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This **Application Guide** is intended to support you throughout the application process to the RESTART Programme Call, and to help you preparing and submitting a successful application.

This Guide draws on information available on the 3rd Edition of the RESTART Programme webpage, namely the legal documents setting the rules and conditions for this Call (both available only in Portuguese): the Call for Applications (*Aviso de Abertura*) and the Special Support Regulation (*Regulamento de Apoios Especiais*). On the webpage, you will also find the Evaluation Guide, the Ethics Self-Assessment Guide, the CIÊNCIA VITAE Support Guide, and a section of FAQs.

The period for submission of applications to the current Call is from June 2 to July 16, 2025.

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I. RESTART PROGRAMME

The **RESTART Programme** is an FCT funding instrument for researchers who have recently benefited from parental leave (including by adoption), designed to, through competitive funding of individual R&D projects in all scientific areas, enable a competitive return to research activities under new circumstances, while promoting gender equality and equal opportunities. Aligned with public policies in this area, RESTART also covers, with specific eligibility conditions, cases of shared parental leave, which privilege equality in the provision of care and the sharing of family responsibilities and the duration of leave.

This funding instrument is also in line with the concerns and recommendations of several international bodies, namely the Council of the European Union and the OECD, which aim to promote a better conciliation between professional and family life for those engaged in R&D activities.

The current Call will support researchers in the pursuit and development of an original and innovative research idea, with the possibility of associating other human and/or material resources to it, according to the funding made available (up to **50.000€ per project**) and the execution time foreseen (up to **18 months**). Flat rates for overheads are not eligible for the research plan budget, although basic operating costs to carry out the research may be considered.

For this RESTART Call (3rd Edition) there is a budgetary envelope of €1,6 Million.

II. PRIOR TO SUBMISSION

A. Who may submit an application?

Recipients of this funding may be national, foreign, and stateless researchers with a committed host institution who meet the following requirements by the deadline for submission of applications:

i. Hold a **doctoral degree**;
ii. Be a **doctoral integrated member** of an R&D Unit funded by FCT, or have a **contractual relation** with a State Laboratory;
iii. Have taken a **parental leave**, including adoption leave, of a duration equal to or greater than 120 days (in the case of shared parental leave, including adoption leave, the applicant must demonstrate that they have taken at least 72 days of leave, either exclusively or shared), between the period of April 10, 2024, inclusive, and the opening date of the application submission period of this Call, inclusive. The minimum number of days required for each type

of leave (120 or 72 days) must be reached between April 10, 2024, and the opening date of the submission period for this Call, regardless of whether it begins or ends.

Note that your leave can have started before April 10, 2024, and can continue after June 2, 2025, as long as the minimum number of leave days was reached during the eligibility reference period.

In addition to these requirements, researchers need to be supported by a Host Institution that is either a R&D Unit funded by FCT, an Associate Laboratory or a State Laboratory. You will need to submit a Statement of support and commitment from your Host Institution, written in English, which should describe how the Host Institution will i) promote the development of the proposed research plan and ii) contribute to your career development.

For eligibility purposes, the following restrictions also apply:

- Applications submitted by researchers who will be a Principal Investigator (PI) or a Co-PI of one or more ongoing projects funded by FCT, as of September 1, 2025, will not be eligible for funding in this Call;
- Each applicant can submit only one application;
- Applications must be submitted in English;
- Applicants providing **false declarations, committing plagiarism or with a research plan partially or totally similar to that of another applicant will be excluded from the Call.**

B. Beneficiary Institutions

The institutions that may benefit from financial support in this Call are:

a) R&D Units funded by the FCT pluriannual funding programme;
b) State Laboratories;
c) Associate Laboratories.

C. Registration

Applications will be submitted on the myFCT platform. In case you are not registered on the CIÊNCIA ID platform, you need to generate your CIÊNCIA ID identifier at www.ciencia-id.pt prior to the application on the myFCT.

You should then use your CIÊNCIA ID login credentials to enter the myFCT platform. The CIÊNCIA ID platform allows you to complete your CIÊNCIAVITAE CV, to be included in the application.

