

NOTICE OF COMPETITION FOR FOUR RESEARCH GRANT – DOCTORAL STUDENTS IN THE AREA OF LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS OR RELATED FIELDS – SINES NEXUS PROJECT

Bearing in mind Regulation No. 437/2020 on Research Grants of the Polytechnic Institute of Setúbal, published in the 2nd series of the Official Gazette No. 83, of April 28, it is made public that, by order of 26-02-2026 by the Vice-President of IPS Professor Carlos Manuel Severino da Mata, acting as substitute for the President, under the terms of decree no. 8530/2025, published in the 2nd series of the Official Gazette no. 140, of July 23., a competition is open for the award of **four Research Grant aimed at carrying out R&D activities** for candidates **enrolled in a PhD program, in the area of Logistics Management, Operational Management, Transportation and Logistics or related fields**, within the scope of the Sines Nexus project, financed through Recovery and Resilience Program (PRR) **with the period for receiving applications from 03-03-2026 to 16-03-2026**, in accordance with the following conditions:

- 1. Duration of the Scholarship** - The scholarship lasts for the minimum of three months, and cannot extend beyond the end of the Sines Nexus project (June 30, 2026).
- 2. Recipients** - The scholarship is intended for candidates with the following profile:
 - Students enrolled in doctoral programs in the areas of Logistics Management, Operational Management, Transportation, and Logistics, or related fields;
 - Knowledge of international transportation systems, preferably in the port area;
 - Sense of responsibility and ability to communicate and integrate into multidisciplinary work teams.
- 3. Financial component** - According to the Table, contained in Annex I to the FCT Scholarship Regulation, approved by Regulation No. 950/2019, published in the Diário da República, 2nd series of December 16 (updated version), the value of the Scholarship corresponds to **€ 1309,64** being paid monthly, by bank transfer.
- 4. Workplace** - The work will be carried out exclusively at the Marketing and Logistics Department of the School of Business Sciences under the scientific supervision of Professor Tiago Pinho.
- 5. Activity plan** - The candidate will perform functions in one of the Work Packages (WP) in which IPS is participating:

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- WP1 – Open Data Collaboration Platform and/or;
- WP2 – AI-Powered Nexus Applications and/or;
- WP3 – Smart Gates and Smart Terminals and/or;
- WP5 – Smart Logistics

6. Assessment and ranking criteria:

6.1. Curriculum and Motivational Letter Assessment (CV+ML) – (scale of 0-15 values)

a) Academic training (weighting of 0,30) - maximum 20 values

Enrollment in doctoral programs in the areas of Logistics Management, Operational Management, Transportation, and Logistics	20 val.
Enrollment in doctoral programs in related areas	15 val.
Enrollment in doctoral programs in other scientific areas	5 val.

b) Analysis of knowledge in digital transformation (weighting of 0,30) - maximum 20 values

With knowledge in the field of international transport systems in the port area (e.g., participation in research projects, communications, published articles)	20 val.
With knowledge in the field of international transport systems in the port area.	15 val.
Without knowledge in international transport systems in the port area.	5 val.

c) General analysis of the Curriculum Vitae (weighting 0,40) - maximum 20 values

Very good	20 val.
Good	15 val.

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Satisfies	10 val.
Does not satisfy	0 val.

d) General analysis of the Letter of Motivation (weighting 0,20) - maximum 20 values

Very good (presents motivational factors related to the activities to be performed as a scholarship recipient, duly framed within the role)	20 val.
Good	15 val.
Satisfies	10 val.
Does not satisfy	0 val.

- 6.2.** The classification of each candidate will be calculated by the sum of the values obtained in the **CURRICULAR EVALUATION**.
- 6.3.** The classification of each candidate will be calculated by the sum of the values obtained in the selection methods specified in the previous point and the ordering of the candidates will be expressed on a scale of 0 to 20 values, rounded to the nearest tenth.
- 6.4.** For the candidate to be admitted, they must achieve a minimum total classification of 9.5 values and must have obtained at least half of the maximum possible score in Curriculum Assessment method.
- 6.5.** Based on the final ranking list, a recruitment reserve will be created, which will be used to potentially hire successful candidates in the event of withdrawal from those placed in positions eligible for hiring.

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7. Application documents - The application must be accompanied by the following documentation:

- Letter of motivation addressed to the President of the IPS;
- Candidacy form;
- Detailed CV;
- Certificates of qualifications for academic degrees held;
- Proof of student status for the course and degree attended at a Portuguese Higher Education Institution, issued by the respective academic services;
- Documents and visas relating to residency in the national territory (for candidates without Portuguese citizenship or citizenship of another European Union member state).

8. How to submit your application - The application must be made by filling out the standard form, available on the IPS website, at www.ips.pt, and sent to bolsas.investigacao.dgp@ips.pt or through the address, Campus do IPS, Estefanilha, 2910 761 Setúbal, until the application deadline.

9. The jury is made up of:

President

Doctor Tiago Miguel Santa Rita Simões de Pinho, Coordinating Professor at the School of Business Sciences/IPS.

Effective vowels

Doctor Ana de Jesus Pereira Barreira Mendes, Coordinating Professor at the School of Business Sciences/IPS.

Doctor João Miguel Lemos Chasqueira Nabais, Coordinating Professor at the School of Business Sciences/IPS.

Substitute members

Doctor Nelson Jorge Gaudêncio Carriço, Adjunct Professor at the School of Technology of Barreiro/IPS.

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10. Applicable legislation and regulations - The scholarship is awarded under Law No. 40/2004 of August 18, in its updated version (Statute of the Scientific Research Fellow) and Regulation of Scholarships and Research of the Foundation for Science and Technology, available for consultation at <https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.pt>

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