

APPLICATION GUIDE

STIMULUS OF SCIENTIFIC EMPLOYMENT, INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT (CEEC IND) 4th EDITION



INTRODUCTION

This guide is intended to support you through the application process to the 4th Call for the Stimulus of Scientific Employment Individual Support and to help you prepare and submit a successful application.

The guide draws on information available in the FCT website, in the section for the Stimulus of Scientific Employment Individual Support, namely the legal documents setting the rules and conditions for this call: the Regulations governing the funding of Stimulus of Scientific Employment Individual Support (REC) and the Official Announcement (in Portuguese).

PRIOR TO SUBMISSION

Who may submit an application?

PhD holders of any nationality or stateless with a background in any scientific area who wish to develop scientific research or technological development activity in Portugal.

Applications to the Stimulus of Scientific Employment – Individual Support Grant are submitted individually. However you will need the acceptance of your hosting institution regarding your contracting and the commitment to the submitted R&D program. After submission of your application, the host institution must confirm and associate to your application.

The entire application should be written in English.

Registration

First of all, you need to register on the CIÊNCIA ID platform:

CIÊNCIA ID - www.ciencia-id.pt

The CIÊNCIA ID platform allows you to have access, with only a single account, to the science services which are essential for the submission of your application, namely your curriculum vitae:

CIÊNCIAVITAE - https://cienciavitae.pt/

The CV of the applicants used for the evaluation will be exclusively obtained through this platform.

MyFCT website - https://myfct.fct.pt/

The platform MyFCT supports the funding cycle in all its phases: application, evaluation, approval and funding management in one single system. You will submit your application using this platform.

Please note that the credentials generated by the CIÊNCIA ID platform (your CIÊNCIA ID) give you access to the MyFCT application platform and to the CIÊNCIAVITAE platform where you need to complete all the information regarding your CV.



What you should know before submitting an application

Official announcement and regulations

Before starting to prepare your application, make sure that you are well informed on the regulations governing this call by reading the <u>supporting documents</u>, including the legal documents.

The terms of admissibility, as well as the rules and requirements of the different phases of the application process, are set forth in the following documents:

- Evaluation Guide to the 4th Edition of Stimulus of Scientific Employment, Individual Support Call, which establishes the general terms for evaluation under which funding may be granted.
- **REC**, which establishes the general terms under which funding may be granted.
- Official Announcement for the 4th Edition of the Stimulus of Scientific Employment, Individual Support Call, which sets forth the technical and legal conditions not defined in the regulations or specifies the general terms set forth in the regulations.
- Decree Law No. 57/2016 of 29 August (modified by Law No. 57/2017, of 24 July) that establishes the legal framework for contracting PhD holders.

The application to the 4th edition of the Stimulus of Scientific Employment, Individual Support Grant will require that you log in to the MyFCT platform. After logging in, you will access the application form which is organised in the following sections:

- Personal Data
- Application Data
- Motivation Letter
- CV Synopsis
- Interruption in Scientific Activity
- Research Plan
- Host Institution
- Application Validation and Submission

General recommendations

- Prepare your application carefully and timely.
- Read carefully the instructions provided in this guide and in the application form itself. Make sure that you have read through all the documents available on the FCT website regarding this call.
- Only contact FCT after reading the documents.
- Learn about the structure of the application form before you begin filling it in. Read all the sections of the application form in advance so that you will have an idea of what is being asked for and to give yourself time to gather all the information required for submission.
- As an applicant to the 4th edition of Stimulus of Scientific Employment, Individual Support Grant, you
 will have to gather information from the host institution of your choice. You will also need to discuss
 and negotiate the terms and conditions that the host institution will provide to ensure the
 implementation of your research plan. We strongly advise that you prepare this information as early
 as possible.
- Visit the FCT website regularly for updated information on Stimulus of Scientific Employment,
 Individual Support



- Please bear in mind that the CIÊNCIAVITAE is required for your application. Make sure it is updated
 in English and the privacy level is selected to public or semi-public before associating it with your
 application.
- Choose with special attention the keywords that best characterise your application, given their
 importance in the evaluation process. A repetition of the words from the application title should be
 avoided.
- Do not assume that the form and rules for submission of this application are the same as those used by other funding agencies, neither as those from other FCT programs nor as someone else told you about.
- Read and interpret the error messages carefully and proceed accordingly. It is much faster to do this
 than to contact FCT to report these messages. The system provides an explanation for each error
 that is detected, when you try to validate and submit your application.
- Do not wait until the last minute to make corrections in your application. There is a **final verification** process before submission.
- You should plan and complete your application process as early as possible. Only in this way you can ensure that FCT will be able to provide you with the best possible assistance you may need.

How to direct questions to FCT

All contacts and the information to be disclosed by FCT will only be via the email **info.ec@fct.pt**. Any queries shall also be sent to this email address, namely information regarding the contents of the application form and questions related to technical aspects of the website. **Before contacting FCT, read all the documents carefully**.

