

## Announcement of a Notice for Awarding of 3 PhD Research Scholarships

The R&D Unit Institute of Nanostructures, Nanomodeling and Nanofabrication (i3N), No. 50025, is opening a call for three research grants, referred to as PhD Research Grants, in the areas of Physics Engineering, Nanosciences and Nanotechnologies Engineering, and Physics under the FCT Research Fellowship Regulation (RBI) and the Research Fellowship Statute (EBI).

The grants will be financed by the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) under the Collaboration Protocol for Financing the Multi-Annual Plan for Research Grants for Doctoral Students, signed between FCT and the R&D Unit Institute of Nanostructures, Nanomodeling and Nanofabrication (i3N), No. 50025.

### 1. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

The contest is open from 16th September 2021, at 00:00h Lisbon time and 29th September 2021 at 23:59h Lisbon time.

Applications and documents supporting the application provided for in this Notice of Opening of the Competition must be submitted, mandatorily, through a computer platform sent <https://forms.gle/23QMfJH5WrSRapmt8> and with confirmation of sending to [cenimat.secretariado@fct.unl.pt](mailto:cenimat.secretariado@fct.unl.pt).

Each candidate may submit only one application, under penalty of cancellation of all submitted applications.

The provision of false declarations or the carrying out of acts of plagiarism on the part of the candidates are grounds for canceling the candidacy without prejudice to the adoption of other sanctioning measures.

### 2. TYPE AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The doctoral research grants are intended to finance the realization, by the grantee, of research activities leading to the attainment of the academic degree of doctor in Portuguese universities.

The research activities leading to the attainment of a doctoral degree will take place at i3N, which will be the host institution for the scholarship holders, without prejudice to the work being carried out in collaboration

between more than one institution.

The research activities leading to the attainment of the academic degree of Doctor of the selected scholarship holders must be framed in the activity plan and strategy of the Institute of Nanostructures, Nanomodeling and Nanofabrication (i3N), and must be developed within the scope of the following Doctoral Programs:

- Doctoral Program in Nanosciences and Nanotechnologies, Faculty of Sciences and Technology, Nova University of Lisbon – 1 Place;
- Doctoral Program in Physics Engineering or Doctoral Program in Physics (MAP-fis), from the University of Aveiro – 2 places;

Regarding the places for the Doctoral Programs in Engineering Physics and Physics (MAP-fis), at the University of Aveiro, the evaluation panel during the selection and evaluation of candidates will decide which doctoral program is best suited, according to the profile of the candidate.

The work plan may take place in full or in part at a national institution (scholarship in the country or mixed scholarship, respectively).

The duration of the scholarships is, as a rule, renewable up to a maximum of four years (48 months), and scholarships cannot be awarded for a period of less than 3 consecutive months.

In the case of the mixed scholarship, the period of the work plan that takes place in a foreign institution cannot exceed 24 months.

### **3. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

The PhD Research Scholarships are intended for registered candidates or candidates who meet the necessary conditions to enroll in one of the Doctoral Programs listed in point 2 of this Notice and who wish to develop research activities leading to the attainment of the academic degree of Doctor at Universidade Nova de Lisboa or Universidade de Aveiro, according to the respective doctoral programme.

### **4. ADMISSIBILITY**

#### **4.1 Candidate's Admissibility Requirements**

Can apply for this competition:

- National citizens or citizens of other Member States of the European Union;

- Citizens of third States;
- Stateless;
- Citizens who are beneficiaries of political refugee status.

To apply for the PhD Research Scholarship it is necessary to:

- Gather the admissibility conditions defined for the Doctoral Program in which you intend to frame the work plan;
- Be a master, and when applicable, in the scientific and related areas indicated as an additional requirement of admissibility in point 5;
- Residing in Portugal on a permanent and regular basis, if the work plan associated with the scholarship takes place, partially, in foreign institutions (mixed scholarships), a requirement applicable to both national and foreign citizens.
- Not having benefited from a doctoral or doctoral fellowship in companies directly financed by the FCT, regardless of its duration.
- Not holding a Doctor's degree.

