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**LE@D-BI-2024- Frame2RQ**

**Open call for 1 Research Scholarship in the field of Education, within the Distance Learning and eLearning Laboratory, Universidade Aberta, funded by National Funds through the FCT Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. as part of the project UIDB/04372/2020.**

A call is open for 1 research scholarship for research work in the field of Education, to be developed within the project 'Quality of Research: Proposal of a framework (Frame2RQ)', Ref. PTN/UID4372-LE@D/012024, integrated into the Distance Learning and eLearning Laboratory, Universidade Aberta, funded by National Funds through the FCT Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P., as part of the project UIDB/04372/2020, under the following conditions:

**1. SCIENTIFIC AREA:** Education Sciences

**2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

Candidates must unequivocally and documentarily demonstrate:

- a) possession of a master's degree in Education or Educational Sciences;
- b) enrolment in a Doctoral program in the field of Education or meeting the necessary conditions to enrol in a Doctoral program in the field of Education, a requirement to be proven at the time of hiring. Alternatively, they may be enrolled in a non-degree granting course integrated into the educational project of a higher education institution, developed in association or cooperation with one or more R&D units, a requirement to be proven at the time of hiring;
- c) eligibility of the candidate according to the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 of article 6 of the Research Scholarship Regulation of the Foundation for Science and Technology, approved by Regulation No. 950/2019, published in II Serie Diário da República, December 16, 2019, and subsequent updates.
- d) proficient command of Portuguese (applicable only in case the candidate is not a native Portuguese speaker, must present a proof document).

**3. WORK LOCATION AND SCIENTIFIC GUIDANCE:**

The work will be carried out at LE@D, Distance Learning and e-Learning Laboratory of the Open University at the Porto Delegation of the Universidade Aberta, Rua do Amial, No. 752 4200-055 Porto, under the scientific guidance of Professor Maria Luísa Lebres Aires.

**4. DURATION AND START OF THE SCHOLARSHIP:**

The scholarship will have a duration of 5 months, non-renewable, starting on August 1, 2024, on an exclusivity basis.

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## **5. MONTHLY MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE:**

The amount of the scholarship corresponds to 1259.64 euros, according to the table of values for scholarships awarded by FCT, I.P. in the country ([https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM\\_atualizacao-2024.pdf](https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM_atualizacao-2024.pdf)).

The monthly payment of the scholarship will be made by bank transfer.

Personal accident insurance will be provided, and there is the possibility to join the Voluntary Social Insurance as provided in the applicable legislation.

## **6. COMPOSITION OF THE SELECTION PANEL:**

President of the selection panel: Professor Maria Luísa Lebres Aires

Effective members:

Professor Isolina Rosa Pereira de Oliveira

Professor Cláudia Susana Coelho Neves

Substitute members:

Professor Marta Cristina Lopes Abelha

Professor Ana Patrícia Tavares de Almeida

## **7. WORK PLAN**

Support and general assistance to the principal investigator in project management tasks;

Support in reviewing literature provided to the project researchers;

Assistance with organizing the collection of questionnaires and conducting discussion groups;

Preparation of quantitative data for statistical analysis;

Preparation of qualitative data for discourse analysis;

Assistance with data analysis work;

Participation in data discussion;

Participation in the teams writing scientific publications and the final report.

## **8. DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

The competition is open from May 28 to June 12, 2024, until 18:00 AM (Lisbon time).

Applications and supporting documents as specified in this Opening Notice must be submitted, mandatorily, by email to the jury president [luisa.aires@uab.pt](mailto:luisa.aires@uab.pt) and cc to [lead@uab.pt](mailto:lead@uab.pt) indicating the competition reference LE@D-BI-2024- Frame2RQ and the candidate's name in the subject field. Applications must be formalized, mandatorily, by sending the following documentation by email:

- a) Curriculum vitae of the candidate, including full name, address, email, CIENCIA ID, ORCID and with all information required in selection methods and criteria. Mention of scientific articles, books, chapters, presentations, and other scientific outputs must be accessible online for the jury panel;
- b) Identification information as showed in the identity card/citizen card/passport/residence permit;

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- c) Degree certificate of the academic degree of master, mentioning the final grade, or alternatively, an honour statement by the candidate that they have completed the master's degree by the end of the application deadline. The grant of the scholarship is conditioned upon presentation, during the contracting phase, of proof of academic qualifications.
- d) Certificate confirming the candidate is enrolled in a Doctoral program in the field of Education or a statement that they meet the necessary conditions to enrol in a Doctoral program in the field of Education, a requirement to be proven at the time of hiring. Alternatively, a certificate of enrolment in a non-degree course integrated into the educational project of a higher education institution, developed in association or cooperation with one or more R&D units.
- e) Statement confirming the candidate meets the eligibility as set out in number 4 and 5 of article 6 of the Research Scholarship Regulation of FCT, Foundation for Science and Technology (template attached to this notice);
- f) Record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions and record of conversion of the respective final grade to the Portuguese grading scale, or alternatively, an honour statement by the candidate that they have obtained recognition of the foreign degree equivalent to the master's degree by the end of the application deadline. The grant of the scholarship is conditioned upon presentation, during the contracting phase, of proof of academic qualifications;
- g) Document proving proficient command of Portuguese (applicable only if the candidate is not a native Portuguese speaker); h) Other documents that the candidates consider relevant for the evaluation of their merit.