Please note that FCT does not guarantee that emails received during the last two (2) working days of the call will be answered in time.

How to write a successful application

A clear and informative synopsis of the scientific and curricular path and of the results obtained in the last 5 years is crucial for a successful application. The motivation letter is also important. Write in such a way as to convince a top expert in your field that you and your ideas deserve to be funded. You should also point out the importance of your research plan in terms of specific national interests or international relevance, namely regarding the goals of the <u>2030 Agenda</u> (UN Goals for Sustainable Development). It is also important to show the fit of your research plan to the research strategy of the selected host institution.

Read the evaluation criteria referred in the Evaluation Guide carefully to understand how the application will be evaluated and make sure that your application addresses those crucial points.

SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

Attention: you can submit only one application.

PhD holders with a legal employment relationship for an indefinite period with any institution of the Portuguese System of Science and Technology, namely research centres, national laboratories, associate laboratories, collaboratories, technology interface centres, science and technology infrastructures



and science and technology consortiums and networks, whose object or content may include scientific research activities, **cannot be applicants**.

Please note that this query is presented when you start the application: you will have to declare that you do not have a contract under the abovementioned conditions.

The application form sections

The application form is organised in sections, some of which are mandatory and some others optional. The sections that you will need to fill in are the following:

1. Personal Data

Applicant

Name

Surname

Email

Gender

Birth Date

Nationality

Identification Card Type

Identification Card Number

Curriculum Vitae

CIÊNCIAVITAE

PhD Degree

Completion Date

PhD graduation country

PhD graduation institution

Upload of the PhD certificate

Upload of the document certifying the PhD degree in Portugal (optional)

Disability Degree

Declaration of disability (optional)

Upload proof of your degree of disability

2. Application Data

General Description

Research contract level

Title of the research plan

Abstract

Keywords

Main Scientific Area

Secondary Scientific Area

Subarea

Evaluation Panel

Current institution (optional)



Opposed Reviewers (optional)

Evaluator Name Evaluator Institution Justification

Motivation letter

CV Synopsis

Synopsis of the scientific and curricular path Major activities and results The top five scientific achievements

Interruption of Scientific Activity (optional)

Maternity

Number of days of interruption Justification to the interruptions

Paternity

Number of days of interruption Justification to the interruptions

Serious illness

Number of days of interruption Justification to the interruptions

Other interruptions

Number of days of interruption Justification to the interruptions

3. Research Plan

Background

Research plan and methods

Expected outcomes

Ethical issues (If applicable)

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (2030 Agenda)

Compliance with the goals of the 2030 Agenda

References

4. Host institution

Selection of the host institution Description of the host conditions Integration of the research plan into the host institution's strategy

5. Application Validation and Submission

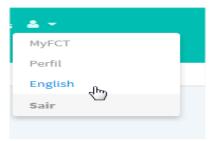


Application form

In the following subsections of this guide you will find a more detailed description of the contents requested in each section of the application form. Many of the fields in the form have a limit of characters. You will not be able to submit text with more characters than those allowed. Only plain text is allowed. Any link or other form of presenting information will be disregarded.

When you access this menu for the first time after registering your application, the reference code for the application is automatically generated. This will be **FCT's unique identification code for the application** until all sections are completed.

The first thing to do after accessing the application form is to choose the interaction language of the platform (Portuguese or English), on the top right corner of the screen, as shown below. By default, the platform will be in Portuguese, so all the error and warning messages will be in Portuguese if you do not switch it to English.



Updates to the application form are not saved automatically. Please save every update to avoid losing information.

The various sections can be accessed from the left-hand side menu bar.

At this stage you will have to fill in the following:

1. Personal Data

Applicant

This section corresponds to the applicant's personal data. All the fields are directly imported from your CIÊNCIA ID account: Name; Surname; Email address; Gender; Birth date; Nationality; Identification card type; identification card number.

Please update your CIÊNCIA ID if you wish to update any of your personal data.

Curriculum Vitae

Your CV can only be associated using the CIÊNCIAVITAE platform. Please complete your CV (in English) before associating it to the application form.

Please bear in mind that the CV is crucial to the application evaluation, as it allows to assess the merit of candidate which corresponds to 70% of the weight of the total evaluation of the application.



You need to give permission to FCT to access your ClÊNCIAVITAE, before associating your CV with the application. By granting this permission, FCT will have access to the subsets of your CV with Public and Semi-public access levels. Subsets kept at a private access level will not be available for evaluation – please check the ClÊNCIAVITAE Guide.

The button 'Give FCT access' is visible in the Curriculum Vitae initial menu; when this button is selected, the system opens the CIENCIAVITAE platform. When you return to the application form, this button will be inactive.



Remember to give FCT the access to the contents of each section by selecting the privacy level to Public or Semi-public.

By selecting 'Obtain CV (CienciaVitae)', your CV will be immediately associated with the application form (in PDF format). When the process of obtaining the CV is finished, this file will be available on the application form; a link will appear with the associated CV PDF file, indicating the date and time.