#### 4.2 Application Admissibility Requirements

It is essential, under penalty of non-admission to the Contest, to attach the following documents to the application:

- a) Elements of the identity card/citizen card/passport;
- b) Candidate's Curriculum vitae (with a maximum of 10 pages), with reference to the Candidate's CiênciaVitae and ORCID, updated at the time of application;
- c) Certificates of qualification of the academic degrees held, specifying the final classification and, if possible, the classifications obtained in all subjects taken, or, alternatively, the candidate's declaration of honor that he completed the licentiate or master's degree up to the end of application deadline;
- d) Record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions and record of the conversion of the respective final classification to the Portuguese classification scale, or, alternatively, the candidate's declaration of honor that he obtained recognition of the foreign degree equivalent to the graduate or master until the end of the application period;
- e) Motivation letter (maximum 600 words);
- f) Presentation of two letters of recommendation.

Write the application and all associated documents, including letters of motivation and recommendation, in English.

Regarding the above mentioned admissibility requirements, the following should be noted:

- In the case of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions, and in order to ensure the application of the principle of equal treatment to candidates holding foreign and national academic degrees, it is mandatory to recognize these degrees and convert the respective final classification for the Portuguese rating scale.

Recognition of foreign academic degrees and diplomas, as well as the conversion of the final classification to the Portuguese classification scale, can be requested at any public higher education institution, or at the Directorate-General for Higher Education (DGES, only in the case of automatic recognition ). Regarding this matter, it is suggested to consult the DGES portal at the following address: <http://www.dges.gov.pt>.

- Only candidates who have completed the cycle of studies leading to a Bachelor's or Master's degree by the end of the application period will be admitted. If they do not yet have a certificate of course completion, a declaration of honor from the candidates that they have completed the necessary qualifications for the purposes of the competition will be accepted by the end of the application deadline. The granting of the grant is always dependent on the presentation of proof of ownership of the academic qualifications necessary for granting the grant.

## 5. WORK PLANS AND SCIENTIFIC ORIENTATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

### 5.1 Work plan requirements

The work plans must be framed in the doctoral programs mentioned in point 2 and duly aligned to the strategic areas of the Institute of Nanostructures, Nanomodeling and Nanofabrication:

- Sustainable micro and nanotechnologies
- Energy
- Nanomaterials engineering
- Biomedical engineering

The work plan submitted must contain the following components and must be written in English:

#### a) Title of the Work Plan

It should indicate:

- The title of the proposed work plan; it must be concise, understandable for a reader with general scientific training and suitable for public dissemination;
- Four to six keywords that best identify the content of the work plan.

**b) Summary (maximum 150 words)**

The summary is a summary of the candidate's work plan. A good summary must be clear and well-structured, showing that the candidate is able to summarize the object of study, objectives and main contributions.

**c) State of the Art (maximum 500 words)**

The State of the Art, or literature review, gathers, analyzes and discusses published information on the subject of the work plan. Its purpose is to theoretically support the object of investigation, referring to previous studies, which must be interrelated and confronted, especially if they are contradictory, as well as pointing out the originality of the proposal presented.

**d) Objectives (maximum 300 words)**

The main research questions and the objectives to be achieved with the development of the project must be described.

**e) Detailed Description (maximum 1000 words)**

The more detailed description of the work plan to be developed must demonstrate how the proposed objectives will be achieved. This description must provide all the fundamental elements to allow the analysis and evaluation by the panel, namely the methodological approach, the description of the tasks to be developed, their interdependencies and sequence, as well as the corresponding execution deadlines. It must also include a contingency plan indicating, in this case, how the unforeseen events that may eventually occur in the execution of the work plan can be overcome.

