

Regulation for Studentships and Fellowships of the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I. P.

FCT Regulation for Studentships and Fellowships, approved by [Regulation no. 234/2012](#), of 25 June, amended by [Regulation no. 326/2013](#), of 27 August.

Please note:

For ease of use, the term ‘Fellowship’ is used throughout the Regulation and refers to studentships and fellowships.

Please note that the Portuguese version of this text prevails over the English version.

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CHAPTER I

Purpose and scope of application

ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE

1. This Regulation enforces the selection, contracts and legal regime applicable to all research studentship and fellowship holders directly or indirectly funded by the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I. P., hereinafter designated as FCT, or whenever the latter is the host institution.
2. For the purposes of this Regulation, research studentship and fellowship holders are the beneficiaries of the respective Statute, as provided in Law no. 40/2004, of 18 August.
3. For the purposes of this Regulation, studentship and fellowship holders directly funded by FCT are understood to be those whose fellowship contract includes FCT as a stakeholder, while those indirectly funded by FCT have fellowship contracts signed with another entity, but included within the scope of programmes, projects or other forms of collaboration that foresees the obligation by FCT to support the costs associated with the fellowships under contract.

ARTICLE 2

SCOPE OF APPLICATION

1. This regulation is applicable to the types of fellowship defined in chapter II.
2. This regulation is also applicable to other fellowships directly or indirectly funded by FCT, namely fellowships foreseen in PhD projects or programmes proposed by higher education and R&D institutions, within the scope of international partnerships signed with FCT, doctoral programmes of interest to industry, as well as fellowships allocated within the

scope of bodies undertaking science management, or science and technology observation, and other fellowships for the qualification of human resources in S&T.

CHAPTER II

Types of Fellowship

ARTICLE 3

VISITING SCIENTIST FELLOWSHIPS

1. The visiting scientist fellowships (BCC) are intended for PhD holders who have scientific curricula of high merit, for the development and realisation of research activities in Portuguese scientific and technological institutions, including management and coordination of research projects.
2. The total duration of this kind of fellowship may vary between one month and three years.

ARTICLE 4

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

1. Post-Doctoral Fellowships (BPD) are intended for PhD holders, preferably those who obtained the degree less than six years previously, to carry out advanced research within the scope of Portuguese scientific institutions of renowned competence.
2. As a rule, the duration of the fellowship is annual, renewable up to a maximum of six years, pending a favourable evaluation at the end of the first three years, in accordance with what is established in article 21, and may not be awarded for periods of less than three consecutive months.
3. The BPD grants may, in exceptional cases and depending on the budgetary availability of the funding body, include periods of activity abroad, with the maximum duration of one year for PhD holders who obtained their PhD in Portugal and of six months for PhD holders who obtained their PhD abroad.

ARTICLE 5

PHD STUDENTSHIPS

1. PhD Studentships (BD) are for applicants who comply with the requirements to start a study cycle leading to a research-based PhD degree and who intend to develop research work leading to a doctoral degree.
2. As a rule, the duration of the studentship is annual, renewable up to a maximum of four years and may not be awarded for periods of less than three consecutive months.
3. BD grants may be held in Portugal, be mixed or held abroad, depending on whether the work programme is carried out totally, partially or not at all at national institutions.

4. In the case of mixed BD, the period of the work programme that takes place in a foreign institution shall depend on the budgetary availability of the funding body and cannot, in any event, exceed a period of two years, except if, at the time of the contract signature, a longer timeframe was legally admissible and, cumulatively, any reduction would put at risk the conclusion of the previously approved work programme.

ARTICLE 6

PHD STUDENTSHIPS IN INDUSTRY

1. PhD Studentships in Industry (BDE) are aimed at those who comply with the requirements to start a study cycle leading to a research-based PhD degree, and who wish to carry out research activities in a business environment leading to the aforementioned academic degree.
2. The awarding of this kind of studentship presupposes the existence of a work programme that specifies, in detail, the objectives, the conditions offered for the fellowship holder's research activity in the relevant company and the expected interaction between the company and the university institution where the fellowship holder is enrolled to obtain the PhD degree. The articulation between the scientific supervision of the PhD by a university professor or researcher and the corresponding corporate supervision should be planned, through a signed protocol between the entities involved.
3. As a rule the duration of the fellowship is annual, renewable up to a maximum of four years and may not be awarded for periods of less than three consecutive months.
4. BDEs and the work programme should take place entirely in national institutions or in national branches of foreign institutions.
5. Lacking specific provisions, the arrangements set out for the BDs shall be correspondingly applicable to BDEs.