You should check your CV PDF file to confirm that all the CIENCIAVITAE information is available to the evaluation panel.

Please be aware that any updates to your CV will necessarily imply selecting 'Get C.V. (CienciaVitae)' again. This means that any updates to the CV content must be made through the CIENCIAVITAE platform; to consolidate the update, it is mandatory to remove the document previously associated, in order to be able to add the new CV version to the application.

PhD Degree

Date of PhD completion

Please indicate the exact date in which you have concluded your PhD (dd-mm-yyyy). Please note that this date will determine to which level you can apply (see below the section Research contract level).

PhD graduation country

Please select the country from the dropdown menu.

PhD graduation institution

Please select the institution where you obtained your PhD from the drop-down menu.



If the institution is not in this list, please add it by completing the fields below:

Institution

City

Upload of the PhD certificate

It is mandatory to upload the PhD certificate with the date of completion; if it is not possible to present it at the time of the application, you may submit a statement from the institution that conferred the PhD degree confirming its achievement and the respective date of completion. This information on the date of PhD completion is essential for the validation of your application. The PhD certificate will be necessary at the contracting stage.

Upload of the document certifying the PhD degree in Portugal

If you obtained the **PhD outside Portugal, it is mandatory to recognise this title in Portugal.** In order to comply with what is foreseen in the applicable Portuguese legislation concerning the recognition of foreign qualifications, all the rights inherent to PhD degrees granted by foreign higher education institutions are duly recognised to the holders of these degrees, subject to the presentation of proof of recognition of PhD degrees requested to the Vice-Chancellor of a public Portuguese University, to the Head of a public Polytechnic Institute or to the Director-General for Higher Education (process regulated by Decree Law No. 66/2018, of 16 August).

If you do not hold a document attesting that your PhD is recognised in Portugal, your application will be conditionally accepted. In case of being recommended for funding, you must present the recognition of your PhD degree in Portugal when signing the contract with your host institution.

Declaration of disability (if applicable)

In this section, you should state your degree of disability. The quota system for the employment of people with disabilities, with a degree of incapacity of 60% or more, is laid down in the current version of Decree-Law 29/2001, of February 3.

The reference to Decree-Law 29/2001, in the Announcement of the Call, determines the number of positions reserved for applicants with a degree of incapacity of 60% or more.

Upload proof of your degree of disability

If you wish to be considered under the quota for incapacity degree greater than or equal to 60%, you must upload the Declaration of Disability.

2. Application Data

General Description

Research contract level

From the drop-down menu indicate which of the 4 levels you are applying to:



- **Junior researcher:** PhD holders for 5 or less years ¹, with limited post-doctoral research experience in the scientific area of the application;
- Assistant researcher: PhD holders for over 5 years², with relevant curriculum in the scientific area of the application, but with limited scientific independence;
- **Principal researcher:** PhD holders for over 5 years², with relevant *curriculum* in the scientific area of the application, demonstrating scientific independence for the last 3 years;
- Coordinating researcher: PhD holders for over 5 years ², holders of a title of agregação or habilitação in Portugal until the closing date of the call, with a curriculum of high merit, and demonstrating scientific independence and leadership in the scientific area of the application.

Research independence is demonstrated through scientific competence, originality, and international recognition, by experience in doctoral or post-doctoral supervision, or by the competitive research funds attracted at national and/or international level.

Scientific leadership is demonstrated through innovative research and technological development of recognised merit and quality, contribution to the advancement of knowledge or its application, and through the acknowledgement of her/his role as a national or international reference in her/his scientific area. Examples of scientific leadership include the coordination of research groups or centers, of international research projects, or the delivery of plenary talks in international conferences or other relevant events.

Each applicant can only submit one application. The applicant is responsible to choose the most suitable research contract level to which s/he applies. The evaluation panel may take into consideration an eventual mismatch of the application in relation to the contracting level, e.g., an applicant applying for an assistant researcher position but already having research seniority and scientific independence, and therefore penalize the evaluation due to applicant's misjudgement.

If you selected **Coordinating researcher you must have been awarded the title of agregado or habilitado in Portugal until the closing date of the call** and submit proof of holding this title at the time of submission.

¹ Please note that to apply to the Junior level your PhD must have been concluded between 27/02/2016 and 26/02/2021, except if you had interruptions in your scientific activity due to maternity/paternity leave and/or serious illness.

² Please note that to apply to the Assistant/Principal or Coordinating level your PhD must have been concluded until 26/02/2016.



Title of the research plan

(Maximum 255 characters)

The title should be brief, informative, understandable to a reader with a general scientific background and suitable for public dissemination.

Abstract

(Maximum 3000 characters)

Please provide a brief summary of your application.

The abstract will be used by FCT for public dissemination. Please take this information into account when preparing this text.

Keywords

Please **list 5 keywords** (mandatory). The keywords are likely to be used in the peer-review process of your application and should accurately reflect the scientific content of your application. This is particularly important for interdisciplinary applications. A repetition of the words contained in the title should be avoided.