**f) Bibliographic References (maximum 30 references)**

The main bibliographical references that support the work plan must be indicated (maximum of 30), providing the necessary elements to the panel for its identification. The bibliographic list must be formatted consistently and in accordance with an approved scientific referencing style, such as the APA (American Psychological Association) standard.

**5.2 Scientific orientation of scholarships**

The supervisor and co-supervisor(s) who are responsible for monitoring and guiding the research work must be identified. Each application can only have a maximum of three advisors associated, one being the advisor (mandatory) and the other two co-advisors (one is mandatory, the other is optional). The supervisor and one of the co-supervisors must belong to the list of researchers included in the i3N application under the multi-annual funding of R&D units 2018 contest (See List of Researchers - [https://drive.google.com/file/d/15gW0qJ3N2DSbhQVI23\\_mwNG37XteJf8v/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15gW0qJ3N2DSbhQVI23_mwNG37XteJf8v/view?usp=sharing)) and must be from different poles, Nova University of Lisbon and University of Aveiro, in order to allow continuous and fruitful work with the scholarship holder.

Only the advisor will have to comment on the feasibility of the work plan, if the candidate declares that he intends to maintain a professional activity during the period of the scholarship.

Each advisor and co-advisor can only subscribe to one application.

## 6. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND BONUSES

### 6.1 Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation takes into account the candidate's merit, motivation and the merit of the work plan, including his contribution to the i3N strategic plan.

Applications considered admissible will be scored on a scale from zero (0,000 minimum classification) to five (5,000 maximum classification) in each of the following evaluation criteria:

- Criterion A – Merit of the candidate, with a weight of 50%;
  - Subcriterion A1 - Academic path, with a weight of 50%
  - Subcriterion A2 - Personal curriculum, with a weight of 40%
  - Subcriterion A3 - Motivation letter, with a weight of 10%
- Criterion B - Merit of the work plan, with a weight of 50%

For the purposes of the decision on the granting of scholarships, candidates will be ranked according to the weighted average of the classification obtained in each of the two criteria, translated by the following formula:

$$Final\ Classification = (0,5 \times A) + (0,5 \times B)$$

For tie-breaking purposes, the ranking of candidates will be based on the classifications given to each of the evaluation criteria in the following order of precedence: criterion A (Merit of the Candidate) and criterion B (Merit of the Work Plan).

In any of the evaluation criteria, ratings will be assigned to three decimal places. The values resulting from the application of any formulas specified in this guide will be rounded to the third decimal place, using the following rule: when the fourth decimal place is equal to or greater than 5 (five), it will be rounded up; when the fourth decimal place is less than 5 (five), the value of the third decimal place will be maintained.

Candidates whose application is evaluated with a final classification of less than three values (3,000) are not eligible for granting a scholarship.

- **Criterion A - Candidate Merit**

The candidate's merit, criterion A, with a 50% weighting, is evaluated in three sub-criteria: A1. Academic Path (which reflects the grades of academic degrees), with a weighting of 50% of the candidate's merit; A2. Personal Curriculum (which reflects the scientific and professional, and academic, when applicable), with a weighting of 40% of the candidate's merit; A3. Motivation letter, with a weighting of 10% of the candidate's merit. The classification of criterion A will be obtained by applying the following formula:

$$CriterionA = (0,5 \times A1) + (0,4 \times A2) + (0,1 \times A3)$$

- **Subcriterion A1 - Academic Pathway**

The score for this sub-criterion is calculated based on the final classifications contained in the academic degree certificates presented by the candidate in the application form: i) Degree + Masters / Integrated Masters ii) Degrees only or iii) Masters only, according to Table 1 .

