

Call for Applications for (1) Research Grant for a Doctoral Student

The Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology (CIES-Iscte) of Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon is opening a call for applications for (1) one **Research Grant for a Doctoral Student**, within the scope of the research project **CRIMJUR – The Criminal Jury in Portugal. History of a Forgotten Judicial and Political Institution (1822–1927)**, funded by the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. (FCT), under reference **2024.14335.PEX**, under the following conditions:

Scientific Area: History

Admission Requirements: Applicants must hold a **Bachelor's and a Master's degree in History** and be **enrolled in a PhD programme in History** (in accordance with Article 6 of the Research Grant Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. — Regulation no. 950/2019).

Academic degrees obtained in foreign countries must be formally recognised/registered by a Portuguese institution, in accordance with Decree-Law no. 66/2018 of 16 August and Ordinance no. 33/2019 of 25 January. Submission of the recognition certificate is mandatory for contract signature. Further information is available at: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/reconhecimento?plid=374>

This type of grant is intended for applicants who are already enrolled, or who meet the necessary conditions for enrolment, in a study cycle leading to the academic degree of PhD. Applicants who do not have proof of enrolment at the time of application must include, in their application, a statement on their honour declaring that they will be in a position to provide such proof by the date of contract signature.

Preferential factors:

- a. Research experience in archives, with demonstrated ability to work with and analyse archival documentation, particularly from the 19th century.
- b. Knowledge of the Portuguese archival system and organisation.
- c. Ability to conduct independent heuristic research.
- d. Availability to consult documentation in national and international archives.
- e. Proficiency in data analysis and presentation software, namely Excel and PowerPoint.
- f. Proficiency in spoken and written English.

Work Plan:

The work plan includes support for the activities of the research project CRIMJUR – The Criminal Jury in Portugal. History of a Forgotten Judicial and Political Institution (1822–1927), namely:

- a. Identification of archival sources relating to the criminal jury in all Portuguese archives and, on a limited basis, in European archives;
- b. Participation in the preparation of a guide to criminal jury archives;
- c. Contribution to the achievement of the project's outputs;
- d. Organisation of workshops and colloquia.

Duration of the Grant:

The grant has a duration of 12 months. The grant contract may be renewed, subject to the duration of the research project and in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 6 of the Research Grant Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P., currently in force.

Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

The Legal Framework for Scientific Research Grant Holders, approved by Law no. 40/2004 of 18 August, as currently amended and published by Decree-Law no. 123/2019 of 28 August; the Research Grant Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P., currently in force and available at:

<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/RegulamentoBolsasFCT2019.pdf> and

<https://dre.pt/application/file/a/127230968>

Place of Work and Scientific Supervision:

The work will be carried out at CIES-Iscte / Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon, Avenida das Forças Armadas, 1649-026 Lisbon, under the scientific supervision of Dr. Emmanuel Berger. The performance of the tasks requires travel within Portuguese territory and, on a limited basis, within European territory.

Monthly Maintenance Allowance:

The grant amount corresponds to €1,309.64, in accordance with the table of grant amounts awarded by FCT, I.P. in Portugal (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Tabela_valores_SMM_2025.pdf). In addition to the monthly allowance, voluntary social security coverage will be included, should the grant holder choose to subscribe to it, as well as personal accident insurance.

The grant will be paid monthly by bank transfer. The grant holder may also be reimbursed for the amount corresponding to Voluntary Social Security, should they opt to join this scheme.

Selection Methods:

The selection process will be carried out based on a curricular evaluation. If several candidates are found to have the profile required for the implementation of the work plan, the selection committee reserves the right to invite the three candidates with the highest scores in the curricular evaluation to an interview, which will account for 50% of the final score. If the committee considers the interviews unnecessary, the curricular evaluation will have a final weighting of 100%.

The criteria for the curricular evaluation are based on:

- a) academic background (30%);**
- b) research experience (30%);**
- c) demonstrated experience in the items indicated under the preferential factors (40%).**

The curricular evaluation of candidates will be conducted in accordance with the indicated criteria and will be expressed on an integer scale from 0 to 100.

The selection committee reserves the right to:

- a) invite the next highest-ranked candidate, following the order established in the final ranking list, whenever the selected candidate does not meet the requirements for contract formalization or is unavailable;**
- b) not award the grant if none of the candidates meets the desired profile.**

Composition of the Selection Committee:

The selection of candidates will be carried out by a selection committee composed of Emmanuel Berger (CIES-Iscte / Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon), who will act as Chair, and the committee members Maria João Vaz (CIES-Iscte / Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon) and Gonçalo Rocha Gonçalves (CIES-Iscte / Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon).

Method of Publication/Notification of Results:

The results of the evaluation will be published through a list of admitted and excluded candidates and a final ranking list. All candidates will be notified by email. The period for the Hearing of Interested Parties will take place during the 10 working days following the communication of the results.

Application Period and Submission Procedure:

The call for applications is open from **10 February to 3 March 2026**.

Applications must be formally submitted, on a mandatory basis, by completing the application form available on the Iscte Recruitment Portal at:

<https://recrutamento.iscte-iul.pt/jobs> , with the submission of the following documents:

- i) A detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- ii) A copy of the bachelor's and master's degree certificates, including a detailed transcript of grades for all completed course units;
- iii) Proof of enrolment in a study cycle leading to the award of a doctoral degree or, alternatively, a declaration under oath stating that the candidate will be able to submit this document by the date of contract signature;
- iv) Other relevant supporting documents, including letter(s) of recommendation.

Applications submitted through any other means will not be considered.

Within the scope of the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers, Iscte adopts the principles of Open, Transparent, and Merit-Based Recruitment ([OTM-R Policy](#)), providing equal opportunities for all applicants.