Main and secondary scientific areas and respective subareas » Evaluation Panel

The applicant shall choose the main and secondary scientific areas and the corresponding subarea more related with the topic of the proposed research plan. The secondary scientific area and subsequent subarea depend on the initial choice of the main scientific area. The subarea may be chosen from the list or manually added (choosing the option "Other"). Your application will be assessed by a given evaluation panel as a result of these choices. **Further details on areas and evaluation panels are available on Appendix I**.

Are you currently affiliated with any institution?

Please indicate if you are currently affiliated with any institution or not. If yes, please indicate the country and the name of that institution.

Current Institution country (if applicable)

Please select the country from the dropdown menu.

Current Institution (if applicable)

Please enter the University and the Centre or Laboratory you are currently affiliated with.



Opposed Reviewers (optional)

(Maximum 2000 characters)

In this section, you may name up to three reviewers that you would like not to assess your application. Please indicate the name, institution and the reason. All fields are mandatory for each opposed reviewer. State the reason for such request in a maximum of 2000 characters.

Motivation letter

(Maximum 3 000 characters)

The motivation letter should clarify the drivers for your application. This field should include up to two of the main contributions in the last 5 years and the expected future main contributions.

CV Synopsis

Writing a clear and informative synopsis is crucial in preparing a successful application. The synopsis comprises two major fields: Synopsis of the scientific and curricular path and Main activities and results obtained in the last 5 years.

Synopsis of the scientific and curricular path

(Maximum 3 000 characters)

The synopsis of your scientific and curricular path should be written in a narrative form and clearly focused on the last 5 years, with the following exceptions:

- Junior researchers with less than 5 years of scientific activity;
- Researchers who have interrupted their scientific activity due to maternity/paternity leave and/or serious illness, as well as other interruptions.
 In these situations, you should describe your synopsis focused in the last 5 working years of scientific activity.

Indicators of research independence and/or of scientific leadership should be mentioned, if applicable.

Major activities and results

(Maximum 2 000 characters)

In this box you should describe your main contributions of the last 5 years using objective indicators and substantive arguments. For each one indicate how it has contributed to the advancement of knowledge in a given scientific area and specify your own contribution.

You should emphasize the scientific, technological, cultural or artistic achievements and the applied research or research based in practice that you consider as most relevant or more



impactful, as well as your internationalization degree. Other relevant achievements may include competitive funding from national and international funding agencies (you should indicate the main funder and the amount of funding), patents (please distinguish between filed and granted patents), chapters in books, performances and exhibitions (to the extent that they embody research), supervision activities and prizes, honours and awards. Other activities, such as management of science, technology and innovation programmes or projects, scientific supervision and outreach activities and dissemination of knowledge, namely for the promotion of culture and scientific practices, should be highlighted if considered relevant.

The top five scientific achievements

(Maximum 350 characters - for each)

Please list a maximum of 5 scientific achievements that best describe your activities over the last 5 years.

Interruption in scientific activity (If applicable)

According to the conditions of this call, when counting the years after having obtained a PhD degree, the career interruptions that can be considered eligible to apply to the Junior Research level are the following:

- i) **Maternity:** the number of years after obtaining the PhD is reduced in 18 months per child (before or after PhD completion), supported by birth certificate(s) or any other official document that relates the mother and the child(ren).
- ii) **Paternity:** the number of years after obtaining the PhD is reduced for the period of the paternity leave taken per child as defined in the legislation(before or after PhD completion).

You must submit an official document from the employer certifying the reason and the period, with the starting and ending dates, per leave; an official document proving the paternity leave benefits can also be accepted (with starting and ending dates). For interruptions that happened over several periods you need to present proof of all of them with the starting and ending dates.

iii) **Serious illness**: the period of this interruption has to be longer than ninety days, after PhD completion.

You must submit an official document certifying the reason and period, with starting and ending dates, per interruption.

All these circumstances need to be properly documented and shall not result in a cumulative reduction of more than 4 years and 6 months.

Maternity

You should select this option if you have interrupted your scientific activity due to maternity leave (you must introduce one interruption for each child).



Justification to the interruptions

(Maximum 500 characters)

In this box you should explain to the evaluation panel how the interruption(s) has impacted your scientific activity.

Number of days of interruption:

This field filled in automatically with 18 months per maternity leave (540 days).

You must upload proof of that interruption.

Paternity

You should select this option if you have interrupted your scientific activity due to paternity leave, (you must introduce one interruption for each child).

Justification to the interruptions

(Maximum 500 characters)

In this box you should explain to the evaluation panel how the interruption(s) has impacted your scientific activity.

Number of days of interruption

Please indicate the number of days of this interruption.

You must upload proof of that interruption.

Serious illness

You should select this option if you have interrupted your scientific activity due to serious illness.

Justification to the interruptions

(Maximum 500 characters)

In this box you should explain to the evaluation panel how the interruption(s) has impacted your scientific activity.

Number of days of interruption

Please indicate the number of days of this interruption.

You must upload proof of that interruption.