Table 1. Reference table for defining the score for sub-criterion A1 - Academic Pathway

Licenciatura + Mestrado (pré- ou pós-Bolonha) ou Mestrado Integrado (300-360 créditos)		Licenciatura (180 créditos) (pré- ou pós-Bolonha)		Mestrado (90-120 créditos) (pré- ou pós-Bolonha)	
Classificação	Pontuação A1	Classificação	Pontuação A1	Classificação	Pontuação A1
≥ 18	5,0	≥ 17	3,5	≥ 17	3,0
17	4,5	16	3,0	16	2,5
16	4,0	15	2,5	15	2,0
15	3,5	14	2,0	14	1,5
14	3,0	<14	1,5	< 14	1,0
<14	2,5				

Note: the classification to be considered is the one shown in the respective degree certificates submitted in the application process. In cases of qualification certificates whose final classification is presented with decimal places, it will be rounded to the unit following the following rule: when the decimal place is equal to or greater than 5, it will be rounded up; when the decimal place is less than 5, the value will be maintained. In the case of calculating the simple arithmetic average between the degree grade and the master notas grade, the grades contained in the certificates will be considered (even if they have decimal places) and the rounding will be carried out after obtaining the result of such average.

**IMPORTANT: in case no valid degree certificates are submitted, the classification to be attributed to sub-criterion A1 will be zero (A1 = 0).**

In order to apply the scores provided for in Table 1, it is mandatory to submit, when applying, namely the documentation requested in paragraph c) of paragraph 4.2), with special attention to the marks described in paragraph 4.2), in the case of academic degrees awarded by institutions foreign higher education institutions.

For the purposes of applying Table 1, the following is considered:

- a) The final average of “degree + master's degree”, in a pre- or post-Bologna course, results from the simple arithmetic average of the final grade obtained in the 1st cycle ([180 ECTS credits])/degree and the final grade obtained in 2 .th cycle ([90-120 ECTS credits])/Master's, by applying the following formula:

$$\text{Média final (licenciatura +mestrado)} = \frac{\text{nota final 1.º ciclo (licenciatura)} + \text{nota final 2.º ciclo (mestrado)}}{2}$$

- b) In the case of integrated master's degrees awarded by institutions that do not issue certificates with a breakdown of the final classifications of 1st and 2nd cycles, the final classification entered in the degree certificate after completion of the study cycle is considered [300 to 360 credits (ECTS)].
- c) In the case of an integrated master's certificate [300-360 credits (ECTS)] and a pre-Bologna or 2nd cycle master's certificate, the final classification of the integrated master's will be considered.
- d) In the case of submission of only bachelor's or master's certificate(s), the classifications contained in the respective columns of Table 1 apply.
- e) When candidates present more than one comparable bachelor's and/or master's degree (equal number of ECTS credits), it is up to the panel to decide which academic degree(s) is most appropriate (m) to the work plan and which should, therefore, be counted for the calculation of the academic path classification (sub-criterion A1). For example, if a candidate presents a Bachelor's certificate and more than one Master's certificate, the panel should consider the Master's that best fits the work plan. However, if a candidate presents Integrated Master's and 2nd Cycle Master's certificates (without a Bachelor's or 1st Cycle of Studies certificate), the panel will have to consider the integrated Master's in the calculation of the classification of the course. academic, as indicated above. The evaluation panel must consider the other course(s) presented by the candidate in the evaluation of sub-criterion A2, valuing his/her personal curriculum. In either case, the methodology decided on and applied by the panel must be explained in the respective evaluation reports and minutes.
- f) For the purpose of calculating sub-criterion A1, certificates that specify only a qualitative classification (for example, pre-Bologna masters), will be converted in the terms expressed in Table 2, for the purposes of



calculating the final average (degree + master's degree) ) and consequent determination of the classification of the academic path (by applying Table 1).