ARTICLE 7

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

1. Research fellowships (BI) are for graduates, Masters or PhD holders, to obtain scientific training within national research projects or in national scientific and technological institutions.
2. As a rule, the duration of the scholarship is annual, renewable up to a maximum of five years and may not be awarded for periods of less than three consecutive months.

ARTICLE 8

SCIENTIFIC INITIATION STUDENTSHIPS

1. The Scientific Initiation Studentships (BIC) are intended for students enrolled for the first time in the 1st cycle of a higher education institution or in an integrated Masters course, to

initiate or reinforce their scientific training, integrated in research projects to be developed in national institutions.

2. As a rule, the duration of the studentship is annual, renewable up to two years pending good academic performance and may not be awarded for periods of less than three consecutive months.

ARTICLE 9

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIPS

1. The Science and Technology Management Fellowships (BGCT) are for graduates, Masters and PhD holders, with the purpose of providing complementary training in management of science, technology and innovation programmes, or training in the observation and monitoring of the scientific and technological or higher education systems, as well as to obtain training in important institutions of renowned quality and adequate dimension for the national scientific and technological system, in Portugal or abroad.
2. As a rule, the duration of the fellowship is annual, renewable up to a maximum of six years and may not be awarded for periods of less than three consecutive months.
3. The monthly stipend to be awarded is established in accordance with the applicant's qualifications, his/her previous experience, and complexity of the approved work programme, within the range established in the table attached to this regulation.

ARTICLE 10

INTERNSHIP FELLOWSHIPS IN INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ORGANISATIONS

1. The internship fellowships in international scientific and technological organisations (BEST) are aimed at graduates or holders of higher education academic degrees, preferably those whose degree has been awarded by a Portuguese higher education institution, with the purpose of providing training opportunities in international scientific and technological organisations of which Portugal is a member, under conditions to be agreed upon with those organisations.
2. As a rule, the duration of the internship fellowships is annual, renewable up to a maximum of three years and may not be awarded for periods of less than three consecutive months.

ARTICLE 11

RESEARCH TECHNICIAN FELLOWSHIPS

1. Research Technician Fellowships (BTI) aim to provide complementary, specialised training, in Portuguese or foreign scientific and technological institutions, to technicians that may support the operation and maintenance of equipment and infrastructures of scientific nature, and other important activities for the national scientific and technological system.

2. The duration of the studentship is variable, up to a maximum of five years and may not be awarded for periods of less than three consecutive months.

ARTICLE 12

MOBILITY FELLOWSHIPS

1. The purpose of the Mobility Fellowships (BMOB) is to encourage mobility and transfer of knowledge and technology among R&D institutions and companies or other, public or private entities that have activities of an economic, social or public administration nature, in Portugal.
2. These fellowships are targeted at graduates, Masters or PhD holders, to carry out R&D activities in companies or other public or private entities, to participate in advanced training programmes that involve companies or entrepreneurial associations and scientific institutions or universities, or to carry out activities that promote technological innovation, namely in venture capital management, technological intermediation, intellectual property management and scientific consultancy.
3. The duration of the fellowship is, as a rule, annual, renewable up to a maximum of three consecutive years and may not be awarded for periods of less than one consecutive month.

ARTICLE 13

SABBATICAL LEAVE FELLOWSHIPS

1. Sabbatical Leave Fellowships (BSAB) are intended for PhD holders under a sabbatical leave scheme granted by a Portuguese higher education institution to allow them to carry out research activities in foreign institutions.
2. The duration of the fellowship varies between a minimum of three months and a maximum period of one year, is non-renewable and refers only to the duration of their stay abroad.
3. Applicants should obtain prior authorisation for the sabbatical leave from the institution with which they are employed.

