

Advanced Training Studentships and Fellowships

Regulations for Studentships and Fellowships of the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P. — 2015

CHAPTER I

Purpose and scope

ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE

1. These Regulations determine the selection, contracting 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 referred to as FCT, or whenever the latter is the host institution.
2. For the purposes of these Regulations, research studentship and fellowship holders are the beneficiaries of the respective Statute, as provided for in Law No. 40/2004, of 18 August.
3. For the purposes of these Regulations, 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 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

1. These Regulations are applicable to the types of fellowship defined in Chapter II.
2. These Regulations are 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 studies and reporting, 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 aimed at 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 be 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 a 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 signing the contract, a longer timeframe was legally admissible and, furthermore, if any reduction would put the conclusion of the previously approved work programme at risk.

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. When 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 aimed at graduates, Masters or PhD holders, so as 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. Scientific Initiation Studentships (BIC) are intended for students enrolled for the first time in the 1st cycle of a higher educational institution or in an integrated Masters course, to initiate or reinforce their scientific training, within research projects to be developed at national institutions.
2. As a rule, the duration of the studentship is annual, renewable up to two years depending on 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 aimed at graduates, Masters and PhD holders, with the purpose of providing supplementary training in management of science, technology and innovation programmes or in the observation and monitoring of the scientific and technological or higher educational systems, as well as to obtain training in important institutions of renowned quality and an 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, their 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 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 11

RESEARCH TECHNICIAN FELLOWSHIPS

1. Research Technician Fellowships (BTI) aim to provide supplementary, specialised training, in Portuguese or foreign scientific and technological institutions, to technicians that may support the operation and maintenance of equipment and infrastructures of a 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 of one year, is non-renewable, and refers only to the duration of the PhD holder's 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 citizens who have permanent residence in Portugal may apply for fellowships for which the work programme is to be entirely or partially carried out in foreign institutions.
- 3. In the case of fellowships that are directly funded by FCT and for which the application criteria require applicants to hold a PhD degree, foreign citizens who are not resident in Portugal may also apply, provided that the application is underwritten by a Portuguese host institution and that the work programme is to be carried out entirely in Portugal.
- 4. Citizens who already have previously received an identical type of FCT-funded fellowship, for the same purpose, may not apply for PhD studentships, PhD studentships in industry or post-doctoral fellowships.

ARTICLE 15

NOTICE OF CALLS

- 1. Calls are launched for one or more types of fellowship included in these regulations.
- 2. The calls are announced through the Internet, on the FCT website, and also, when considered suitable, 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 framework, as well as respective funding sources.
- 4. The constitution 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 specified in the notice of the call, the fellowship application should include the documents referred to in the paragraphs below, in accordance with the type of fellowship being applied for.
- 2. Whenever required, and with respect to the type of fellowship being applied for, the following documents must be submitted when applying, or the application will be disqualified:

- a) Supporting documents attesting that the applicant fulfils all the required conditions for the relevant type of fellowship, namely certificates of all the academic degrees obtained, with the final average grade and marks in all subjects;
 - b) The work programme to be developed;
 - c) The applicant's Curriculum Vitae;
 - d) The supervisor's brief Curriculum Vitae, including the list of scientific publications and creations, and prior experience in supervision or mentoring of research fellows;
 - e) Brief Curriculum Vitae of the supervisor with responsibility for the supervision in industry;
 - f) File describing the company where the research is going to be carried out;
 - g) Copy of IRC declaration form 22 of the company where the research is going to be carried out;
3. Whenever required for the type of fellowship being applied for, the following documents must be submitted, at the time of the conditional awarding of the fellowship:
- a) Copy of identification document;
 - b) Documental evidence to support the country of residence, residence permit or other legally equivalent document, where applicable;
 - c) Declaration of the supervisor taking on responsibility for the work programme;
 - d) Document proving acceptance of the applicant by the institution in which the research or training activities will take place, certifying to the necessary conditions for the appropriate development of the work;
 - e) Document proving the applicant's acceptance by the institution granting the academic degree, or acceptance of the applicant within the PhD programme in which the applicant is enrolled;
 - f) An up-to-date document showing proof of employment status, indicating contractual status, functions and average annual contracted hours (if applicable); this may be replaced by an affidavit whenever there no employment or provision of services occurs;