The CIÊNCIAVITAE now includes a section for filling in a template of the Narrative CV, which can be used in different applications for FCT Calls. The form of each Call will allow to edit the narrative CV imported from CIENCIA VITAE, considering each specific context. Further information can be found in the CIENCIAVITAE Support Guide.

D. What you should know before applying

Before starting your application, make sure that you are well informed about the rules governing this Call by reading the supporting documents (available from the Call's website).

The terms of eligibility, as well as the rules and requirements of the different phases of the Call, are set forth in the following documents:

- **Evaluation Guide** for the RESTART Programme – 3rd Edition, which establishes the terms for evaluation under which funding may be granted;
- **Call for Applications** *(Aviso de Abertura)* for the RESTART Programme – 3rd Edition, which specifies the conditions of this Call;
- **Special Support Regulation** *(Regulamento de Apoios Especiais*, available only in Portuguese), which establishes the general terms under which this funding may be granted;
- The Ethics Self-Assessment Guide;
- The CIÊNCIAVITAE Support Guide.

E. General recommendations

- Prepare your application carefully and timely.
- Read carefully the instructions provided in this Guide and in the Application form. Make sure that you have read through all the documents available on this Call's website.
- 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.
- You will need to discuss with your Host Institution the conditions that they will provide to ensure the implementation of your research plan and your career development. These

conditions should be laid out in a Statement of support and Commitment from the Host Institution that you will need to include in your application. We strongly advise you to prepare this information as early as possible.

- Do not assume that the form and rules for submission of this application are the same as those used in other FCT programmes or by other funding Agencies.
- Do not wait until the last minute to validate and make any corrections to your application. There is a final myFCT validation process just before submission, to detect possible errors in your application, which can implicate corrections and consume extra time.
- 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.
- Visit the FCT website regularly for updated information regarding the Call, including the FAQ section.

F. Additional recommendations on writing a successful application

- Write your application in such a way as to convince a group of experts that you and your ideas deserve to be funded.
- Read the ***Evaluation Guide*** carefully to understand how the application will be evaluated and make sure that your application addresses those crucial points.
- Write your application entirely in English to allow the assessment by the international Evaluation Panel. This recommendation also applies to the CIÊNCIAVITAE CV.

G. How to direct questions to FCT

Any queries concerning this Call can be addressed to the email restart@fct.pt, including questions regarding the Application form and technical aspects of myFCT website.

Please note that FCT cannot guarantee that emails received during the **last two working days** of this Call's submission period will be answered.

III. SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

A. Overview of the Application form

The Application form is organised in sections, some of which are mandatory and some others optional. The sections are the following:

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1.1 Applicant
- Personal information and ORCID ID (all imported from CIENCIA ID)

1.2 Ciência Vitae
- CIENCIAVITAE permissions and upload

1.3 Host institution
- Host institution
- Beneficiary institution

1.4 Parental leave
- Type of leave
- Time span (total number of days)
- Proof of parental leave *
- Reference of fellowship directly supported by FCT *

* *Only one of these needs to be answered*

1.5 Disability degree
- Degree of disability
- Upload proof of your disability degree

2. NARRATIVE CV

Career profile

Contributions to the generation of new ideas, tools, methodologies, or knowledge

Contributions to the development of individuals and/or research teams

Contributions to the research community and the broader society

Further details on selected scientific outputs and/or activities

3. RESEARCH PLAN

3.1 General description
- Title
- Abstract
- Keywords
- Scientific domain
- Scientific area
- Scientific subarea

3.2 Research Plan
- Description
- References (optional)

3.3 Ethical issues
- Ethical issues (if applicable)

3.4 Funding
- Requested amount (€)
- Brief description and justification of the requested funding

4. CAREER IMPACT

4.1 Timeliness of the grant
- Why would this RESTART grant be timely for me at this point in my career path?

4.2 Hosting conditions
- Research Plan and Career development hosting conditions – upload the Statement of support and commitment

5. VALIDATION AND SUBMISSION

B. Guidelines for filling in the Application form

In the following chapters of this Guide, you will find a detailed description of the contents requested in each section of the Application form. Many of the fields in the form have a limited number of characters.

Only plain text or attachments are allowed. Any other form of presenting additional information (such as links) will be disregarded for evaluation purposes.

