

Open Call for Research Grant

The Centre for Technology, Restoration and Arts Enhancement (TECHN&ART) of the Polytechnic University of Tomar is calling for applications for 1 (one) research grant, hereinafter referred to as the Research Grant, for holders of a Master's degree in the field of Conservation and Restoration, within the scope of TECHN&ART's internal project "Conservation and Creativity: cultural heritage in transformation" (internal ref. CFPI2023/03), under the FCT Research Grant Regulations (RBI) and the Research Grant Holder Statute (EBI).

The scholarships will be funded by the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) under the Collaboration Protocol for Financing the Multi-Year Plan (UIDP/05488/2020), signed between the FCT and the R&D Unit Centre for Technology, Restoration and Arts Enhancement (TECHN&ART) of the Polytechnic University of Tomar (R&D Unit nr. 5488).

1. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The call is open between the 3rd of June and the 17.00H (Lisbon time) of the 17th of June 2024. Applications and supporting documents provided for in this Call for Tenders must be submitted by email to sec.techneart@ipt.pt, mentioning TECHN&ART/BIM/2024 in the subject line of the email.

Each candidate may submit only one application. Failing to do so will lead to the cancellation of all applications submitted.

If candidates make false declarations, their application will be cancelled, without prejudice to the adoption of other sanctioning measures.

2. **SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN:** Conservation and Restoration

3. **TENDER RECIPIENTS:** Candidates must hold a master's degree in conservation and restoration.

4. **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** Candidates must hold a master's degree in conservation and restoration.

Other requirements: Strong motivation for research and good work capacity; experience of working within research teams; immediate availability; excellent knowledge of spoken and written Portuguese and English.

5. ACTIVITIES TO BE DEVELOPED

Providing support for the activities envisaged within the scope of TECHN&ART's internal project "Conservation and Creativity: cultural heritage in transformation", namely:

- Collaborating in the process of analyzing and reviewing ethical codes and guidelines, decision-making models, documentation models and other literature relevant to the intended reflection on the theoretical

debates on the interaction between creativity and conservation and restoration studies;

- Supporting the organization of scientific events;
- Supporting the editing and preparation of scientific publications;
- Supporting the development of MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses).

6. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

6.1. Law no. 40/2004, of 18 August, amended by Decree-Law no. 202/2012, of 27 August, by Decree-Law no. 233/2012, of 29 October, by Law no. 12/2013, of 29 January, by Decree-Law no. 89/2013, of 9 July, and by Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of 28 August (Research Fellow Statute).

6.2. Research Grant Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. (FCT, I.P.), Regulation nr. 950/2019, *Diário da República*, II series, nr. 241, of 16 December.

7. **WORKPLACE:** The work will be carried out at the IPT campus at Estrada da Serra, Quinta do Contador, Tomar, namely at the TECHN&ART facilities at the IPT, including the conservation laboratories, and other spaces that may be considered appropriate for the proper development of the work.
8. **DURATION OF THE GRANT:** The grant duration will be 6 months, which may be extended for a further 6 months, with the start date scheduled for July 2024.
9. **AMOUNT OF MONTHLY MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY:** The amount of the Grant corresponds to 1259,64€, according to the table of monthly allowance amounts attributed directly by FCT, I.P. in Portugal, with payment being made monthly by bank transfer. If the grant holder wishes, Voluntary Social Security will be paid, the contributions for which will be covered by the project.

10. SELECTION METHODS

The assessment will take into account the merit of the candidate and how their interests fit in with the Safeguard research axis, whose fields of action are 'Conservation and Restoration' and 'Characterisation and Contextualisation of Heritage' at the TECHN&ART R&D Unit.

Applications considered admissible will be scored on a scale of 0 to 10 in each of the following assessment criteria:

- Criterion A - Curriculum evaluation with a weight of 70%;
- Criterion B - Letter of Motivation with a weight of 20%;
- Criterion C - Interview to discuss the candidate's CV with a weight of 10%.

For the purposes of deciding on the attribution of the scholarship, candidates will be ranked according to the weighted average of the classification obtained in each of the 3 criteria, translated by the following formula:

$$\textit{Final Ranking} = (0,7 \times A) + (0,2 \times B) + (0,1 \times C)$$

For tie-breaking purposes, candidates will be ranked on the basis of the marks awarded for each of the assessment criteria in the following order of precedence: criterion A, criterion C and criterion B.

11. COMPOSITION OF THE SELECTION JURY

Chair of the Selection:

Professor Célio Gonçalo Cardoso Marques (Adjunct Professor at the Polytechnic University of Tomar and Integrated Researcher at TECHN&ART);

Members:

Professor Ricardo Pereira Triães (Adjunct Professor at the Polytechnic University of Tomar and Integrated Researcher at TECHN&ART);

Dr. Andreia Maria Meira Machado Nogueira (Auxiliary Researcher) from TECHN&ART;

Alternate members:

Professor Ana Cláudia Leal Marques Pires da Silva Mendes Pinto (Adjunct Professor at the Polytechnic University of Tomar and Integrated Researcher at TECHN&ART)

Dr. Manuela Sofia da Conceição Silva (Invited Adjunct Professor at the Polytechnic University of Tomar and Integrated Researcher at TECHN&ART).

12. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS AND NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS:

The provisional results of the assessment (presented in the form of the minutes resulting from the assessment process) will be communicated by the jury via e-mail, to the e-mail address used by the candidates to submit the application, no later than 90 working days after the deadline for submitting applications.

After the provisional list of assessment results has been communicated, candidates have a period of 10 working days in which to make their views known at a prior hearing of interested parties, under the terms of articles 121 et seq. of the Code of Administrative Procedure.

The final decision will be made after analysing the opinions presented at the prior hearing of interested parties, within a maximum of 60 working days after the conclusion of the prior hearing of interested parties, which may be appealed within 15 working days of notification to the highest body of the Polytechnic University of Tomar.

13. HOW TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS

For the application to be considered eligible, the following documents must be attached to the application:

- Identity card or passport details;
- Updated curriculum vitae of the candidate;
- Certificates of academic qualifications held, specifying the final classification and, if possible, the classifications obtained in all subjects taken, or, alternatively, a declaration of honour by the candidate stating that they have completed their bachelor's and master's degrees by the application deadline;
- Motivation letter (this, as well as the application and all associated documents, must be written in Portuguese);
- Declaration of honour attesting to the commitment to enrol in a non-academic degree course integrated in the educational project of a higher education institution or in a doctoral programme, should they be selected in the competition and accept the scholarship awarded to them.

Important notice for applicants with diplomas issued by foreign higher education institutions:

For academic degrees awarded by a foreign higher education institution, it is compulsory to present the registration of the recognition of the academic degree and the conversion of the final classification to the Portuguese scale and to obtain equivalence/recognition of the degrees in accordance with Decree-Law 66/2018 of 16 August and Ministerial Order 33/2019 of 25 January.