framework that will highlight the structural funds the European Union for the period 2014-2020, according to the regulations that may be fixed for the purpose.

Applications are eligible for support starting on September 1, 2016

The call will be open from October 15, 2015 to January 15, 2016 according to the specific application deadlines of each PhD program, which are the following:

- Computer Science – 15 / 12 / 2015
- Computer Science - Robotics – 15 / 12 / 2015
- Software Engineering – 15 / 12 / 2015
- Electrical and Computer Engineering – 15 / 12 / 2015
- Language Technologies – 15 / 12 / 2015
- Applied Mathematics – 15 / 01 / 2016
- Technological Change and Entrepreneurship – 15 / 01 / 2016
- Engineering and Public Policy – 01 / 01 / 2016

Applications for PhD Scholarships

Applications to these scholarships are open to those candidates who satisfy the requirements established in item 1 of [Article 17](#) of the Regulations on Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources of the Foundation for Science and Technology.

Candidates to PhD scholarships, who have held a scholarship of the same type under FCT programs, will be limited a maximum number of years of support by the total number of support years under all such grants.

Evaluation

Evaluation is essentially based on the merit and motivation of the applicant. Additionally, applicants must demonstrate good English fluency. 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.

Regulations

Regulations are available on the web at:

<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.en>

Application submission

The applications should be submitted on line through the website of each dual degree PhD program which can be accessed through the CMU Portugal Program website at [Dual-degree Ph.D. Programs](#)

For additional information use:

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