Once you start your application, a reference code is automatically generated (in the format YEAR.NUMBER.CALL; e.g. 2025.0002.RESTART). This will be the FCT's unique identification code for the application throughout the Call.

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

Specific guidelines on filling in each section of the Application form are presented below.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1.1. Applicant

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

Update your CIÊNCIA ID profile in case you wish to update any of your personal data.

1.2. CIÊNCIA Vitae

Please create/update your CV in the CIÊNCIAVITAE platform before associating it to the Application for the RESTART Programme. **Your CIÊNCIAVITAE CV should be entirely in English.**

You need to give permission to FCT to access your CIÊNCIAVITAE, before associating it with your application. By granting this permission, FCT will have access to the information 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 CIÊNCIAVITAE Guide.

The button 'Give FCT permission' is visible in the CIÊNCIAVITAE section of the form. When this button is pressed, the system opens the CIÊNCIAVITAE platform. When you return to the Application form, this button will be inactive.

By selecting 'Get CIÊNCIA VITAE CV', **your CV will be immediately associated with the Application form (in PDF format)**. When the process of getting 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 CIÊNCIAVITAE CV PDF file to confirm that all the information is correct and complete.

Any updates to your CV will necessarily imply selecting 'Get CIÊNCIAVITAE CV' again. This means that updates to the CV content **must be made through the CIÊNCIAVITAE platform**; to have the updated CV associated to the application, you must: i) remove the previous document and then ii) press again "Get CIÊNCIAVITAE CV'.

Please note that the responsibility regarding accuracy, rigor, and truth in the content of your CIENCIA VITAE **lies on you.**

The CIENCIA VITAE CV will be used by the reviewers **only as a means of confirmation** of the information provided in the **RESTART Narrative CV** (subsection 2 of this Chapter).

1.3. Host Institution

1.3.1. Host Institution

In this Call, the Host Institution can be: (i) R&D Units funded by FCT, (ii) Associate Laboratories, (iii) State Laboratories.

Select the Institution to which you are affiliated as a integrated member (PhD holder), or, in the case of a State Laboratory, have a contractual relation with.

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 among those available in the drop-down menu.

If you cannot find your Host Institution, first confirm with your Institution's contact point the Institution's full name on the FCT database.

1.3.2. Beneficiary Institution

Select the Institution that legally represents your Host Institution in case the latter is not a legal entity. In case your application is approved for funding, the recipient of the grant will be the Host Institution, in case it is a legal entity, or, if not, the Beneficiary Institution.

1.4. Parental Leave

In accordance with the conditions laid out on the RESTART Programme Call, please keep in mind the following:

- The **minimum required leave days** are 120, in case of parental leave, or 72, in case of shared parental leave.
- The **eligibility reference period** to achieve the minimum number of parental leave days (120/72) is from Apil 10, 2024, to June 2, 2025.
- The leave can have started before Apil 10, 2024, and can continue after June 2, 2025, as long as the minimum number of leave days is reached during the eligibility reference period.

Please refer to the FAQs and examples section for eligibility scenarios.

1.4.1. Type of Leave

Choose parental leave or shared parental leave, according to the type of leave for which you satisfy the conditions for applying to this Call.

1.4.2. Time span (total number of days)

Introduce the sum of all parental leave days. The minimum eligibility days (120 or 72) must have been reached in the period Apil 10, 2024, to June 2, 2025.

1.4.3. Proof of parental leave

Upload the Declaration from Social Security obtained from the website Segurança Social Direta on the section '*Declaração de Situação – Subsídio de Doença e Prestações de Parentalidade*', or, if applicable, the request for suspension of your fellowship (if not directly funded by FCT).

If you were the recipient of a fellowship directly funded by FCT at the time of the parental leave, you do not need to upload the proof of leave. Instead, insert the fellowship reference in the next section.

1.4.4. Reference of fellowship directly supported by FCT

To be filled only if you were receiving a fellowship directly supported by FCT and requested its suspension for the purpose of your parental leave. In this case, and aiming at simplifying the application procedure, FCT will internally verify the suspension(s) period(s) for eligibility purposes.

1.5. Disability degree

In this section, and in compliance with the FCT's policies for non-discrimination and equal access, you should state your degree of disability. Applicants with a degree of disability equal to or higher than 60% and under 90%, or equal to or higher than 90%, will have their scores increased, on the Criterion B, by 10% and 20%, respectively.