CHAPTER III

Scientific research fellowship scheme

Section I - Application, evaluation, awarding and renewal of fellowships

ARTICLE 14

APPLICANTS

1. Notwithstanding that established in the numbers below, applicants for the fellowships that are directly or indirectly funded by FCT should comply with the following:
 - a. Be Portuguese citizens, or citizens of other European Union member states;
 - b. Be third-country nationals, holders of valid residence permits or who have acquired long-term resident status, pursuant to Law no. 23/2007 of 4 July and amended by Law no. 29/2012 of 9 August;
 - c. Be nationals of third-countries with which Portugal has signed reciprocity agreements.
 - d. Be nationals of third-countries, when in the respective call for funding an individual interview-based selection method is foreseen.
2. Only Portuguese or foreign citizens who have permanent residence in Portugal may apply for fellowships for which the work programme is to be entirely developed in foreign institutions.
3. In fellowships directly funded by FCT for which the application criteria require applicants to have a PhD degree, foreign citizens who are not residents in Portugal may also apply, provided that the application is supported by a national host institution.

ARTICLE 15

NOTICE OF CALLS

1. Calls are launched for one or more types of fellowship included in this regulation.
2. The calls are advertised through the Internet, on the FCT website, and also, if deemed adequate, through other means of communication or dissemination.
3. Besides other specific requirements, the call for applications should indicate the type of fellowship on offer, the target recipients, the deadlines and the form of application, the selection criteria and the applicable legal and regulatory standards, as well as respective funding sources.
4. The composition of the evaluation panel is public and should be made known to applicants by the start of the evaluation phase.

ARTICLE 16

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION

1. Besides any other documentation which may be required in the call for applications, the fellowship file should incorporate, in accordance with the type of fellowship, the documentation referred to in the numbers below and should, in the cases of fellowships directly funded by FCT, be attached in electronic form when applying or upon the conditional awarding of the fellowship, in accordance with the terms set out in the following number.

2. Whenever required for the type of fellowship being applied for, the documents listed in paragraphs b) to g) of no. 3 should be submitted electronically and the three remaining documents should be submitted, if applicable, at the time of the conditional awarding of the fellowship.
3. Notwithstanding the specific provisions for each type of fellowship, the application process should be accompanied by the following documents:
 - a. Copy of the identification document, as well of the residence permit, permanent residence certificate or long term resident status, if applicable;
 - b. Supporting documents proving that the applicant fulfils all the required conditions for the respective type of fellowship, namely certificates of all the academic degrees obtained, with the final average grade and marks in all subjects;
 - c. The work programme to be developed;
 - d. The applicant's *Curriculum vitae*;
 - e. The supervisor's statement, including name and email address or other contact details, accepting responsibility for the work programme, for its framework, follow-up and supervision, as well as for the quality of the scheduled activities;
 - f. The supervisor's brief *Curriculum Vitae*, including the list of scientific publications and creations, and prior experience in supervision or accompaniment of research fellows;
 - g. Supporting document attesting the acceptance of the applicant by the institution where the research work or training activities will take place, assuring the required conditions for the suitable development of the research;
 - h. Supporting document regarding the applicant's acceptance by the institution that shall award the academic degree, or accepting the applicant in the doctoral programme referred to in the application;
 - i. Up-to-date documents demonstrating the applicant's professional status, indicating the nature of the link, functions and academic workload in terms of annual average time (if applicable) which may be replaced by a sworn statement if there is no professional or service rendering activity;
 - j. As an option, endorsement letters.
4. For BDE-type scholarships the following documents are also required:
 - a. Copy of the commercial registry certificate of the company where the research is going to be carried out;
 - b. Documents demonstrating that the company is up to date with its payments related to taxes and Social Security, documents which may be replaced by the authorisation to look up and check the aforementioned contributory situation;
 - c. Statement of the supervisor assigned by the company, including name and email address or other contact details, accepting responsibility for the corporate supervision of the work programme;
 - d. *Curriculum Vitae* of the supervisor assigned by the company;
 - e. Document demonstrating the applicant's acceptance by the company where the research will be carried out, in which the referred company assumes the role of funding and host institution, within a partnership scheme, assuring the required conditions for the suitable development of the work programme;