**Tabela 2:** Tabela de conversão de classificações qualitativas

Classificação qualitativa	Classificação convertida
Excelente Muito Bom com Distinção Distinção e Louvor <i>Magna Cum Laude / Summa Cum Laude</i>	18
Muito Bom Aprovado com Distinção Bom com Distinção <i>Cum Laude</i>	16
Bom Aprovado / Aprovado por Unanimidade	14
Suficiente	12

Sub-criterion A1 will be assigned a classification of zero values (A1 = 0) in all cases that do not fall into the situations provided for in Table 1. Some examples are identified:

- a) When no certificate of qualifications attesting to either a bachelor's degree or a master's degree (national or foreign) are submitted in the application process;
- b) When both national certificates, bachelor's and master's, do not contain mention of the final classification obtained (neither qualitative nor quantitative);
- c) When both bachelor's and master's certificates obtained abroad are not recognized or the respective final classifications are not converted to the Portuguese classification scale.

o **Subcriterion A2 - Personal Curriculum**

In assessing this sub-criterion, evaluators must analyze and consider the candidate's curriculum in a holistic way, evaluating in an integrated manner the merits of their academic, scientific and professional path. In this analysis, the evaluators must consider the academic results that were not considered for the calculation of sub-criterion A1 - Academic Path (provided that the qualification certificates are attached to the application and, in the case of degrees obtained abroad, the respective degree recognition /equivalence) as well as the various dimensions of the curriculum that can demonstrate a relevant personal, scientific and professional path. Recommendation letters (mandatory submission documents) should also be considered, as well as the quality of the document that the candidate presented as the most representative and relevant in the their scientific/professional path.

The classification to be attributed in this sub-criterion must reflect a global and integrated vision of the candidate's personal curriculum and must be justified in a detailed, clear and consistent manner.

○ **Subcriterion A3 - Motivation Letter**

The classification to be attributed in this sub-criterion, with a weighting of 10%, must take into account the clarity with which the candidate identifies the reasons underlying his/her application and the maturity with which he/she faces the carrying out of the proposed research activities.

• **Criterion B - Work Plan Merits**

The Merit of the Work Plan, a criterion with a weighting of 50%, must be evaluated considering the following three sub-criteria:

B1 – Absolute merit of the Work Plan, with a weight of 75%;

B2 – Contribution to the i3N Strategic Plan, with the weight of 25%;

In the evaluation of sub-criterion B1 the clear definition of the objectives and research questions, the potential contribution of the research project to the knowledge and advancement of science and technology, as well as the relevance of the presented state of the art and the methodology should be valued. proposed research, taking into account its clarity, consistency and coherence, in accordance with internationally accepted standards. In sub-criterion B2, the potential contribution of the work plan to i3N's strategic objectives is considered.

**Important notice for candidates with degrees issued by foreign higher education institutions:**

- Applicants with diplomas issued by foreign higher education institutions can apply and will be evaluated with the same criteria as candidates with diplomas issued by Portuguese institutions, provided that they present, in their application, proof of recognition of academic degrees and conversion of the final rating for the Portuguese rating scale under the applicable legislation.
- Applicants with foreign diplomas who do not present proof of conversion of the final classification to the Portuguese classification scale will be evaluated with the minimum classification (0 points) in sub-criterion A1.
- In any case, scholarship contracts with candidates with diplomas issued by foreign institutions will only be concluded upon presentation of proof of recognition of academic degrees and conversion of the final classification, as indicated above.

## 6.2 Bonus

Candidates with a degree of disability equal to or greater than 90% will have a 20% bonus in Criterion A – Candidate Merit. Candidates who present a degree of incapacity equal to or greater than 60% and less than 90% will receive a 10% bonus in the same criterion. The degree of incapacity is obligatorily proven through the presentation, in application, of the Multipurpose Incapacity Certificate, issued under the terms of Decree-Law no. 202/96, of October 23, as amended.

