

2016-2017 Call for PhD Scholarship Applications for the Doctoral Program of MIT Portugal - Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia

The MIT Portugal Program announces a call for PhD scholarships, for study in Portugal and at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) under the following international PhD programs funded by Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT):

- Bioengineering Systems (10 scholarships)
- Leaders for Technical Industries (11 scholarships¹)
- Sustainable Energy Systems (10 scholarships)
- Transportation Systems (10 scholarships)

These doctoral programs were selected under the call from Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, IP (FCT,IP). The jury of each doctoral program will select the candidates to receive the scholarships funded through the FCT,IP. The contract for each scholarship is signed directly by the selected candidate and FCT.

The call is open to applications for individual scholarships for the doctoral programs, according to the regulations of the Research Grant Holder Statute ([Law 40/2004, of August 18](#)), and according to the FCT Regulations for Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources, [Decree Law 234/2012](#), changed by the Decree Law 339/2015 of June 17.

Terms of the Call

The scholarships will be supported by Portuguese funds through Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, IP, and the Ministério da Ciência Tecnologia e Ensino Superior ([MCTES](#)) and, by the European Social Fund through the Operational Program of Human Capital ([POCH](#)).

Application Period

The call for applications is open from January 25 until April 13, 2016, 5:00pm GMT.

Evaluation and Communication of the Results

Evaluation is primarily based on the merit and motivation of the applicant. As a minimum requirement the candidate must have a pre-bologna Licenciatura degree (4-5 years), or the post-bologna Integrated Master degree or equivalent. Applicants must also demonstrate English proficiency. The evaluation process may require an interview in English, either in person or by videoconference. Preference will be given to candidates who present good results in the “GRE General Test” (general exam of the [Graduate Record Examination](#)).

¹ 1 non-allocated scholarship transited from 2015/2016

The evaluation panel will review the submitted applications, weighing the candidates' qualifications and producing a sorted list of candidates. More information about the selection process is available on www.mitportugal.org/application/selection-process.html

Eligibility

The following citizens are eligible to apply:

- Portuguese citizens and citizens from the state members of the European Union;
- Citizens from other countries, provided the application is supported by the Portuguese hosting institutions adherent to the *Acordo para a Cooperação Internacional em Ciência e Tecnologia e Ensino Superior* (Agreement for the International Cooperation in Science, Technology and Higher Education) in effect with Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, IP;
- Citizens from other countries with a valid resident permit or who are long-term residents;
- Other citizens selected by interview

Scholarships

The scholarships are provided under the conditions established by Ministério Ciência, Tecnologia e Ensino Superior and FCT, IP, through the decree law [74/2006](#), changed by the decree law 107/2008 and 230/2009. Candidates will be limited to a maximum of four years' support, as established by FCT regulations and will be renewed annually; the scholarships cannot be given for a period less than six months. The PhD scholarships will include a monthly maintenance stipend of 980 euros (1.710 euros in case of research at MIT), 2.750 euros/year to cover tuition fees, and 750 euros for presentations at scientific meetings.

Submission of Applications

Applications should be submitted electronically through the MIT Portugal Program website (<http://www.mitportugal.org/application/applying>). No other method of submission is available.

Candidates that haven't completed the required academic degree at the time of application, can apply if they declare in the online submission form that they will make proof until September 31 2016 of the conclusion of the degree.

Results will be communicated by e-mail to each candidate, and later be available in the MIT Portugal website.

For more information about the MIT Portugal Program, see the program's website (www.mitportugal.org) or inquire by e-mail at apply@mitportugal.org