1.5.1. Degree of disability

Choose the correct option.

1.5.2. Upload proof of your disability degree

To be considered for the bonus in Criterion B, you must upload your Multiuse Medical Certificate of Disability (max. 1MB).

2. NARRATIVE CV

The RESTART Narrative CV format aims at allowing a more effective and encompassing assessment of a diverse range of research achievements, focusing on the quality and impact of individual research outputs and researcher's contributions, while avoiding the use of metrics as a surrogate measure of quality. **This means that applicants are strongly advised to avoid mentioning metrics, such as journal impact factors, journal quartiles or research performance indexes.**

The narrative CV has the following sections:

1. Career profile
2. Contributions to Science and Society
    i. Contributions to the generation of new ideas, tools, methodologies, or knowledge

ii. Contributions to the development of individuals and/or research teams

iii. Contributions to the research community and the broader society

3. Further details on selected scientific outputs and/or activities

The narrative CV can be filled in the CIÊNCIA VITAE website, and then imported – in its entirety or only some of its sections – into the application form for the RESTART Programme 3rd Edition Call. You can then edit the imported text(s) in the application form.

This is an optional mechanism, as you can type the narrative CV directly in the application form.

In any case, your narrative CV **should be written considering the specific context of the RESTART Call**.

2.1. Career profile

Provide here a summary of your education (specifying the year you completed **your PhD**), key qualifications, and employment history. If applicable, you may also specify any periods of leave from research, such as parental leaves, long-term absence due to illness, periods of work in industry, secondments, volunteering or other non-research activities. Explain how these interruption(s) or the unconventional path and/or gap(s) in your research career has/have impacted your activity.

2.2. Contributions to Science and Society

In the three following sections, you may provide relevant examples of contributions in relation to your career stage and specific scientific area. Please note that these categories and the diverse sets of contributions provided below are designed to include different researcher's profiles and career stages across different scientific areas. You can use the guidelines below selecting the types of contributions that more broadly and effectively describe your researcher profile and curriculum.

When writing the following sections, consider that the assessment from the Evaluation Panels does not focus on quantities, but instead **quality, relevance, and impact** of the applicant's outputs and contributions, in accordance with FCT's commitment to The Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment, as set out by the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA). Please check the Evaluation Guide for additional details on this matter.

2.2.1. Contributions to the generation of new ideas, tools, methodologies, or knowledge

In this section, you can describe how you have contributed to the generation of new ideas, tools, methodologies, or knowledge, and the relevance and impact of your contributions. These can include publications, key data sets, software, intellectual property (patents, licences, trademarks, copyrights, novel assays and reagents), conference presentations and proceedings, research and policy publications, or other scientific, technological, cultural or artistic achievements. You can also mention any awards you have received in recognition of your contributions to the generation of knowledge.

To better inform Evaluation Panels on the relevance of your contributions, when including 'what' those are, also consider '**how' or 'why' they are relevant or important, the roles you played in them**, **who has benefitted from your outputs/achievements, and how they have benefitted.**

Regarding publications, you should not use journal or publication metrics such as impact factors, and research performance metrics.[1]

2.2.2. Contributions to the development of individuals and/or research teams

This section can be used to highlight expertise you have provided which was relevant to the development of individuals and/or teams, including project participation, leadership or management, collaborative contributions, and team support. It can include teaching activities, workshops or summer schools in which you were involved (for undergraduates, graduates and post-grads, as well as junior colleagues), the supervision of students, mentoring or other contributions to the success of a team or advancement of colleagues. It can also include your role (as a PI, team member or other) in past and ongoing funded projects, as well as the management of science, technology and innovation programmes or projects. It can also be used to highlight your involvement in collaborations/networks at the institution, national and international levels.

2.2.3. Contributions to the research community and the broader society

This section can include various activities you have participated in to progress the research community and engage with the broader society. These include contributions to research community outreach/engagement; editing, reviewing, refereeing, evaluation of funding applications; and organisation of events that have benefited the research community, or improved research culture. These can also include societal engagement, knowledge transfer, dissemination of knowledge,

[1] Research performance metrics include, but are not limited to, h-index, H-index, i10-index, G-index, HG-index, Q2-index, AR-index, M-quotient, M-index, W-index, E-index, A-index.

outreach activities, and other types of engagement with the public, private, or non-profit sectors, and the broader society.

