

## Are you willing to participate in THCS Call for Projects 2026?

Yes

### Regional/National Eligibility Criteria

<p><b>Portugal</b>  <b>Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT)</b>  <a href="mailto:thcs@fct.pt">thcs@fct.pt</a></p>	
<p>Applications requesting funding from FCT under this call will be subject to <a href="#">Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds</a>, published in Regulation No. 999/2016, in its current wording, that is, as amended and republished by Regulation No. 5/2024 of 3 January, and corrected by Rectification Statement No. 366/2024/2, published in the Diário da República, 2nd series, No. 100, of 23 May 2024, and by all other applicable national and European Union legislation.</p>	
<b>Funding commitment</b>	FCT budget allocation for this call is 500.000,00€
<b>Minimum/Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The maximum amount of funding to be requested to FCT by a consortium with a <b>Portuguese Main Applicant is 250.000,00€</b>.</li> <li>The maximum amount of funding to be requested to FCT by a consortium with a <b>Portuguese Project Applicant is 150.000,00€</b>.</li> <li>If more than one Portuguese applicant participating in the <b>same international consortium</b> applies for funding by FCT, the <b>combined funding</b> demanded by all the Portuguese applicants <b>may not exceed the maximum financial threshold for proposals with a Portuguese Coordinator (250.000,00€) or with a Portuguese Partner (150.000,00€)</b>. Portuguese Coordinator and/or Partners in the same international consortium will therefore have to share the funding that will be granted by FCT.</li> <li>For information on funding rates, see no. 2 of article 7 of <a href="#">FCT Regulation</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible institutions</b>	For information on the type of beneficiaries eligible for FCT funding under this call, see article 3 of <a href="#">FCT Regulation</a> .
<b>Organisations excluded from funding</b>	For information on the type of beneficiaries eligible for FCT funding under this call, see article 3 of <a href="#">FCT Regulation</a>
<b>Additional eligibility criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For information on the criteria of beneficiaries' eligibility, see article 5 of <a href="#">FCT Regulation</a>.</li> <li>For information on the criteria of projects' eligibility, see article 6 of <a href="#">FCT Regulation</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In accordance with no. 1 of article 7 of the FCT Regulation, the funding to be granted to proposals requesting funding from FCT under this call is non-reimbursable and is based on <b>real costs</b>. As such it must be justified through invoices paid or other accounting</li> </ul>

	<p>documents of similar probatory value, under the terms of no. 5 of article 8 of <a href="#">FCT Regulation</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the purposes of defining the budget, the terms defined in article 8 of <a href="#">FCT Regulation</a> apply to <b>eligible expenses</b> and in article 9 to <b>non-eligible expenses</b>.</li> <li>• Excluded from the range of eligible expenses are the <b>salaries and other remuneration supplements</b> of teachers, researchers and other staff with a previously established indefinite contract with the Public Administration.</li> <li>• Expenditure on <b>adapting buildings and facilities</b> is limited to a maximum of 10% of the project's total eligible expenses.</li> <li>• The <b>project's indirect costs</b> are based on the application of a flat rate of 25% of the direct eligible costs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at regional/national level</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Submission of additional information at regional/national level</b></p>	<p><b>Statement of Commitment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within 10 working days after the deadline for submitting the pre-proposal, a <b>Statement of Commitment</b> duly signed by the Researcher in Charge (partner and/or coordinators) and by the legal representative of the Portuguese Proposing Institution must be sent to <a href="mailto:thcs@fct.pt">thcs@fct.pt</a>.</li> <li>• The stamp or white seal of the Portuguese Proposing Institution will not be required on a digitally signed Statement of Commitment.</li> <li>• Portuguese applicants of transnational consortia that <u>do not apply for funding from FCT do not need</u> to submit the Statement of Commitment to FCT.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Further guidance</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FCT and CCDR Centro, as Portuguese funding agencies on this call, reserve the right to evaluate the <b>possibility of transferring application(s) to the other Portuguese funding agency</b> if an application is considered non-eligible by the funding agency selected by the candidate institution, but is eligible by the other Portuguese funding agency, which will from then on be responsible for managing the application(s). The transfer of applications will be carried out in accordance with the terms set out in the MoU signed between the parties.</li> <li>• If FCT or CCDR Centro reach the limit of the budget that each of the agencies has set for funding projects under this call before the number of applications recommended for funding by each of these agencies has run out, the applications recommended for funding that lack funding may be transferred to the agency that still has the budget to fund applications. The transfer of applications recommended for funding will be carried out in accordance with the terms set out in the MoU signed between the parties.</li> <li>• The percentage of time dedicated to transnational projects will <b>not</b> be added to the percentage of time dedicated to existing national projects.</li> </ul>

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