ARTICLE 18
RELEASE OF RESULTS

1. The evaluation results are released as indicated in the notice of the call until 90 working days after the application submission deadline.
2. If the decision to be made for the award of the fellowship that was applied for is unfavourable, the applicants have a period of 10 working days, after the above-mentioned release to submit their comments, if they so wish, by means of a previously scheduled appeals process, under the terms established in the Administrative Procedure Code.
3. In relation to the final decision referred to in the previous number, an appeal may be lodged with the highest body of the funding entity within 15 working days after the relevant notification.
4. In the case of fellowships directly funded by FCT, all the communications foreseen in this article shall take place electronically, via the personal area of each applicant in the portal published in the notice of the call for applications.

ARTICLE 19
AWARD OF THE FELLOWSHIPS

1. The awarding of the fellowship becomes factual through the allocation of a fellowship under the conditions foreseen in this Regulation and in the fellowship contract to be signed by the funding entity and the fellowship holder. In the case of BDE all the involved funding entities should be represented in the contract.
2. No fellowships are awarded to anyone who is in a non-justified defaulting situation in relation to the applicants' obligations regarding a previous fellowship, either direct or indirectly funded by FCT, namely when the final or interim report was not submitted or any funds that should have been returned are still due, in accordance with the applicable law or regulation.

ARTICLE 20
TIMEFRAME FOR THE CONTRACT SIGNATURE

1. After having received all the required documents for entering into a contract, the funding entity should decide on the award of the fellowship within 90 working days, suspending the time count whenever the procedure is stopped due to causes which are not ascribable to that entity.
2. In the 15 working days immediately following reception of the research fellowship contract, the holder should return it to the funding entity, duly signed.

ARTICLE 21
RENEWAL OF FELLOWSHIPS

1. The fellowships may be renewed for additional periods up to the limit of the maximum duration, provided the criteria for awarding are still fulfilled at the date of renewal.
2. Up to 60 days before the beginning of the new period of the fellowship, the fellowship holder should submit a request for its renewal to the funding entity, together with the supporting documents demonstrating compliance with that established in the following numbers.
3. It is up to the supervisors and the host institution to issue evaluation reports on the guidance of the fellowship holder's work and the evaluation of his/her activities, which should be included in the fellowships renewal request and be communicated to the funding entity.
4. The supervisors are personally responsible for the veracity and accuracy of the evaluation that they submit, in accordance with that established in the previous number.
5. The report referred to in no. 3 should include a forecast of the accomplishment of the agreed work programme by the fellowship holder and the suitability of the renewal of the fellowship.
6. At the time of renewal, the fellowship holder should always attach the duly updated document indicated in paragraph i) of no. 3 of article 16 of this regulation.
7. In relation to BPD type fellowships, the renewal application for the second period of three years should preferably be requested up to six months before the new period of the fellowship and be submitted together with:
 - a. A detailed report on the work carried out, which should contain the URL of oral communications, publications and scientific creations resulting from the activity that was undertaken, if any;
 - b. The supervisor's evaluation of the documents referred to in the previous paragraph;
 - c. The work programme for the renewal period.
8. The fellowship renewal does not require the signature of a new contract and is communicated by the funding entity to the fellowship holder, in writing.

SECTION II - Financial scheme and conditions of the fellowships

ARTICLE 22
EXCLUSIVENESS

1. Each fellowship holder may not be the beneficiary of any other concurrent fellowship, except when expressly agreed upon between the funding entities.
2. The fellowship holders' functions are carried out under a scheme of exclusive dedication, in accordance with the terms established in the Research Fellowship Holder's Statute. The feasibility of the work should be ensured, under penalty of non-allocation or cancellation of the fellowship.

3. The fellowship holder is under the obligation to inform the funding entity about awards of any other fellowship or grant, from any other Portuguese, foreign or international institution, as well as about any remunerated activity, or about his/her enrolment in any course, provided any of those facts were not initially foreseen in his/her application.