2.3. Selected outputs and/or activities

2.3.1. Further details on selected scientific outputs and/or activities

In this section, provide additional and detailed information on a maximum of five **single scientific outputs and/or activities**, that best describe your research career and experience.

Do not describe groups of several outputs or activities.

For each output or activity, indicate the role you played and how it has impacted the advancement of knowledge in the respective scientific area. **You can include any type of contributions from the three previous sections.**

Whenever your outputs have a DOI, please include it. Additionally, in case of peer-review articles, indicate your position in the list of authors.

3. RESEARCH PLAN

3.1. General description

3.1.1. Title

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

3.1.2. Abstract

The abstract may be used by FCT for public dissemination. Take this information into account when preparing it.

The abstract should clearly identify, in a concise manner, the main questions that the research plan is meant to address, the methodologies that will be used and the main expected outcomes.

3.1.3. Keywords

List a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 8 keywords. 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.

3.1.4. Scientific domain, area, and subarea

Choose the domain, scientific area, and subarea more related with the topic of the proposed research plan. The area and subsequent subarea depend on the initial choice of the scientific domain. The subarea can be selected from the list or manually added, choosing the option "Other". Please check carefully the list of options provided before using the "Other" option, since this should not be used to mention a sub-area already provided in the list (please see Appendix I.

As a result of these choices, your application will be assigned to one of the four multi-disciplinary Evaluation Panels. Further details on the choices of scientific areas and subareas, and their correspondence with the Evaluation Panels, are available on Appendix I.

3.2. Research plan

3.2.1. Description

The following indications are mere suggestions on how to organize the description of your research plan. The structure should be adjusted **according to the scientific discipline or inter-disciplinary nature**. The research plan should be designed for an **18-month period**, which is the maximum duration.

- **State of the art**: provide an overview of your research field, present the state of the art of the research plan area, and explain the innovative nature and breakthrough potential of the proposed research. Include references to your previous work.
- **Goals**: clearly identify the hypotheses/scientific questions you envisage to test and the main goals and objectives that will be used to address those hypotheses.
- **Methodology and tasks**: provide the methodological approach to reach your goals and attain the expected results. The research plan may contain a chronological work programme organized by specific tasks with respective timescales. Consider possible limitations regarding the planned methodologies and propose alternative approaches by including a risk and contingency plan, if applicable.

- **Expected outcomes**: detail the expected outcomes of your research plan. If you consider that your research will contribute to society and to the economy, this should be mentioned. If you plan to organise activities of scientific dissemination, you should describe them here.
- Also mention any **specific conditions provided by your Host Institution** expected to have a positive impact in the feasibility of the research plan.

3.2.2. References

This section is optional. It can be used to list the references cited in the research plan description to avoid including this information in the previous section of the form.

3.3. Ethical issues

If applicable, identify possible ethical issues related with the research plan activities and results and explain how they will be addressed. Please refer to the RESTART *Ethics Self-assessment Guide*.

3.4. Funding

3.4.1. Requested amount (€)

Indicate the requested amount that will be used to fund the described research plan, up to a maximum of 50.000€.

3.4.2. Brief description and justification of the requested funding

Describe how the requested funding will be used, namely which material, human or other resources will be allocated to the project's execution. Briefly justify the need for those expenses, in order to achieve the main goals and objectives of the research plan. The funding of the RESTART grant can be used to cover the salary costs of researchers, including the Principal Investigator (applicant).

The description and justification of the budget should be subordinate to the scientific proposal presented, in its various specificities, such as scientific area, proposed objectives, methodology, planning, timetable, among other relevant factors for the execution and fulfilment of the science proposed in the research plan.

Expenses declared as insufficiently justified by the evaluation panel, taking into account the research plan submitted, will not be accepted for the development of the project should it be proposed for funding.

There must be **no flat rate for overheads**, although there may be basic operating costs necessary to carry out the project.

For more information on eligible expenses and their justification, check the RESTART FAQs webpage.