Each candidate may submit only one application, under penalty of cancellation of all submitted applications. Failure to present, at the time of application, the documents identified in items a) to e) and, if applicable, items f) and g) will result in the non-admission of the candidates.

#### **9. SELECTION METHODS AND CRITERIA:**

- a) Academic and professional curriculum (30%);
- b) Experience in using statistical analysis and content analysis programs (20%);
- c) Previous experience in participating in projects in the field of Education, particularly in Distance Education (20%);
- d) Relevance of any peer-reviewed publications in the field of Education (10%);
- e) Proficiency in Portuguese - minimum level - C2 (10%);
- f) Proficiency in English - minimum level B2 (10%).

*In the event of withdrawal by the candidate ranked first, the highest governing body of the Management Institution reserves the right to call the next candidate and so on until the vacancy is filled, based on the reserve selection list which can be used up to 6 months from the*

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*date of this notice, thereby constituting a "reserve selection list", which corresponds to the final ranking list.*

## **10. METHOD OF PUBLICIZING/NOTIFYING RESULTS**

The admission list, the evaluation results, and the final ranking list will be publicized on the Open University portal, and the candidate will be notified via the email address provided in the application process. The candidate has a deadline of 10 working days, following the notification mentioned in the previous paragraph, to respond, if desired, in a preliminary hearing of interested parties, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Code (Código de Procedimento Administrativo).

## **11. SCHOLARSHIP CONTRACT**

The [model of the scholarship contract](#) to be signed between the selected candidate and the Open University is the one provided by the FCT for this type of competition. The scholarship contract can only be concluded after the receipt of all the required documentation according to the type of scholarship, namely:

- a) Copy of the civil, tax, and, when applicable, social security identification documents, or alternatively the personal presentation of the same at the services competent for the contract;
- b) Document proving the country of residence, residence permit, or other legally equivalent document, valid at the start date of the scholarship;
- c) Documents proving that the candidate meets the required conditions for the respective type of scholarship, namely proof of enrolment and registration in a Doctoral program or a non-degree granting course and/or proof of holding the academic qualifications necessary for the type of scholarship, if applicable;
- d) Declaration from the supervisor(s) assuming responsibility for supervising the work plan, in accordance with Article 5-A of the Research Scholarship Statutes;
- e) Document proving the candidate's acceptance by the institution where the research work will take place, ensuring the necessary conditions for the proper development of the work, as well as compliance with the duties stipulated in Article 13 of the Scientific Research Fellow Statute;
- f) Updated document proving compliance with the exclusive dedication regime.

## **12. FINAL REPORT**

At the end of the scholarship, the grantee must submit a final report that should contain a description of the activities carried out, results obtained, and deviations from the plan, accompanied by the supervisor's evaluation. In this report, the following criteria will be considered: a) organization and clarity of communication and b) results achieved. Non-

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compliance with these requirements, attributable to the grant holder, implies failure to meet the objectives, as stipulated in the FCT Research Scholarship Regulation

### **13. INFORMATION AND ADVERTISING OF THE FUNDING GRANTED**

In all R&D activities directly or indirectly financed by the grant, namely, in all communications, publications and scientific creations, as well as theses, carried out with the support provided for in the grant, mention must be made of financial support from FCT and LE@D under the budget FCT UIDB/04372/2020. The dissemination of research results funded under the Research Grants Regulation must comply with the open access rules for data, publications, and other research results in force at the FCT.

### **14. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL ACCESS POLICY**

LE@D, as a research unit funded by the FCT, promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, so that no candidate can be privileged, benefited, harmed or deprived of any right or exempt from any duty due, in particular, to of age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family situation, economic situation, education, social origin or condition, genetic heritage, reduced work capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic or racial origin, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and trade union membership.

### **15. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS:**

This call is governed by this Opening Notice, by the FCT Research Scholarship Regulation, approved by Regulation No. 950/2019, published in Diário da República, II Series on December 16, 2019, and subsequent updates.

Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16th (Legal regime for recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of higher education awarded by foreign higher education institutions);

Research Scholarship Statute approved by Law No. 40/2004 of August 18, in its current wording, and by other applicable national and community legislation.

Other legal statutes such as the Administrative Procedure Code (CPA), approved by Decree-Law No. 4/2015 of January 7. The opening notices of competitions for project financing and financing of R&D units and their respective regulations and financial execution norms also apply.

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## DECLARATION

(for the purposes of applying for a Research Scholarship integrated within the Distance Learning and eLearning Laboratory, Open University, funded by National Funds through the FCT, Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P., under the project UIDB/04372/2020)

For the purposes of complying with the provisions of numbers 4 and 5 of article 6 of the FCT Research Scholarship Regulations, I declare that:

- I have not entered into any Research Fellowship contract to date under the Research Fellowship Statute;
- To date I have entered into the following EBI Research Grant agreements:

Scholarship Typology	Start Date	End Date	Contracting Entity

I further declare that I meet the conditions of eligibility to join this scholarship, as required under the terms of the aforementioned regulation.

As it is true, I sign this declaration.

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Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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