- g)** Declaration of the supervisor assigned by the company, accepting responsibility for the corporate supervision of the work programme;
 - h)** Document demonstrating the applicant's acceptance by the company where the research will be carried out, in which the referred company takes on the role of funding and host institution, within a partnership scheme, assuring the required conditions for the suitable development of the work programme;
 - i)** Declaration by the company accepting co-funding of the studentship;
 - j)** Tripartite agreement between the university, the company and the studentship holder on intellectual and industrial property rights resulting from the research, as well as other specific duties of each party, if any.
 - k)** Copy of the commercial registry certificate of the company where the research is going to be carried out;
 - l)** Documents demonstrating that the company is up to date with its tax and Social Security payments. These documents may be replaced by consent to access the aforementioned contributory situation;
- 4.** For BD-type fellowships the documents referred to in subparagraphs a) to d) of paragraph no. 2 of this Article are required, as well as the documents referred to in subparagraphs a) to f) of paragraph no. 3.
 - 5.** For BDE-type fellowships the documents referred to in paragraphs nos. 2 and 3 of this Article are required.
 - 6.** For BCC and BSAB-type fellowships the documents referred to in subparagraphs a) to c) of no. 2 are required at the time of application, as well as the documents referred to in subparagraphs a) to d) of no. 3. In the case of BSAB-type fellowships, additional proof of authorisation for the applicant's sabbatical leave is needed, provided by the institution to which the applicant is contractually bound.
 - 7.** For BPD, BI, BIC, BTI, BMOB or BGCT-type fellowships, the documents referred to in subparagraphs a) to d) of paragraph 2 of this Article are required, as well as the articles referred to in subparagraphs a) to d) and subparagraph e) of paragraph no. 3.
 - 8.** Repealed
 - 9.** Repealed

10. Without prejudice to the provisions laid down in no. 2, the non-delivery of the documentation foreseen in nos. 4 and following, within six months of the date of notice of the conditional awarding of the fellowship, implies the expiration of the aforementioned award.

ARTICLE 17

EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

1. Evaluation of submitted applications is carried out in accordance with the parameters foreseen in the notice of the call for applications and in the evaluation guide, always based on the intrinsic merit of the applicant, of the work programme and of the hosting conditions.
2. The awarding of the fellowship shall always be dependent on compliance with the requirements set out in the notice of the call, on the result of the scientific evaluation, on receipt of the required documents and on the budgetary availability of the funding entity.

ARTICLE 18

RELEASE OF RESULTS

1. The evaluation results are released as indicated in the notice of the call, up to 90 working days after the deadline for submission of applications.
2. If the decision on awarding the fellowship applied for is unfavourable, applicants have a period of 10 working days, as of the above-mentioned release, to submit their comments by means of a previously scheduled appeals process, under the terms established in the Administrative Procedure Code, if they so wish.
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 communication foreseen in this article shall take place electronically, via the online personal area of each applicant as published in the notice of the call for applications.

ARTICLE 19

AWARD OF THE FELLOWSHIPS

1. The awarding of the fellowship takes place through the allocation of funding under the conditions foreseen in these Regulations and in the fellowship contract to be signed by the funding entity and the fellowship holder. In the case of BDEs all the funding entities involved should be represented in the contract.
2. Fellowships will not be awarded to anyone who is in a non-justified default situation in relation to applicants' obligations regarding a previous fellowship, either direct or indirectly funded by FCT, namely non-submission of the final or interim report or unsettled payments, in accordance with the applicable law or regulations.

