CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF R&D PROJECTS AND INSTITUTIONS

Research Grant for Doctoral Students

The Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology (CIES-Iscte), within the scope of the Iscte – Knowledge and Innovation Association, hereby opens a call for applications for one (1) Research Grant for a Doctoral Student under the project **KWI_SIRUK – Knowing, welcoming, including: socio-educational inclusion of children and young people who are refugees from Ukraine**, project no. 2023.17383.ICDT, whose funding has been approved by FCT, I.P., under the following conditions:

1. Scientific Area

Social Sciences

2. Source of Funding

Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. (FCT, I.P.), within the framework of the Call for R&D Projects in All Scientific Domains 2023

3. Admission Requirements:

Applicants must hold a Master's degree in Sociology or Social Psychology and be enrolled in a doctoral programme in one of these areas (in accordance with Article 6 of the FCT Research Grant Regulations, Regulation no. 950/2019).

If the academic degree was awarded by a foreign higher education institution, it must be formally recognized by a Portuguese higher education institution, in accordance with Article 25 of Decree-Law no. 66/2018 of 16 August, which establishes the legal framework for the recognition of foreign academic degrees and diplomas, and with paragraph (e) of no. 2 of Article 4 of Decree-Law no. 60/2018 of 3 August. All required formalities must be completed by the date of contract signature.

Preferential Factors:

a) Proven experience in the use of SPSS software;

b) Proven experience in data analysis and the writing of statistical reports;

c) Experience in supervising and administering questionnaire surveys;

d) Proven experience in the use of MAXQDA software;

e) Experience in conducting interviews and ethnographic fieldwork;

f) Experience in the administrative management of research projects and project social media;

g) Interest in undertaking doctoral studies and/or research work in the thematic area of the project;

h) Proficiency in Portuguese and English.

4. Work Plan

The work plan involves supporting research activities within the scope of the project KWI_SIRUK – Knowing, welcoming, including: socio-educational inclusion of children and young people who are refugees from Ukraine, namely: monitoring the administration of questionnaire surveys in the field and online and the corresponding statistical processing; supporting the preparation of project outputs, particularly statistical reports and scientific articles; administrative support and management of the project; transcription and analysis of interviews; support in the organization of participatory workshops; support and participation in team meetings and in the organization of dissemination and outreach events, ensuring timely completion of tasks and compliance with the project work plan.

5. Applicable Legislation and Regulations

Statute of the Scientific Research Grant Holder, as amended by Decree-Law no. 123/2019 of 28 August; FCT Research Grant Regulations, Regulation no. 950/2019; Decree-Law no. 66/2018 of 16 August (legal framework for the recognition of foreign academic degrees and diplomas); and other applicable regulations.

6. Place of Work

The work will be carried out at the Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology (CIES-Iscte), of the Iscte – Knowledge and Innovation Association, under the scientific supervision of Professor Maria Manuela Mendes, PhD.

7. Duration of the Grant

The grant will have a duration of six (6) months, with an expected start date in March 2026. It may be renewed up to the maximum limit of the approved funding or the maximum duration allowed for this type of grant (whichever occurs first), and may under no circumstances exceed the limits established in nos. 3 and 6 of Article 7 of Regulation no. 950/2019 of 29 November, published in Diário da República, no. 241, 2nd Series, of 16 December.

8. Monthly Maintenance Allowance

The grant amount, under an exclusive and full-time regime, is €1,309.64, in accordance with the table of grant amounts awarded directly or indirectly by FCT, I.P. in Portugal, (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Tabela_valores_SMM_2025.pdf), and will be paid monthly by bank transfer to the grant holder. The grant holder may also be reimbursed for the cost of Voluntary Social Security contributions, should they opt for this scheme.

9. Selection and Evaluation Methods

Applications will be assessed based on the **Candidate's Merit (CM)**, considering the following criteria:

> a. Academic qualifications (0–30 points);
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> b. Academic and professional curriculum (0–50 points);
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> c. Motivation letter (0–20 points).

The Candidate's Merit (CM) score will be calculated as follows: MC = a + b + c

The three candidates with the highest scores may be invited to an **Interview (INT)**, during which the jury will assess:

> a. Interpersonal skills (0–30 points);
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> b. Demonstrated knowledge in the subject area of the call (0–40 points);
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> c. Motivation (0–20 points);
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> d. Language skills (0–10 points).

The Interview score (INT) will be calculated as follows: INT = a + b + c + d

If no interview is conducted, the Final Score will correspond to 100% of the Candidate's Merit score.

The jury reserves the right to:

> a) Invite the next highest-ranked candidate, according to the final ranking list, whenever the selected candidate fails to meet the requirements for contract formalization or is unavailable;
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> b) Not award the grant if none of the candidates meets the desired profile.

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This call may be terminated at any time up to the approval of the final ranking list, remaining valid for the duration of the project.

10. Composition of the Selection Jury

Chair: Professor Maria Manuela Mendes, PhD (Researcher at CIES-Iscte and Principal Investigator of the project)

Full Member: Professor Paula Guerra, PhD (Faculty of Arts, University of Porto)

Full Member: Professor Pedro Caetano, PhD (CICS.NOVA)

11. Publication and Notification of Results

11.1. The evaluation results will be disclosed within a maximum of 90 working days following the application deadline, and applicants will be notified by email to the address provided in their application.

11.2. Applicants will be informed, under the prior hearing procedure established by the Code of Administrative Procedure, of the likely outcome of the final decision and may submit comments within 10 working days from the date of notification.

12. Application Period and Submission Procedures

The call is open from **6 to 19 February 2026**, and only applications submitted within this period will be considered.

Applications must be submitted exclusively through the Iscte recruitment portal (https://recrutamento.conhecimentoinovacao.iscte-iul.pt/jobs) and must include the following documents:

i. Detailed Curriculum Vitae;

ii. Copy of degree certificates for the Bachelor's and Master's degrees, including transcripts;

iii. Proof of enrolment in a doctoral programme, or alternatively a sworn statement confirming that this document will be provided by the date of contract signature;

iv. Other relevant supporting documents, including letters of recommendation, certificates of participation in qualitative or quantitative analysis training courses (SPSS, MAXQDA), research and/or intervention projects, internships, Master's thesis, completed works or publications, etc.;

v. Proof of proficiency in Portuguese if Portuguese is not the applicant's first language / proof of proficiency in English if English is not the applicant's first language, or alternatively a sworn statement by the applicant.

Applications submitted by 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.