Other interruptions

You should select this option if you have another interruption in your scientific activity that you would like to explain to the evaluation panel.



Justification to the interruptions

(Maximum 500 characters)

In this box you should clearly explain to the evaluation panel the reason for the interruption and how it has impacted your scientific activity.

Number of days of interruption

Please indicate the number of days of this interruption.

You must upload proof of that interruption.

3. Research plan

The proposed research plan should be designed for a 6-year period, which is the maximum duration of the research work contracts.

Use the six text boxes in this section to present your research plan. The following points should be addressed:

Background

(Maximum 3 000 characters)

You should provide an overview of your research field, include references to your previous work, present the state of the art, and explain the innovative nature of your research plan.

Research plan and methods

(Maximum 5 000 characters)

Describe **research plan and methods**. You should identify the major scientific question you wish to address and the objectives of your research plan. Include hypotheses and list specific aims and objectives that will be used to address the hypotheses. Provide a general description of the approach used to reach the aims. Consider possible limitations and propose alternative approaches.

Expected outcomes

(Maximum 2 000 characters)

Refer to the expected outcomes and impact of your research plan, and how this will influence your career development and the scientific strategy of the host institution. If you consider that your research is an example of excellence that will contribute to society and to the economy, this should be mentioned. If activities of scientific dissemination are also included in your research plan, and you plan organizing them, you should describe your ideas.



Ethical issues (If applicable)

(Maximum 2 000 characters)

In this section, you should clearly identify possible ethical issues related with the research plan activities and results.

Please explain to the evaluation panel ethical issues that may exist concerning the research plan activities and results and how they will be addressed. Use the ethics self-assessment guide provided in the Stimulus of Scientific Employment, Individual Support section of the FCT website.

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (2030 Agenda)

Please point up to two of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (2030 Agenda) and clearly identify them in the research plan.

All information about the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (2030 Agenda) is available at: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld

Compliance with the goals of the 2030 Agenda

(Maximum 800 characters)

Present a brief explanation of the research plan alignment with the sustainable development goals of the UN 2030 Agenda.

References

(Maximum 3 000 characters)

List the references cited within the application.

4. Host institution

The host institution can be any institution integrated in the Portuguese System of Science and Technology, namely R&D institutions, such as research centres, national laboratories, associate laboratories, collaborative laboratories, technology interface centres, science and technology infrastructures, and science and technology consortium and networks.

For host institutions without legal personality, the institution with legal personality in which they are integrated will be the legal representative.

Please note that the FCT online platform <u>Portal de Ciência e Tecnologia (PCT)</u> has a designated area where the host institution should confirm its association with the application and its support to the applicant's research plan.



The host institution needs to provide a binding statement that the conditions for independence already exist or will be made available to the applicant should the application be funded. Applications that do not include this institutional statement will not be considered for evaluation.

Select the host institution

This section identifies the institution where you wish to develop your research plan.

To add a host institution, you can start by typing the first few letters of the name of the institution (in Portuguese), then choose the desired institution of those available in the drop-down menu. Please verify the correct name of your host institution from the drop-down menu. If you cannot find the intended host institution, first confirm with your institution's contact point the institution's full name on FCT database.

Shall you need to add an institution, please contact FCT (<u>info.ec@fct.pt</u>). You must indicate the full name of the institution, along with the name and contact of the institution's responsible person. FCT can only guarantee the inclusion of new institutions up to 3 working days before the deadline.

Please note that the application will not be considered for evaluation if the host institution does not confirm its association to the application from March 1 until 5pm (Lisbon time) of March 19, 2021.

It is the responsibility of the host institution to designate the legal organisation that will formally sign the contracts with FCT and with the researcher.

Description of the host conditions

(Maximum 800 characters)

You should also specify the conditions that are available or will be made available to ensure that you may successfully complete your research plan. This information will be made available to the host institution that will need to confirm it.

Integration of the research plan into the host institution's strategy

(Maximum 800 characters)

In this field it is required to clarify what is the role of the host institution. You should also explain how your proposed research plan fits into the overall research strategy of the host institutions and how it will contribute to its planned research objectives.

5. Application validation and submission

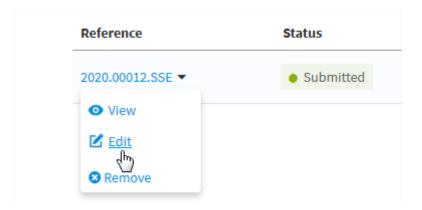
The submission of the application is preceded by an automatic procedure that validates the application and checks for errors. Please note that this verification process is only possible when you



get to the 'Validate and Submit' menu. Should you have any errors, the submission will not go forward.

After the application is completed, click on "Validate and Submit" to validate the entire application. When no errors are detected, you will need to confirm that you wish to submit the application. If there are errors, a list of detected errors is generated on the application form showing the section(s) and field(s) where they occurred, along with a brief description of the problem.

