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2014 FCT INVESTIGATOR CALL HIGHLIGHTS

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In this document you will find important information on aspects that are different to the 2013 FCT Investigator call. These changes result from lessons learned from previous calls, as well as from feedback received from panel members, FCT scientific councils and various individual applicants. Other important aspects that the applicants should be aware of are also included.

EVALUATION PROCESS

- In 2014 the applications will be assessed in a two-stage evaluation process.
- In the **1st stage**, applications will be selected through remote evaluation by three panel members, followed by a panel meeting.
  - At this stage the synopsis of the CV and the synopsis of the research project and career development plan will be assessed. Each component has a relative weight of 50%.
  - Applications scored below 7 will not be selected for the 2nd stage.
  - The number of applications selected will be up to four times the number of available positions.
- In the **2nd stage**, applications will be assessed by at least two mail reviewers and by three panel members, followed by a panel meeting.
  - In this stage the extended CV (relative weight 50%), the research project (relative weight 40%) and the career development plan (relative weight 10%) will be assessed.
  - Applications with an overall score below 7 will not be funded.

EVALUATION PANELS

In the 2014 call there will be seven (7) evaluation panels: Exact Sciences; Engineering and Technology; Medical and Health Sciences; Environmental and Agricultural Sciences; Natural and Animal Sciences; Social Sciences; Humanities. The secondary scientific areas associated to each evaluation panel are described in Appendix I of the Evaluation Guide.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Applicants may list up to three reviewers they would not wish to participate in the assessment of their application.

SCIENTIFIC AREAS

The main and secondary scientific areas to submit an application to correspond to the OECD's revised Field of Science and Technology (FOS) classification, adapted to Portugal (Appendix I of Application Guide). Please consult the Frascati Manual FOS classification / OECD (February 2007 revision) to identify the topics that should be submitted in each secondary scientific area.

EXPLORATORY RESEARCH PROJECT

In case the applicant is eligible for an "Exploratory Research Project", the indication of a budget (from zero to €50.000) in the application form is mandatory.

ETHICAL ISSUES

It is mandatory to fill in and upload the ethical issues form provided by FCT. Further information is available in the Ethics Guide.

PhD DEGREE

In counting the number of years after obtaining the PhD degree, the only suspensions or interruptions considered eligible are maternity or paternity leave and long-term-illness. The maximum tolerance given cannot exceed four years and six months.

In case an applicant obtained the degree in a country that signed a Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications, he/she will have to provide a certified translation to English (except for documents in Portuguese, Spanish and French).

In case an applicant obtained the degree in a country that did not sign a Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications, he/she will have to provide a certified translation to English and the official recognition of the degree, according to Laws DL 283/83 and DL 341/2007. More information about how to obtain this recognition, is available on the NARIC website.

OrcidID

The ResearcherID has been replaced by the OrcidID and is a required field in the application form.

OPEN ACCESS (added on 20.05.2014)

On 5th May 2014, the FCT policies on Open Access came into force. These policies establish that all **publications** subject to any form of scientific review, arising from FCT-funded research, should be deposited in open access repositories. An embargo period is allowed, after which the full contents of the publications should be made freely available, at no cost.

The policy on **data management and sharing** encourages researchers to share primary and other data arising from FCT-funded research with the scientific community.

The policies apply to papers in scientific journals, conference proceedings, posters, books and book chapters, monographs, Masters and PhD theses and scientific data. FCT funding encompasses project grants, studentships and fellowships and career development contracts, including the FCT Investigator grants.

HOST INSTITUTION

Applicants should start by confirming that the host institution is available in the application form database (subsection E.1). If not available, and its inclusion on the FCT database is necessary, an email to info.if@fct.pt with this request should be sent up to five (5) working days before the end of the call. For additional information consult the Application Guide.

QUESTIONS DIRECTED AT FCT

The application should be prepared well in advance and applicants should keep in mind that FCT does not guarantee that any questions received on the last three (3) working days of the call will be answered in due time.

LOCKING THE APPLICATION

Once an application is locked, the applicant will no longer have access to the application form nor will he/she be allowed to make any further changes. Nevertheless, its contents may be viewed in the overview of the application. Once the application is locked, FCT will not be able to unlock it.

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