## 7. EVALUATION

The candidate evaluation panel consists of the following elements:

- Elvira Fortunato, Faculty of Science and Technology, Nova University of Lisbon (coordinator of the panel);
- João Veloso, University of Aveiro (co-coordinator of the panel);
- António Luís Ferreira, University of Aveiro
- Armando Neves, University of Aveiro
- João Lemos Pinto, University of Aveiro
- João Paulo Borges, Faculty of Science and Technology, Nova University of Lisbon
- João Pedro Veiga, Faculty of Science and Technology, Nova University of Lisbon
- Maria Teresa Cidade, Faculty of Science and Technology, Nova University of Lisbon
- Pedro Barquinha, Faculty of Science and Technology, Nova University of Lisbon
- Ricardo Dias, University of Aveiro
- Rodrigo Martins, Faculty of Science and Technology, Nova University of Lisbon

The evaluation panel will assess the applications in accordance with the assessment criteria contained in this Notice of Opening of the Competition, considering the elements of assessment.

All members, including the coordinator and co-coordinator, commit to respecting a set of responsibilities essential to the evaluation process, such as the duties of impartiality, the declaration of any potential conflict of interest situations and confidentiality.

At all times during the evaluation process, confidentiality is fully protected and ensured in order to guarantee the independence of all opinions produced.

The members, including the coordinator and co-coordinator, cannot be advisors or co-advisors of candidates with applications submitted to the competition.

For each application, a final evaluation form will be produced by the panel where, in a clear, coherent and consistent manner, the arguments that led to the classifications attributed to each of the evaluation criteria and sub-criteria, also explaining any bonuses awarded.

Minutes will be produced from the meetings of the evaluation panel, under the responsibility of all its members.

The minutes and their attachments must include the following information:

- Name and affiliation of all evaluation panel members;
- Identification of all excluded applications and their respective reasons;
- Methodology adopted by the panel for cases considered to be particular;
- Final Assessment Forms for each candidate;
- Provisional ranking and ranking list of candidates, in descending order of the final ranking, of all applications evaluated by the panel;
- CDI statements from all panel members;
- Possible delegations of votes and powers due to justified absence.

## 8. DISCLOSURE OF RESULTS

The evaluation results are communicated via e-mail to the e-mail address used by the candidate to send the application/indicated in the application.

## 9. TERMS AND PROCEDURES FOR PRIOR HEARING, CLAIM AND APPEAL

After communicating the provisional list of the results of the evaluation, the candidates have a period of 10 working days to express their opinion during a preliminary hearing of interested parties, pursuant to articles 121 et seq. of the Code of Administrative Procedure.

The final decision will be rendered after the analysis of the statements presented during a prior hearing of interested parties. A complaint may be filed against the final decision within 15 working days, or, alternatively, an appeal may be filed within 30 working days, both counting from the respective notification. Candidates who choose to submit a complaint must address their statement to the member of the Board of Directors of the FCT with delegated competence. Candidates who choose to present an appeal must address the same to the FCT Board of Directors.

## 10. SCHOLARSHIP GRANT REQUIREMENTS

Research fellowship contracts are signed directly with the FCT.

The following documents must obligatorily be sent, when granting the scholarship, for the purposes of contracting:

- a) Copy of the civil, fiscal and, when applicable, social security identification document(s);
- b) Copy of the qualification certificates of the academic degrees held;
- c) Presentation of the registration of recognition of foreign academic degrees and conversion of the respective final classifications to the Portuguese classification scale, if applicable;
- d) Work Plan;
- e) Document proving enrollment and enrollment in one of the Doctoral Programs identified in this Notice;
- f) Declaration of the supervisor(s) assuming responsibility for supervising the work plan, pursuant to article 5-A of the Research Fellowship Statute (draft statement to be made available by the FCT);
- g) Document attesting the candidate's acceptance by the institution where the research activities will take place, guaranteeing the necessary conditions for its proper development, as well as compliance with the duties provided for in article 13 of the Research Fellowship Statute (draft statement to be made available by the FCT);
- h) Updated document proving compliance with the exclusive dedication regime (draft statement to be made available by the FCT).

