

Highlights

Call for PhD Studentships – 2020

What is new in the 2020 Call?

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This document **summarises the relevant information** about **what is new** in the Call for PhD Studentships 2020 when compared to the 2019 Call. **Reading this document does not waive the careful reading of the Notice of the Call, Evaluation Guide and Application Guide** (available at the FCT website and at myFCT portal – <https://myfct.fct.pt>), and the reading of the FCT Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships (RBI) and the Research Fellowship Holder Statute (EBI).

In the 2020 PhD Studentship Call, in general, and for purposes of admissibility and evaluation, the rules established for the 2019 edition are applied, except for the following:

1. INFORMATION SYSTEM

The application submission platform has changed

The 2020 Call for PhD Studentships will use, for the first time, the platform myFCT, available at the following address: <https://myfct.fct.pt>. myFCT has been developed to support the processes of application, evaluation, granting and funding management in a single information system.

To use this novel information system it is mandatory to register at CIÊNCIA ID, your national ID that enabling the access to the various science services. In case you do not have this ID yet, you may register at <https://ciencia-id.pt/CiencialD/Passo1.aspx>.

2. APPLICATION FORM

2.1 Edition and submission of applications

myFCT allows applicants to edit and submit their application forms at any time, when considered necessary. However, if you intend to edit an application that has already been submitted, this means that the application will return to *draft* and you will also to repeat the submission, before the established deadline to submit applications. Please note that it is not possible to save the records of the various versions of submitted applications, only the last submission will be registered.

2.2 Visualization of Curriculum Vitae data

In myFCT the candidate can view the PDF of his *Curriculum Vitae*, obtained through the **CIÊNCIAVITAE** platform, before submitting the application. It will also be possible for supervisors to view the PDF of their *Curriculum Vitae*,

obtained through the **CIÊNCIAVITAE** platform, before their association to the application.

3. CURRICULUM VITAE

It is mandatory, under penalty of non-admission of the application, to complete the following procedures:

- a) Associate your updated *Curriculum Vitae* in the **CIÊNCIAVITAE** platform;
- b) Guarantee that supervisor and co-supervisor(s), if applicable, confirm their association to the application and submit their *Curriculum Vitae* in the **CIÊNCIAVITAE** platform; in this edition of the Call, it is still possible for supervisors to submit a PDF version of their CV, as an alternative to **CIÊNCIAVITAE**.

Please note that, in this edition of the Call, **the use of FCT-SIG or DeGóis platforms will not be allowed** for the association of *Curriculum Vitae*.

4. NUMBER OF HOST INSTITUTIONS

In this edition of the Call, the number of host institutions will be limited according to the number of supervisors associated to the application. **The limit is defined by: N advisors + 1. A maximum of 4 host institutions may be indicated**, in cases where 1 advisor and 2 co-supervisors are proposed.

5. EVALUATION

Grading grade for criteria and sub-criteria

In this edition of the Call, the grading scale applied to the evaluation criteria and sub-criteria will now **have a minimum score of 0** (scale from 0 to 5).

6. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

In 2019, there was an **amendment to the Research Fellowship Holder Statute (EBI)** and the **new FCT Regulation for Studentships and Fellowships was published**. Therefore, it is recommended to carefully read the legislation applicable to the 2020 Studentships Call, namely the [Regulation No. 950/2019](#), of December 16, which approves the new FCT Regulation for Studentships and Fellowships as well as the Research Fellowship Holder Statute approved by Law no. 40/2004, of 18 August (amended and republished by [Decree-Law no. 202/2012](#), of 27 August) and amended by [Decree-Law no. 123/2019](#), of August 28.

7. CLAIM AND APPEAL

According to the provisions of the new RBI, after the disclosure of final results, applicants may present either a **claim, within the following 15 working days**, or an **appeal, within the following 30 working days**.