4. CAREER IMPACT

4.1. Timeliness of the RESTART grant

4.1.1. Why would this RESTART grant be timely for me at this point in my career path?

In this section, you should explain the timeliness of this grant in the context of the current stage of your career, and the impact on its future development. You can address this RESTART grant's career development potential in areas such as: scientific production, activities and dissemination; team and project leadership; establishment of national or international collaborations/networks; and ability to enable future research and to attract funding or other resources.

4.2. Hosting conditions

4.2.1. Research Plan and Career development hosting conditions

Upload a Statement of Support and Commitment (max. 5MB), signed by the representative of your Host Institution, which should include:

a) The conditions already existing or that will be made available (infrastructure and equipment, technical support staff, consumables, etc.) **for carrying out the research plan** should the application be funded;
b) A description of the Host Institution's favourable conditions **for your career development**. This may include: higher allocated time to research, namely to the RESTART project; reduced teaching time and responsibilities; complementary funds for this project's research plan; contractual stability (namely employment contract renewal, which may also impact on the research plan feasibility); increase in laboratory space or other resources for the researcher's long term research activity; specialized support for technology transfer and intellectual property rights.

The information in a) will be assessed in the context of **Criterion A** (more specifically, in the research plan's feasibility), and the information mentioned in b) will be assessed in **Criterion C**.

Please note that the Statement of Support and Commitment **must be written in English** for evaluators to be able to take it into consideration in their assessment.

Applications that do not include a Statement of Support and Commitment will not be validated for submission.

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 "Validation and submission menu". Should you have any errors, the submission will not go forward.

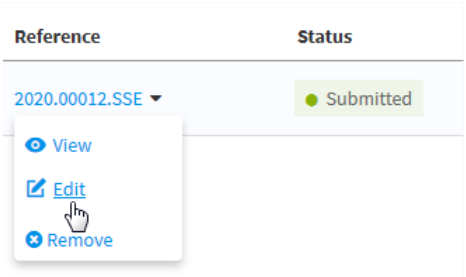
When no errors are detected, you will need to confirm that you wish to submit the application ("Submit application" button).

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 this message:

"The following validation list indicates the mandatory fields that are not filled in or are filled in incorrectly. In order to proceed with the submission of your application, please complete and/or correct these situations according to the indicated message".

During the application period, from June 2 until 5:00pm (Lisbon time) of July 16, 2025, the applicant may reopen, edit and 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). You must finish by **resubmitting the application** to replace the former version by the revised one. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit the proposal on time.



After the application deadline, you will no longer have access to the Application form nor will you be allowed to make further changes, but you can consult the application contents on the **Overview mode** (see below).

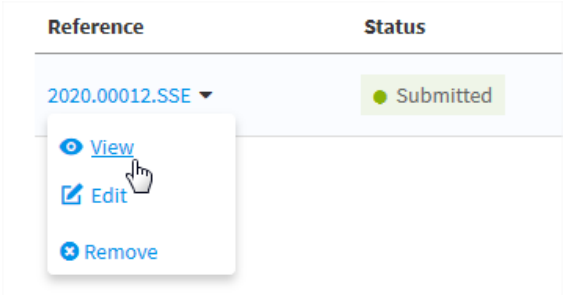
The application submission will generate an automatic e-mail to the applicant confirming submission of the application.

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

Application Overview

The overview of the application is available at the top right corner of the screen (button “Overview”).

The Overview mode displays the contents of the application sections on a single window, including the attached files (see the image below).



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

PDF of the application

A PDF file with all the information submitted in the Application form will be available for download after the closure of the Call.

APPENDIX I – SCIENTIFIC DOMAINS AND EVALUATION PANELS

This Appendix lists the scientific domains, areas and sub-areas 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.

