

Research Studentships for PhD students

Applications are open for 1 Research Studentship, within the framework of project BiodivNBS/0010/2023 (1801P.01514), financed by national funds through FCT/Parceria Europeia Biodiversa+, under the following conditions:

Scientific Area: Systems, Urban Planning, Transport and Environment.

Admission Requirements: To be enrolled at a PhD.

Workplan: The work plan must fall within the scope of the European project 'NBSPLUS- NBS Services Promoting Local Biodiversity, Well-being and Scalable SOLutionS (NBSPLUS)'. The research activities include:

1. the development of a conceptual framework based on Grounded theory for the identification of governance processes associated with the implementation of nature-based solutions (NBS), focusing on the critical analysis of decision-making structures, participation mechanisms and institutional configurations that shape these interventions;
2. the development of an empirical component based on the collection and analysis of data from different stakeholders, centred on their perceptions of involvement, empowerment and perceived legitimacy in the context of these interventions, based on qualitative and quantitative methodologies (e.g. focus groups, interviews, questionnaires) and
3. a comparative analysis of a Portuguese case with the project's case studies in Malmo, Valencia and Quebec, as a basis for conceptualising the ecological, cultural and institutional factors that shape the effectiveness of NBS implementation.

The work plan should form the core of the doctoral project, guaranteeing scientific alignment with the project's objectives and ensuring the consolidation of the competences required to complete the cycle of studies in which the candidate is enrolled.

Legislation and Regulations: Statute of Scientific Research Fellow, approved by Law nr. 40/2004, of August 18, as worded by Decree-Law nr. 123/2019, of August 28; FCT Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships, available on <https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/RegulamentoBolsasFCT2019.pdf> and <https://dre.pt/application/file/a/127230968>.

Workplace: The work will be developed at CiTUA, of Instituto Superior Técnico, under the scientific supervision of Prof. Fátima Bernardo.

Duration: The research fellowship(s) will have the duration of 24 months. It's expected to begin in July/2025, and may be eventually renewed up to the maximum of 36 months, including the duration of the initial contract.

Monthly maintenance allowance: According to the values for Research Fellowships awarded by FCT in Portugal (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores>), the amount of the monthly maintenance allowance is 1.309,64 €, being the payment method by Wire Transfer.

Selection methods: The selection methods will be the following: curricular assessment (30 per cent), summary of the thesis project (maximum 2 A4 pages) (40 per cent) and individual interview in English (30 per cent).

Composition of the selection Jury: Fátima Bernardo, Margarida Monteiro and Rute Martins.



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Announcement/ notification of the results: The final evaluation results will be communicated to all applicants by email.

Deadlines and procedures of complaint and appeal. A complaint may be lodged from the final decision within 15 working days, or an appeal to the Executive Board of IST-ID within 30 working days, both counted from the respective notification.

Application deadline and formalization: The call is open from June 12 until June 27, 2025.

It is mandatory to formalize applications with the submission of the following documents: i) B1 Form – Fellowship application (<https://ist-id.pt/concursos/bolsas/>); ii) *Curriculum Vitae*; iii) academic degree certificate, where applicable; iv) proof of enrollment at an academic degree course (PhD); v) motivation letter.

Applications must be submitted to the email: citua@tecnico.ulisboa.pt



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