ARTICLE 23

CHANGES TO THE WORK PROGRAMME, SUPERVISOR OR HOST INSTITUTION

1. The fellowship holder may not change the objectives indicated in the proposed work programme without consent from the supervisors and the host institution.
2. Any change referred to in the previous number should be communicated to the funding entity by the fellowship holder, together with the evaluation report of the supervisors and of the host institution.
3. Save in exceptional situations, duly substantiated by the stakeholders, any change to the supervisor or host institution of the work programme is not allowed.

ARTICLE 24

COMPONENTS OF THE FELLOWSHIPS

1. In accordance with the type of fellowship and applicant's situation a monthly maintenance stipend is awarded, with a value that varies according to whether the fellowship holder carries out his/her activity in the country or abroad, under the terms described in the table attached to this regulation (Annex I), of which it is an integral part.
 2. In the case of BDE, the monthly maintenance stipend is paid by FCT and by the company in equal parts.
 3. The fellowship includes, according to each specific case:
 - a. A registration, enrolment or tuition fee stipend for the pre-established amount, to be paid to the institution where the fellowship holder will enroll, for fellowships leading to an academic degree or to fellowships awarded within FCT PhD Programmes,
 - b. Health insurance reimbursements in foreign hosting institutions, when mandatory, to the extent that is strictly necessary.
 4. Whenever the fellowship holder is not in the country of the host institution, the following components may also be added:
 - a. A one-off travelling fee, if justified, for the pre-established value;
- b) A one-off installation fee for stays equal to or higher than six consecutive months, for the pre-established value.
5. Holders with BPD, BD or BDE type fellowships may receive a single stipend to participate in scientific meetings in accordance with the attached table.
 6. In the case of national or mixed fellowships, the fellowships holders may also apply for a grant for supplementary training activities for a maximum period of six months in the total

duration of the fellowship, which will include payment of a one-off travel fee, to be awarded if positive opinion of the supervisor is received.

7. Whenever the work programme does not comprise a period of one full month, the monthly stipend of that month shall be proportional to the number of days effectively encompassed.
8. The stipend foreseen in paragraph a) of no.3 cannot under any circumstances, be allocated to the same fellowship holder for more than four academic years, independently of the type of fellowship they are entitled to.
9. In the case of fellowship holders in receipt of another fellowship, FCT shall pay the difference up to the amount established in the table attached to this regulation.
10. The components foreseen in nos. 3 to 6 of this article may be accumulated and shall always depend on budget availability.
11. No food, vacation, Christmas allowance or any other incomes which are not expressly referred to in this regulation or in the Research Fellowship Holder's Statute are due.

ARTICLE 25

COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE HOST INSTITUTION

1. Costs attributable to the host institution include payment of occasional travel, accommodation and food subventions for travel in the country, abroad or for going abroad, if authorised or determined by the host institution, and are related to the activity of the project developed within the scope of the fellowship; attributable costs also include awarding and payment of potential supplements to the fellowship stipend, pursuant to that established in the Research Fellowships Holder Statute.
2. The payments referred to in the previous number follow the conditions foreseen in the scheme used by the institution or, when public institutions are concerned, under the allowance scheme applicable to public service workers, with the host institution taking on the responsibility for assessing the relevant legitimacy.

ARTICLE 26

PAYMENT OF THE COMPONENTS OF THE FELLOWSHIPS

1. Payments due to the fellowship holder are made by bank transfer to the account identified in the fellowship holder's file.
2. Payment of registration, enrolment or tuition fee components foreseen in paragraph a) of no.3 of article 24 occur as follows:
 - a. If the fellowship holder is registered or enrolled in a national institution, the amount will be paid directly to that institution;

- b.** If the fellowship holder is registered or enrolled in a foreign institution, the amount will be paid to the fellowship holder, who, in turn, undertakes the responsibility to pay the relevant institution.
- 3.** In the cases foreseen in paragraph b) of the previous number, the fellowship holder is exclusively responsible for the submission to the funding entity the legally required original document demonstrating that the institution received the paid amount. Any other documents such as invoices, payment requests or similar documents are not valid.

ARTICLE 27
PERSONAL ACCIDENTS INSURANCE

All fellowship holders are covered by a personal accidents insurance covering research activities, paid by the funding entity.