ARTICLE 20

TIMEFRAME FOR SIGNING OF THE CONTRACT

1. After having received all the required documents for entering into the contract, the funding entity should decide on the awarding of the fellowship within 90 working days, suspending the time computation whenever the procedure is stopped due to causes which are not ascribable to that entity.
2. Within 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 the award are still conformed to 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 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 mentoring of the fellowship holder's work and on the evaluation of the fellowship holder's activities, which should be included in the fellowship renewal request and be conveyed 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 an assessment on the accomplishment of the agreed work programme by the fellowship holder and on the suitability of the fellowship renewal.
6. At the time of renewal, the fellowship holder should always attach the duly updated document indicated in subparagraph f) of paragraph 3 of Article 16 of this regulation.
7. In relation to BPD-type fellowships, the renewal for the second period of three years should preferably be requested up to six months before the start of the new period of the fellowship and be submitted with:
 - a) A detailed report on the work carried out, which should contain the URL of oral presentations, publications and scientific creations resulting from the research that was undertaken, if any;
 - b) The supervisor's evaluation of the documents referred to in the previous subparagraph;
 - c) The work programme for the renewal period.
8. Renewal of the fellowship does not require entering a new contract and is communicated by the funding entity to the fellowship holder, in writing.

SECTION II

Financial Terms and Conditions for the studentships and fellowships

ARTICLE 22

EXCLUSIVENESS

1. Each fellowship holder may not be the beneficiary of another concurrent fellowship of any type, 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 safeguarded, 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 type of remunerated activity, about any enrolment in a course, whenever any of these facts were not initially foreseen in their 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 paragraph 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. Except in exceptional situations, duly substantiated by the stakeholders, any change of supervisor, host institution or work programme is not allowed.

ARTICLE 24

COMPONENTS OF THE FELLOWSHIPS

1. In accordance with the type of fellowship and the 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 these regulations (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) For fellowships leading to an academic degree or to fellowships awarded within FCT PhD Programmes, a registration, enrolment or tuition fee stipend for the pre-established amount, to be paid to the institution where the fellowship holder will enrol;
 - 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 a pre-established value;
 - b) A one-off installation fee for stays of six consecutive months or longer, for the pre-established value.
5. Holders with BPD, BD or BDE type fellowships are entitled to receive a single award to participate in scientific meetings in accordance with the attached table.
6. In the case of national or mixed fellowships, the fellowship holders may also apply for a grant for supplementary training activities for a total maximum of six months during the fellowship, which will include payment of a one-off travel fee, to be awarded if a favourable opinion from 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 covered.
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 income which are not expressly referred to in these regulations 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 allowances for travel in the country, abroad or for going abroad, if authorised or determined by the host institution, and related to the project developed within the scope of the fellowship. Attributable costs also include the awarding and payment of potential supplements to the fellowship stipend, pursuant to that established in the Research Fellowship 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 of the payments.

ARTICLE 26

PAYMENT OF FELLOWSHIP COMPONENTS

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 proceeds 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, accepts the responsibility to pay

the relevant institution.

3. In the cases foreseen in paragraph b) of the previous number, the fellowship holder is fully responsible for submitting the legally required original document proving that the institution received the paid amount to the funding entity. Any other documents such as invoices, payment requests or similar documents are not valid.

ARTICLE 27

PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

All fellowship holders are entitled to a personal accident insurance policy covering research activities, which is 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. The funding entities take on the costs of the contributions foreseen in that Statute.
2. In the case specified in subparagraph f) of no. 1 of Article 9 of the Research Fellowship Holder Statute, and in the case of fellowship holders directly funded by FCT, the funding entity shall ensure payment of the monthly maintenance stipend during suspensions due to parenthood and adoption, whenever the fellowship holder does not receive any other applicable benefits within the scope of the social protection system.

SECTION III

Termination and cancellation of fellowships

ARTICLE 29

FINAL FELLOWSHIP REPORT

1. Up to 60 days after conclusion of the fellowship the fellowship holder should submit a final report of their activities to the funding entity, together with the supervisors' report. The activity report should be preferably submitted in electronic form and include the URL

addresses of all oral communications, publications and scientific creations stemming from the activity carried out.