The granting of the scholarship is still dependent on:

- compliance with the requirements set out in this Notice of Opening;
- the result of the scientific evaluation;
- the absence of unjustified non-compliance with the grantee's duties under the previous grant contract financed, directly or indirectly, by the FCT;
- FCT budget availability.

Failure to deliver any of the documents necessary to complete the grant contracting process, within 6 months from the date of communication of the decision to grant the grant conditional, implies the forfeiture of said grant and the closure of the process.

## 11. FINANCING

The payment of scholarships will start after the return, by the candidates, of the duly signed scholarship contract, which must occur within a maximum period of 15 working days from the date of receipt.

The grants awarded under this competition will be financed by the FCT with funds from the State Budget and, when eligible, with funds from the European Social Fund, to be made available under PORTUGAL2020, namely through the North Regional Operational Program (NORTH 2020 ), Regional Operational Program for the Center

(Centro 2020) and the Regional Operational Program for Alentejo (Alentejo 2020), in accordance with the regulatory provisions established for this purpose.

## 12. SCHOLARSHIP COMPONENTS

Scholarship holders are allocated a monthly maintenance allowance in accordance with the table in Annex I of the RBI.

The exchange may also include other components, under the terms set out in article 18 of the RBI and for the amounts provided for in its Annex II.

All scholarship holders benefit from a personal accident insurance for research activities, supported by the FCT.

All scholarship holders who are not covered by any social protection scheme can ensure the exercise of the right to social security by joining the voluntary social insurance scheme, under the terms of the Code of Contribution Schemes of the Social Security Social Security System, ensuring FCT the charges resulting from contributions under the terms and within the limits provided for in article 10 of the EBI.

## 13. PAYMENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP COMPONENTS

Payments due to the scholarship holder are made by bank transfer to the account identified by him. Payment of the monthly maintenance allowance is made on the first working day of each month.

Payments for the enrollment, enrollment or tuition fees are made by the FCT directly to the national institution where the scholarship holder is enrolled or enrolled in the PhD.

## 14. SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The renewal of the scholarship always depends on an application submitted by the scholarship holder, within 60 working days prior to the start date of the renewal, accompanied by the following documents:

- a) opinions issued by the supervisor(s) and by the host entity(ies) on the follow-up of the scholarship holder's work and the evaluation of his/her activities;
- b) updated document proving compliance with the exclusive dedication regime;
- c) document attesting to the renewal of enrollment in the study cycle leading to a doctoral degree.

## 15. INFORMATION AND ADVERTISING OF THE FINANCING 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, the mention of financial support from the FCT and the Fund must be expressed. European Social, namely through the North Regional Operational Program (NORTH 2020), the Center Regional Operational Program (Centro 2020) and the Alentejo Regional Operational Program (Alentejo 2020). For this purpose, the FCT, MCTES, FSE and EU insignia must be registered in the documents referring to these actions, according to the graphic norms of each operational program.

The dissemination of research results funded under the RBI must comply with the open access rules for data, publications and other research results in force in the FCT.

In all scholarships, and in particular in the case of actions supported by community funding, namely from the ESF, monitoring and control actions may be carried out by national and community bodies, in accordance with the applicable legislation in this matter, existing on the part of the supported scholarship holders the obligation of collaboration and provision of the requested information, which includes the carrying out of surveys and evaluation studies in this area, even if the grant has already ceased.

## 16. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL ACCESS POLICY

The FCT promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, whereby no candidate may be privileged, benefited, harmed or deprived of any right or exempt from any duty on grounds, namely, of ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family situation, economic situation, education, origin or social condition, genetic heritage, reduced work capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and affiliation union

## 17. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

The Competition is governed by this Opening Notice, by the FCT Research Grant Regulation, approved by Regulation No. 950/2019, published in the II Series of the DR of December 16, 2019, by the Research Fellowship Statute approved by Law No. 40/2004, of August 18, as amended, and by other applicable national and community legislation.