ARTICLE 28
SOCIAL SECURITY

- 1.** The fellowship holders should ensure their right to social security by joining the voluntary social insurance scheme under the terms established in the Research Fellowship Holder Statute, with the funding entities assuming the burden resulting from the contributions foreseen in that Statute.
- 2.** In the case foreseen in paragraph f) of no. 1 of article 9 of the Research Fellowship Holder Statute and in cases concerning fellowship holders directly funded by FCT, the funding entity shall ensure the payment of the monthly maintenance stipend during suspensions due to parenthood and adoption, whenever the fellowship holder does not receive any other applicable benefits in the aforementioned eventualities, within the scope of the social protection system.

Section III - End and cancellation of the fellowships

ARTICLE 29
FINAL REPORT OF THE FELLOWSHIP

- 1.** Up to 60 days after the end of the fellowship and preferably in electronic form, the fellowship holder should submit a final report of his/her activities to the funding entity, which shall also contain the URL addresses of the oral communications, publications and scientific creations resulting from the activity carried out, together with the supervisors' report.

2. The non-compliance of that established in the previous number due to a circumstance ascribable to the fellowship holder entails non-compliance of the objectives, under the terms established in this Regulation.

ARTICLE 30
FALSE DECLARATIONS

Notwithstanding that established in Criminal Law, by making false declarations on relevant matters for the awarding or renewal of the fellowship, or for the appreciation of its development, the fellowship holders shall incur in the respective cancellation of the fellowship.

ARTICLE 31
EARLY ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES

1. Whenever the objectives of the fellowship are achieved before the end of the initially set deadline, payment shall cease as from the conclusion of the research work.
2. Any amounts received subsequently by the fellowship holder should be returned within the maximum period of 30 days of its receipt.

ARTICLE 32
NON-FULFILMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES

1. A fellowship holder who does not attain the objectives set in the approved work programme, or whose fellowship is cancelled due to serious violation of his/her duties, for reasons ascribable to him/her, might be forced to refund the total or part of the values already received, according to the circumstances of each case.
2. In the case of studentships, the holder should deliver the certificate proving the attainment of the respective degree.
3. The non-compliance of that established in the previous number due to facts ascribable to the institution that grants the degree may imply the obligation to refund the funding entity for the total amounts received as tuition costs, notwithstanding any other sanctions foreseen in the law.

ARTICLE 33
CANCELLATION OF THE FELLOWSHIP

1. The fellowship may be cancelled as a result of an inspection sponsored by FCT after analysis of the data provided by the fellowship holder, by the supervisors or by the host institutions.

2. A negative evaluation of the fellowship holder's performance by any of the entities referred to in the previous number will result, as a rule, in the cancellation of the fellowship, after the funding entity hears the fellowship holder.
3. Besides the reasons expressly expressed in this document, any serious or reiterated violation of the fellowship holder's duties contained in these regulations and in the Research Fellowship Holder Statute determines the cancellation of the fellowship. According to each specific case, a total or partial refund of the amounts awarded to the fellowship holder may be demanded.

CHAPTER IV

Final Provisions

ARTICLE 34

FELLOWSHIP HOLDERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The established in these regulations may be subject to case-by-case adaptations to fellowship holders with special needs, namely regarding the amounts allocated to the different components of the fellowship, its duration or the establishment of special rules for the accompaniment of the fellowship holder, after an analysis of the factual case of each fellowship holder with special needs, with those conditions being duly substantiated and submitted to the financing entity.

ARTICLE 35

REFERENCE TO SUPPORT RECEIVED AND RELEASE OF RESULTS

1. In all the advanced training and human resources qualification actions directly or indirectly funded by FCT, in all publications and scientific creations and in thesis that have been completed with the support expressed in this Regulation, mention of the financial support of the FCT and respective Funding Programme should be conveyed.
2. Where advanced training actions supported by POPH/FSE funding or any other funding entity are concerned (according to article 34 of the Official Gazette, no. 84-A/2007), the documents regarding these actions should have inscribed in them the logos of the Programme and of the EU, in accordance with respective graphic standards (available at — <http://www.poph.qren.pt/>).
3. The release of the results of research funded under this Regulation should comply with open access to data and publications standards in force within the funding entity.