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

ARTICLE 30

FALSE DECLARATIONS;

Notwithstanding that established in Criminal Law, any false declarations by fellowship holders on relevant matters for the awarding or renewal of the fellowship, or for the assessment of its development, shall lead to the termination 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 of 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 OBJECTIVES

1. A fellowship holder who does not attain the objectives set out in the approved work programme, or whose fellowship is cancelled due to serious violation of his/her duties for reasons ascribable to the fellowship holder, may be forced to refund the total or part of the amounts 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 relevant degree.
3. Non-compliance with 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 to 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 carried out 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 cancellation of the fellowship, after the funding entity hears the fellowship holder.
3. Besides the reasons expressly provided for 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 claimed.

CHAPTER IV

Common provisions

ARTICLE 34

FELLOWSHIP HOLDERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The provisions 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 mentorship of the fellowship holder, after an analysis of the objective case of each fellowship holder with special needs, and due substantiation of the requests to be submitted to the financing entity.

ARTICLE 35

MENTION OF SUPPORT RECEIVED AND RELEASE OF RESULTS

1. In all programmes for advanced training and qualification of human resources, directly or indirectly funded by FCT, mention of the financial support by FCT and relevant Funding Programme should be included in all publications and scientific creations, as well as in theses that have been completed with the support laid down in these Regulations.

2. Where advanced training schemes are supported by European funds, particularly ESF or ERDF, all documents should contain the logos of the European programme and of the EU, following the published style guide of each operational programme.
3. The release of results of the research funded under these Regulations should comply with the funding entity's policy and standards regarding open access to data and publications.

ARTICLE 36

MONITORING AND CONTROL

1. Monitoring of fellowships is carried out by the scientific supervisor, or by the person responsible for following 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 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 may be carried out, according to the applicable legislation on this issue. The funded fellowship holders are under the obligation to provide all 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 SABBATICAL LEAVE FELLOWSHIPS**

For applicants to sabbatical leave fellowships who have had an identical type of fellowship in the previous five years, within the scope of programmes under responsibility of FCT, the time of the previous fellowship 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 specified in the previous number should be mentioned in the notice of the call for applications, as well as its basic operational rules, and should also be mentioned in the fellowship regulations 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

Holder Unit is located in the Human Resources Training Department and may be contacted during regular business hours.

ARTICLE 39
CASES NOT COVERED

Any omissions in these Regulations are settled by FCT, guided by the principles and standards contained in applicable national and EU legislation.

ARTICLE 40
REVOCATION

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

ARTICLE 41
ENTRY INTO FORCE AND EFFECT

1. These regulations enter into force on the day following 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 rules and maximum duration of the fellowships, the regulations that were previously in force shall apply until the date of the next renewal.
3. Applications for fellowship components submitted to FCT before entry into force of these Regulations 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 nos. 1 and 6 of Article 24
 of the Regulations for Research Fellowships of FCT, I. P.)

Monthly stipends	Amount (euros)	
	In Portugal	Abroad
Visiting Scientist Fellowship (BCC)	2 060 - 2 650	
Post-doctoral Fellowships (BPD)	1 495	2 245
PhD Studentships (BD)	980	1 710
PhD Studentships 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 Fellowships in International Scientific and Technological Organisations		
PhD		2 245
Masters		1 710
Graduate		1 450
Sabbatical Leave Fellowship (BSAB)		750
Mobility Fellowship between R&D Institutions and Companies or Other		
PhD	1 495	2 245
Masters	980	1 710
Graduate	745	1 350
Science and Technology Management Fellowship (BGCT):		
PhD	1495 - 1 995	
Masters	10,894	
Graduate	745 1245;	
Research Technician Fellowships		
Graduate	745	
No academic degree	565	

Other support		Amount (euros)	
Type of support	In Portugal	Abroad	
Supplementary Training Activities Abroad (no. 6 of Art. 24)	500	750	
Presentation of work at scientific meetings (no. 5 of Art. 24)		750	
Registration, enrolment or fees (subpar a) of no. 3 of Art. 24)	2 750	8 000 (Maximum)	

Support for installation and travel		Amount (euros)	
Type of support	Europe	Outside Europe	
One-off travel fee (subpar a) of no. 4 of Art. 24)	300	600	
One-off installation fee (subpar b) of no. 4 of Art. 24)	1 000	1 000	