During the application period, from January 29 until 5pm (Lisbon time) of February 26, 2021, the applicant may reopen/edit/resubmit the application as many times as s/he wants. To reopen the application, go to 'My Applications', select the reference and edit (see the image below). Finish by resubmitting the application. Please bear in mind that it is the applicant's responsibility to submit the proposal on time.



After the application deadline (February 26, 2021 – 5pm Lisbon time) you will no longer have access to the application form nor will you be allowed to make any further changes, but you may view its contents in the overview of the application.

Please note that only the applications submitted within the deadline will be valid.

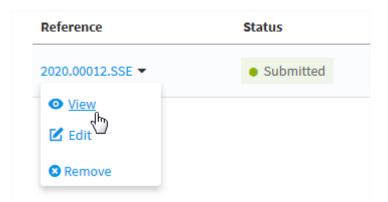
The application submission will generate two automatic e-mails: one to the individual applicant who submitted the application and a second one to the legal representative of the host institution, confirming submission of the application.

Please note that the application will not be considered if the host institution does not confirm its association to the application (from March 1 until 5pm (Lisbon time) of March 19, 2021.

Application overview

The overview of the application displays the contents of the application fields in a single window, which includes the files attached to the application form (see the image below).





You may use overview mode during the application period to check any details related to the application.

A pdf file with all the information submitted in the application form will be available for download after the closure of this call.



APPENDIX I - MAIN AND SECONDARY SCIENTIFIC AREAS, CORRESPONDING **SUBAREAS AND EVALUATION PANELS**

This appendix lists the main and secondary scientific areas and the corresponding subareas, adapted from the OECD's revised Field of Science and Technology Classification - FOS, as well as the respective Evaluation Panels. Each evaluation Panel is responsible for the applications from a set of scientific subareas.

| Main Scientific Area | Secondary Scientific Area | Subarea | Evaluation Panel |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| | | Pure Mathematics | |
| | | Applied Mathematics | |
| | Mathematics | Statistics and Probability | |
| | | Other, please specify: | Mathematics and |
| | | Computer Sciences | Computer and |
| | | Information Sciences | Information Sciences |
| | Computer and information sciences | Bioinformatics | |
| | sciences | Informatics | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Atomic, Molecular and Chemical Physics | |
| | Physical Sciences | Condensed Matter Physics | |
| | | Particles Physics | Physical Sciences |
| | | Nuclear Physics | |
| Exact Sciences | | Fluids and Plasma Physics | |
| | | Optics | |
| | | Acoustics | |
| | | Astronomy | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Organic Chemistry | |
| | | Inorganic Chemistry | |
| | | Physical Chemistry | Chemical Sciences |
| | | Polymer Science | |
| | Chemical Sciences | Electrochemistry | |
| | Chemical Sciences | Colloid Chemistry | - Chemical Sciences |
| | | Analytical Chemistry | |
| | | Nuclear Chemistry | |
| | | Medicinal Chemistry | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |



| Main Scientific Area | Secondary Scientific Area | Subarea | Evaluation Panel |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| | | Geosciences, Multidisciplinary | |
| | | Mineralogy | |
| | | Paleontology | |
| | | Geochemistry | |
| | | Physical Geography | |
| | | Geology | |
| | Earth and Related | Volcanology | Earth and Environmental |
| | Environmental Sciences | Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences | Sciences |
| | | Climatic Research | |
| | | Oceanography, Hydrology and Water Resources | |
| | | Geophysics | |
| | | Environmental Sciences | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Cell Biology | |
| | | Biochemistry | |
| Natural Sciences | | Biochemical Research Methods | |
| | | Microbiology | |
| | | Molecular Biology | |
| | Biological Sciences | Biophysics | Experimental Biology and |
| | biological sciences | Genetics and Heredity | Biochemistry |
| | | Reproductive Biology | |
| | | Virology | |
| | | Developmental Biology | |
| | | Other subarea of Experimental Biology and Biochemistry, please specify: | |
| | | Plant Sciences and Botany Zoology, Ornithology, Entomology | |
| | Biological Sciences | Marine Biology, Freshwater Biology and Limnology | Biological Sciences |
| | | Ecology | |
| | | Biodiversity Conservation | |
| | | Biology (Theoretical, Mathematical) | |



| Evolutionary | Biology | |
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| Behavioural S | Sciences Biology | |
| Mycology | | |
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| | Mycology Other subare | Mycology Other subarea of Biological Sciences, please specify: |