ARTICLE 36

MONITORING AND CONTROL

1. Monitoring of fellowships is carried out by the scientific supervisor, or by the person responsible for the follow-up of the fellowship holder's activity, and by the host institution.
2. Control is accomplished through analysis of the renewal requests, communications regarding changes to the work programmes and final reports.
3. In all the activities funded by FCT, especially in the case of actions supported by FSE/POPH or another funding body, monitoring and control actions by national and European Union bodies might be carried out, according to the applicable legislation on this issue. The funded fellowship holders are under the obligation to provide the requested information, which may also be used in evaluation studies in this area.

ARTICLE 37

TIME COUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING MAXIMUM DURATION OF CERTAIN FELLOWSHIPS

For applicants to studentships or to sabbatical leave fellowships who have had an identical type of fellowship in the last five years, within the scope of programmes under FCT responsibility, that time counts towards the maximum duration of the current fellowship.

ARTICLE 38

FELLOWSHIP HOLDER UNIT

1. At each host institution there should be a Fellowship Holders' support Unit, responsible for providing all the information regarding their Statute.
2. The unit foreseen in the previous number should be mentioned in the notice of the call for applications, as well as its basic operation rules, and should also be mentioned in the fellowship regulation of the host institution or in the fellowship contract.
3. In the cases of fellowship holders for which FCT is the host institution, the fellowship holders unit is located in the Human Resources Training Department and may be contacted during the regulated public business hours.

ARTICLE 39

OMISSIONS

Any omissions in this Regulation are settled by FCT, bearing in mind the principles and standards contained in the applicable national and EU legislation.

ARTICLE 40

REPEAL

All Advanced Training and Human Resources Qualification Regulation, approved by FCT, dated prior to this document, are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE 41
ENTRY INTO FORCE AND EFFECT

1. This regulation enters into force on the day following its publication, being applied to all running fellowship contracts, as well as to all contracts that will be established subsequently, notwithstanding that established in the following numbers.
2. In relation to the assumptions and maximum duration of the fellowships, the regulation that was previously in force shall apply until the date of the next renewal.
3. Applications related to the fellowship components that were submitted to FCT before entry into force of this Regulation and about which no decision has been reached, shall be decided in accordance with the previously applicable norms.

ANNEX I

(Referred to in no. 3 of article 9 and ns. 1 and 5 of article 24 of the Regulation for Research Fellowships of FCT, I. P.)

**Advanced training and qualification of human resources
 Stipends and support for fellowships**

Monthly stipends

Type of Fellowship	Amount (euro)	
	In Portugal	Abroad
Visiting Scientist Fellowship (BCC).....	2 060-2 650	
Post-doctoral Fellowship (BPD)	1 495	2 245
PhD Studentship (BD).....	980	1 710
PhD Studentship in Industry (BDE)	980	
Research Fellowship (BI):		
PhD.....	1 495	2 245
Masters.....	980	1 710
Graduate	745	1 450
Scientific Initiation Fellowship (BIC)	385	
Internship Fellowship in International Scientific and Technological Organisations (BEST):		
PhD		2 245
Masters.....		1 710
Graduate		1 450
Sabbatical Leave Fellowship (BSAB)		750
Mobility Fellowship between R&D Institutions and Companies or Other Entities (BMOB):		
PhD	1 495	2 245
Masters	980	1 710
Graduate	745	1 350
Science and Technology Management Fellowship (BGCT):		
PhD	1 495-1 995	
Masters	980-1 480	
Graduate	745-1245	
Research Technician Fellowship:		
Graduate	745	
No academic degree	565	

Other support

Amount (euros)

Type of support	In Portugal	Abroad
Support foreseen in no. 8 of article 24 of the Regulation.....	500	750
Accommodation and travel in Europe.....		1 300
Accommodation and travel outside Europe		1 600
Presentation of works in scientific meetings — BPD and BD.....		750

Annual contribution in registration, enrolment or tuition fees – BD (Euros)	Amount (euros)
In Portugal.....	2 750
Abroad (maximum amount).....	8 000