

Fellowships and Grants

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 8 DOCTORAL PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS 2018/2019

Announcement

In the framework of the Carnegie Mellon Portugal Program (CMU Portugal), Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FCT) and the Information and Communication Technologies Institute (ICTI) open a call for applications for **Ph. D. Scholarships**, taking place in Portugal and at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), in the following fields:

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

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

The scholarships will be granted under the rules established by the Research Fellowship Holder Statute (Law 40/2004, of August 18, amended and republished by the [Decree-Law No. 202/2012](#), of August 27) and under the Regulation for Studentships and Fellowships of FCT, I.P., approved by [Regulation No. 234/2012](#), published in the II Series of the Official Gazette of Portugal of June 25, 2012, amended and republished by [Regulation No. 326/2013](#), published in the II Series of the Official Gazette of Portugal of June 27, 2013, and amended by the Regulation no. 339/2015, published in the II Series of the Official Gazette of Portugal of June 17, 2015.

Term of the Call

Scholarships awarded in the current call will be financed by national funds through FCT and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education.

The call will be open from October 16, 2017 to January 15, 2018 according to the specific application deadlines of each Ph. D. Program:

- Computer Science - December 14, 2017
- Computer Science – Robotics - December 14, 2017
- Electrical and Computer Engineering - December 15, 2017
- Software Engineering - December 14, 2017
- Mechanical Engineering - December 15, 2017
- Engineering and Public Policy - January 1, 2018
- Language Technologies - December 14, 2017
- Applied Mathematics - January 15, 2018
- Technological Change and Entrepreneurship - January 15, 2018

Applications

Pursuant to Article 5, in conjunction with item 1 of 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 topics specified by the CMU Portugal Program.

Citizens who already have previously received an identical type of FCT-funded fellowship, for the same purpose, are not eligible for this call. Applications to these scholarships are open to candidates who satisfy the requirements established in item 1 et seq. of Article 16 of the Regulations for Studentships and Fellowships of FCT, in accordance with the procedures adopted by Carnegie Mellon University.

Research topics 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 recommendation letters and a motivation letter where they should justify the reasons for applying to one of these programs and their research topics selection. 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 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.

Evaluation Panel

The evaluation panels will consist of least three experts for each scientific area of this call, including the coordinator and principal investigators of PhD Programs and Entrepreneurial Research Initiatives with activity in the area.

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 2018.

The monthly stipend will be 980€ 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 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.

Regulations

Regulations are available on the web at: <http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.en>.

Application submission

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

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*.

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