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| | | Civil Engineering | |
| | | Architecture Engineering | |
| | | Construction Engineering | Civil and Mechanical |
| | Civil Engineering | Transport Engineering | Engineering and Engineering Systems |
| | | Municipal and Structural Engineering | Engineering Systems |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Electrical and Electronic Engineering | |
| | | Robotics | |
| | Electrical Engineering, | Automation and Control Systems | |
| | Electronic Engineering, Information Engineering | Communication Engineering and Systems | Electrical, Electronic and Information Engineering |
| | | Telecommunications | |
| | | Computer Hardware and Architecture | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Mechanical Engineering | |
| Engineering and Technology | | Applied Mechanics | Civil and Mechanical |
| | | Thermodynamics | |
| | | Aerospace Engineering | |
| | Mechanical Engineering | Nuclear Engineering | Engineering and |
| | | Audio Engineering and Reliability Analysis | Engineering Systems |
| | | Engineering Systems | |
| | | Renewable Energies | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | Chemical Engineering | Chemical Engineering Chemical Process Engineering | |
| | | Other, please specify: | Chemical Engineering |
| | | Materials Engineering | |
| | | Ceramics | |
| | | Coating and Films | Materials Engineering and |
| | Materials Engineering | Composites | Materials Engineering and Nanotechnology |
| | | Paper and Wood | |
| | | Textiles | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |



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| | Medical Engineering | Medical Engineering and Biomedical Engineering | Medical Engineering and |
| | | Laboratory Technology | Biotechnology |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Environmental Engineering | |
| | | Geotechnics | |
| | | Petroleum Engineering, Energy and Fuels | |
| | | Remote Sensing | |
| | Environmental Engineering | Mining and Mineral Processing | |
| | | Geological Engineering | |
| | | Marine Engineering, Sea Vessels | |
| | | Ocean Engineering | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Environmental | |
| | | Biotechnology | Environmental Biotechnology and |
| | | Bioremediation, Diagnostic Biotechnologies (DNA Chips | Engineering and Industrial |
| | Environmental | and Biosensing Devices) in | Biotechnology |
| | Biotechnology | Environmental Management | |
| | | Environmental Biotechnology related Ethics | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | other, preuse speety. | |
| | | Industrial Biotechnology | |
| | | Bioprocessing Technologies, Biocatalysis and | |
| | | Fermentation | |
| | Industrial Biotechnology | Bioproducts, Biomaterials, | |
| | | Bioplastics, Biofuels, Bio- derived Bulk and Fine | |
| | | Chemicals and Bio-derived | |
| | | Novel Materials | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Nanomaterials | |
| | Nanotechnology | Nanoprocesses | |
| | | Nano-Optics and | Materials Engineering and |
| | | Nanophotonics | Nanotechnology |
| | | Modelling at Nanoscale | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |



| Anatomy and Morphology Human Genetics Immunology Neurosciences Pharmacology Toxicology Physiology Physiology Pathology Oncobiology Other, pleose specify: Andrology Obstetrics and Gynecology Paediatrics Cardiac and Cardiovascular System Peripheral Vascular Disease Haematology Respiratory Systems Critical Care Medicine and Emergency Medicine Anaesthesiology Orthopaedics Surgery Radiology, Nuclear Medicine and Medicine and Medical Imaging Transplantation Dentistry, Oral Surgery and Medicine Dermatology Infectious Diseases Allergology Rheumatology Endocrinology and Metabolism Gastroenterology and Metabolism Gastroenterology and Mephrology Oncology Oncology Opthalmology Oncology Opthalmology Oncology Opthalmology Opthalmology | Main Scientific Area | Secondary Scientific Area | Subarea | Evaluation Panel |
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| Immunology Neurosciences Pharmacology Toxicology Physiology Pathology Oncobiology Other, please specify: Andrology Obstetrics and Gynecology Paediatrics Cardiac and Cardiovascular System Peripheral Vascular Disease Haematology Respiratory Systems Critical Care Medicine and Emergency Medicine Anaesthesiology Orthopaedics Surgery Radiology, Nuclear Medicine and Medical Imaging Transplantation Dentistry, Oral Surgery and Medicine Dermatology Infectious Diseases Allergology Rheumatology Endocrinology and Metabolism Gastroenterology and Hetabolism Gastroenterology and Hetabology Urology and Nephrology Oncology Urology and Nephrology Oncology | | | Anatomy and Morphology | |
| Neurosciences | | | Human Genetics | |
| Basic Medicine Pharmacology | | | Immunology | |
| Medical and Health Sciences Clinical Medicine Clinical Medicine Toxicology Physiology Pathology Oncobiology Other, please specify: Andrology Obstetrics and Gynecology Paediatrics Cardiac and Cardiovascular System Peripheral Vascular Disease Haematology Respiratory Systems Critical Care Medicine and Emergency Medicine Anaesthesiology Orthopaedics Surgery Radiology, Nuclear Medicine and Medical Imaging Transplantation Dentistry, Oral Surgery and Medicine Dermatology Infectious Diseases Allergology Rheumatology Endocrinology and Metabolism Gastroenterology and Hepatology Urology and Nephrology Oncology Urology and Nephrology Oncology | | | Neurosciences | |
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| Paediatrics Cardiac and Cardiovascular System Peripheral Vascular Disease Haematology Respiratory Systems Critical Care Medicine and Emergency Medicine Anaesthesiology Orthopaedics Surgery Radiology, Nuclear Medicine and Medical Imaging Transplantation Dentistry, Oral Surgery and Medicine Dermatology Infectious Diseases Allergology Rheumatology Endocrinology and Metabolism Gastroenterology and Hepatology Urology and Nephrology Oncology | | | Andrology | |
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| Gastroenterology and Hepatology Urology and Nephrology Oncology | | | Rheumatology | |
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| Otorhinolaryngology | | | | |
| Psychiatry | | | | |