Exact Sciences and Engineering Panel

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

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

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

Life and Health Sciences Panel

Scientific Domain	Scientific Area	Scientific Subarea	Evaluation Panel
Medical and Health Sciences	**Clinical Medicine**	Andrology	**Life and Health Sciences**
		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	
		Ophthalmology	
		Otorhinolaryngology	
		Psychiatry	
		Clinical Neurology	
		Geriatrics and Gerontology	
		General and Family Medicine	
		Internal Medicine	
		Integrative and Complementary Medicine	
		Other, please specify:	

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Medical and Health Sciences	**Health Sciences**	Health Care and Services	**Life and Health Sciences**
		Health Services and Policies	
		Nursing	
		Nutrition, Dietetics	
		Public Health and Environmental Health	
		Epidemiology	
		Occupational Health	
		Sport and Fitness Sciences	
		Social Biomedical Sciences	
		Medical Ethics	
		Addiction	
		Tropical Medicine	
		Parasitology	
		Other, please specify:	
	Medical Biotechnology	Health-related Biotechnology	
		Technologies involving the Manipulation of Cells, Tissues, Organs or the Whole Organisms	
		Gene-based Diagnose and Therapies	
		Biomaterials	
		Medical Biotechnology related Ethics	
		Other, please specify:	
		Laboratory Technology	
		Other, please specify:	
Medical and Health Sciences	**Basic Medicine**	Anatomy and Morphology	**Life and Health Sciences**
		Human Genetics	
		Immunology	
		Neurosciences	
		Pharmacology	
		Toxicology	
		Physiology	
		Pathology	
		Oncobiology	
		Other, please specify:	

Natural and Environmental Sciences Panel

Scientific Domain	Scientific Area	Scientific Subarea	Evaluation Panel
Natural Sciences	**Earth and Related Environmental Sciences**	Geosciences, Multidisciplinary	**Natural and Environmental Sciences**
		Mineralogy	
		Palaeontology	
		Geochemistry	
		Geophysics	
		Geology	
		Physical Geography	
		Volcanology	
		Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences	
		Climatic Research	
		Oceanography	
		Hydrology and Water Resources	
		Climate Change	
		Environmental Management	
		Ecotoxicology	
		Environmental Monitoring and Impact	
		Natural Resources and Sustainability	
		Waste Management and Valorisation	
		Water and pollution	
		Other, please specify:	
	Biological Sciences	Cell Biology	
		Biochemistry	
		Biochemical Research Methods	
		Microbiology	
		Molecular Biology	
		Biophysics	
		Genetics and Heredity	
		Reproductive Biology	
		Virology	
		Developmental Biology	
		Other, please specify:	

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Natural Sciences	**Biological Sciences**	Plant Sciences and Botany	**Natural and Environmental Sciences**
		Zoology, Ornithology, Entomology	
		Marine Biology, Freshwater Biology and Limnology	
		Ecology	
		Biodiversity Conservation	
		Biology (Theoretical, Mathematical)	
		Evolutionary Biology	
		Behavioural Sciences Biology	
		Mycology	
		Other, please specify:	

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

Social Sciences and Humanities Panel

Scientific Domain	Scientific Area	Scientific Subarea	Evaluation Panel
Social Sciences	**Psychology**	Criminal Psychology	**Social Sciences and Humanities**
		Social and Organizational Psychology	
		Cognitive Psychology and Neuropsychology	
		Clinical Psychology	
		Psychology of Development and Learning	
		Educational Psychology	
		Community and Health Psychology	
		Other, please specify:	
	Economics and Business	Economics	
		Business and Management	
		Other, please specify:	
	Educational Sciences	General Education (including Training, Pedagogy, Didactics)	
		Special Education (to gifted persons, those with learning disabilities)	
		Other, please specify:	
	Sociology	Sociology	
		Demography	
		Anthropology	
		Ethnology	
		Social Topics (women´s and gender studies, social issues, family studies, social work)	
		Other, please specify:	
	Law	Public Law	
		Criminal Law	
		Private Law	
		European and International Law	
		Human Rights	
		Other, please specify:	

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Social Sciences	**Political Sciences**	Political Science	**Social Sciences and Humanities**
		Military Sciences	
		Compared Politics	
		Political Theory	
		International Relations	
		Public Policy	
		European Studies	
		Other, please specify:	
	Social and Economic Geography	Environmental Sciences (social aspects)	
		Cultural and Economic Geography	
		Urban Studies (planning and development)	
		Transport Planning and Social Aspects of Transport	
		Other, please specify:	
	Media and Communications	Journalism and Media	
		Documental and Information Sciences	
		Other, please specify:	

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