

CIES_BI_ED_LiFi_2025

**Call for applications for (1) Research Grant for
Doctoral Students**

The **Center for Research and Studies in Sociology (CIES-Iscte) at Iscte – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa** is offering one (1) Research Grant for a PhD Student in the scope of the LiFi project: Living with Wildfire: imagining, narrating and acting upon a changing climate, funded by the Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development, under the following conditions:

Scientific Area: Communication Sciences

Admission requirements

Applicants must hold a Master's degree in a Social Science field and be enrolled in a PhD program in Communication Sciences (in accordance with Article 6 of the Research Grant Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. (Reg. No. 950/2019).

Academic degrees obtained in foreign countries must be registered by a Portuguese institution, in accordance with Decree-Law No. 66/2018 of August 16 and Ordinance No. 33/2019 of January 25. presentation of the certificate is mandatory for the signing of the contract.

Further information can be obtained at: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/reconhecimento?plid=374>

Preferential factors

- a) Completed a master's thesis on risk communication or environmental communication; or on a subject related to these two fields.
- b) Experience in research and production of research on climate change risks, forest fires, representations, and impacts on communities and public policies;
- c) Experience in interview analysis and qualitative discourse analysis;
- d) Experience in participating in local or community research and development projects;
- e) Proficiency in Portuguese and English.

Work plan

The work plan will consist of research to support the project Living with Wildfire: imagining, narrating and acting upon a changing climate: analysis of interviews and ethnographic material collected from forest communities, and the development of a research article; data processing and report writing and production of materials related to the project outputs; monitoring the development of the entire project, including team meetings and organizing events to promote and disseminate the project, ensuring that the work is carried out in a timely manner and within the parameters set out in the project plan.

Applicable legislation and regulations

Statute of Scientific Research Fellows, approved by Law No. 40/2004 of August 18, in its current wording published by Decree-Law No. 123/2019 of August 28; Regulations on Research Fellowships of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. - in force and available at:
<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/RegulamentoBolsasFCT2019.pdf> and
<https://dre.pt/application/file/a/127230968>.

Workplace and scientific advisor

The work will be carried out at CIES-Iscte, under the scientific guidance of Dr. Mehmet Ali Üzelgün.

Duration of the scholarship

The scholarship lasts for 6 months, with the possibility of an extension up to 12 months, scheduled to start on September 1, 2025. The scholarship contract may be renewed within the term of the research project and in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(4) of the Research Scholarship Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. in force.

Monthly maintenance allowance amount

The amount corresponds to €1,309.64, in accordance with the FCT Research Grant Regulations in force (Regulation No. 950/2019). The corresponding voluntary social security insurance is added to the allowance amount, if the candidate chooses to take it, as well as personal accident insurance. The grant will be paid monthly by bank transfer.

Selection process

The selection process will be based on curriculum evaluation. If several candidates demonstrate that they have the appropriate profile to carry out the work plan, the jury reserves the right to invite candidates for an interview, which will account for 40% of the final score. If the jury considers interviews unnecessary, the curriculum evaluation will account for 100% of the final score.

The curriculum evaluation criteria are based on:

- a) the experience demonstrated in the items indicated in the preferential factors (60%).
- b) the master's degree grade (20%);
- c) the letter of motivation in English (20%)

The curriculum evaluation of candidates will be carried out in accordance with the criteria indicated, on a scale of 0 to 20.

The jury reserves the right to:

- a) invite the highest-scoring candidate for the position in question, following the order established in the final ranking list, whenever the selected candidate does not meet the requirements for formalizing the contract or in case of unavailability;
- b) not award the scholarship if none of the candidates match the desired profile.

Composition of the selection panel

Candidates will be selected by a panel consisting of: Dr. Mehmet Ali Üzelgün (CIES-Iscte), who will chair the panel, and members Gustavo Cardoso (CIES-Iscte) and Cláudia Pereira (CIES-Iscte).

Form 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, with all candidates being notified by email. The period for interested parties to be heard will last 10 working days following the communication of the results.

Application deadline and submission of applications

The call is open from **June 27 to July 10, 2025**.

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

- i. Detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- ii. Copy of bachelor's and master's degree certificates with a transcript of course units;
- iii. Proof of enrollment in a study program leading to a doctoral degree or, alternatively, a sworn statement that you will be able to present this document on the date of signing the contract;
- iv. Letter of motivation in English.
- v. Other supporting documents deemed relevant.

Applications sent by other means will not be considered.