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| | | Clinical Neurology | |
| | | Geriatrics and Gerontology | |
| | | General and Family Medicine | |
| | | Internal Medicine | |
| | | Integrative and Complementary Medicine | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Health Care and Services | |
| | | Health Services and Policies | |
| | | Nursing | |
| | | Nutrition, Dietetics | |
| | | Public Health and Environmental Health | |
| | | Epidemiology | Health Sciences |
| | Health Sciences | Occupational Health | |
| | | Sport and Fitness Sciences | |
| | | Social Biomedical Sciences | |
| | | Medical Ethics | |
| | | Addiction | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Tropical Medicine | Basic and Clinical |
| | | Parasitology | Medicine |
| | | Health-related Biotechnology Technologies involving the Manipulation of Cells, Tissues, Organs or the Whole Organisms | |
| | Medical Biotechnology | Gene-based Diagnose and Therapies | Medical Engineering and Biotechnology |
| | | Biomaterials | |
| | | Medical Biotechnology related Ethics | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |



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| | | Agriculture | |
| | | Forestry | |
| | | Fishery | |
| | Agriculture, Forestry and | Soil Science | Agriculture, Forestry and |
| | Fisheries | Horticulture and Viticulture | Fisheries |
| | | Agronomy, Plant Breeding and Plant Protection | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Animal and Dairy Science | |
| | Animal and Dairy Science | Husbandry | |
| | | Pets | |
| Agricultural Sciences | | Other, please specify: | |
| Agricultural Sciences | Veterinary Science | Veterinary Science | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Agricultural Biotechnology and | |
| | | Food Biotechnology | Animal and Veterinary Sciences and Agro-Food Biotechnology |
| | | GM Technology (crops and livestock) and Livestock Cloning | |
| | | Marker Assisted Selection | |
| | Agricultural Biotechnology | Diagnostics | |
| | | Biomass Feedstock Production | |
| | | Technologies, Biopharming | |
| | | Agricultural Biotechnology | |
| | | related Ethics | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |



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| | | Criminal Psychology | |
| | | Social and Organizational Psychology | |
| | | Cognitive Psychology and Neuropsychology | |
| | | Clinical Psychology | Psychology |
| | Psychology | Psychology of Development and Learning | |
| | | Educational Psychology | |
| | | Community and Health Psychology | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Economics | Economics and Business, |
| | Economics and Business | Business and Management | Social and Economic |
| | | Other, please specify: | Geography |
| | | General Education (including Training, Pedagogy, Didactics) | |
| Social Sciences | Educational Sciences | Special Education (to gifted persons, those with learning disabilities) | Educational Sciences |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Sociology | |
| | | Demography | |
| | | Anthropology | |
| | Sociology | Ethnology | Sociology |
| | | Social Topics (women's and gender studies, social issues, family studies, social work) | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Public Law | |
| | | Criminal Law | |
| | | Private Law | |
| | Law | European and International Law | Media and Communications, Law and Political Science |
| | | Human Rights | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | Political Sciences | Political Science | |
| | | Military Sciences | |
| | | Compared Politics | |



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| | | Political Theory | |
| | | International Relations | |
| | | Public Policy | |
| | | European Studies | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Environmental Sciences (social aspects) | |
| | Social and Economic Geography | Cultural and Economic Geography | Economics and Business, |
| | | Urban Studies (planning and development) | Social and Economic Geography |
| | | Transport Planning and Social Aspects of Transport | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Journalism and Media | |
| | Media and Communications | Documental and Information Sciences | Media and Communications, Law and Political Science |
| | | Other, please specify: | 3 |



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| | | Prehistory and Archaeology | |
| | | Ancient History | |
| | | Medieval History | |
| | History and Archaeology | Modern History | History and Archaeology |
| | , | Contemporary History | , ,, |
| | | History of Science and Technology | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Literature | |
| | | Portuguese Studies | |
| | | Romanic Studies | |
| | | Anglophone Studies | |
| | Languages and Literature | Classical Studies | Languages and Literature |
| | | Asian and African Studies | |
| | | Germanic Studies | |
| | | Linguistics | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| Humanities | | Epistemology in Philosophy of Science | |
| | | Methaphysics and Philosophical Anthropology | |
| | | Philosophy of Art | |
| | Philosophy, Ethics and Religion | Logic | Philosophy, Ethics and Religion |
| | Keligion | History of Philosophy | Kengion |
| | | Ethics and Political | |
| | | Philosophy Theology and Religion Philosophy | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |
| | | Fine Arts | |
| | | Musicology | |
| | | Visual Performative Arts | |
| | | (Cinema, Television, Drama, Dance, etc.) | |
| | Arts | Art History | . Arts |
| | | Design | |
| | | Architecture and Urbanism | |
| | | Other, please specify: | |