

## Call for 1 Research Fellowship (Bachelor)

### Ad summary

A call is now open for 1 Research Fellowship (Bachelor; call reference: ChildObesity/015/BI/2021) in the scope of the project “ChildObesity – Risco de Obesidade infantil: O papel da vinculação, temperamento e auto-regulação” (project reference: PTDC/PSI-GER/29636/2017), funded by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P./MCTES, through national funds (PIDDAC).

### 1. Scientific field

Psychology

### 2. Applicant's Profile

Mandatory requirements:

Bachelor's degree in Psychology or Psychological Sciences.

Preferred factors:

Previous experience in data collection in digital platforms;

Previous experience in conducting interviews with children.

### 3. Mandatory documents for admission to the competition

- a) Bachelor's degree certificate with the final classification.
- b) Detailed Curriculum Vitae.
- c) Motivation Letter.

If the qualification has been conferred by a foreign higher education institution it must be recognized by a Portuguese higher education institution, and the final classification must be converted into the Portuguese evaluation scale, under the terms of the provisions of Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16th, which approves the legal regime of recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of Higher Education, attributed by foreign higher education institutions, and of paragraph e) of no. 2 of article 4 of Decree-Law no. 60/2018, of August 3rd, and any formalities established therein must be fulfilled by the date of the hiring act.

If the candidate has already requested but is waiting on the recognition of the academic degrees conferred by a foreign higher education institution to be issued, he/she can alternatively submit 1) a declaration of honor clarifying that he/she will obtain the recognition for his/her bachelor's degree by the end of the application period, and 2) proof that the recognition was requested.

### 4. Requirements for signing the fellowship contract

The candidate must be enrolled in a Bachelor's/Master's/Ph.D. degree or enrolled in a course that does not award an academic degree integrated in the educational project of a higher education institution. This registration must be completed until the time of contracting the research fellowship.

In the case of diplomas issued by foreign higher education institutions, and if the candidate submits a declaration of honor clarifying that he/she will obtain the recognition for his/her bachelor's degree by the end of the application period and proof that the recognition was requested, he/she must

present proof that the bachelor's degree is recognised in Portugal until the time of contracting the research fellowship.

For the purposes of signing the contract, a form with personal information, Ciência ID, and a copy of an identification document must also be submitted.

False declarations are reason to cancel the candidacy without prejudice to the application of other sanction measures.

## 5. Work plan

The fellow will be involved in qualitative and quantitative data collection. Specifically, the fellow will conduct interviews with children and parents, run and collect questionnaires, elaborate the respective databases, and conduct data analysis.

## 6. Applicable legislation

Law No. 40/2004, of August 18th, as amended by the Decree-Law No. 123/2019, of August 28th, in its current wording (Research Fellowship Holder Statute/*Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação* - EBI); Regulation No. 950/2019, of December 16th, in its current wording (FCT's Regulation for Research Fellowships/*Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação da FCT* - RBI); Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of August 16th (Legal regime of recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of higher education awarded by foreign higher education institutions) and other applicable legislation.

## 7. Workplace and scientific supervision

The fellowship contract will be signed with ISPA, CRL (contracting entity). The place of work is located at the William James Center for Research (host institution), located at Ispa – Instituto Universitário and, eventually, other locations necessary for the execution of the planned activities, under the scientific supervision of Professor Manuela Veríssimo.

## 8. Duration of the fellowship

The fellowship will have a duration of 06 months, eventually renewable for periods not exceeding the eligible period of the project, conditioned by the project's budget, and in accordance with the provisions of points 4 and 5 of Article 6 of FCT's Regulation for Research Fellowships.

The fellowship is expected to start in January 2022.

## 9. Remuneration and other components

835,98€ in accordance with the table of monthly maintenance stipend set by FCT ([https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/Tabela\\_Valores\\_SMM\\_LOE\\_2021.pdf](https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/Tabela_Valores_SMM_LOE_2021.pdf)), to be paid monthly through bank transfer. The fellow is also entitled to the applicable voluntary social security system (*Seguro Social Voluntário*, Decree-Law No. 40/89, of February 1st; EBI – art. 10º), and a personal accidents insurance.

## 10. Submission of applications

The call is open from November 29th to December 21st 2021, 6PM (Lisbon time).

Applications must be formalized via e-mail to [wjrc@ispa.pt](mailto:wjrc@ispa.pt) and must clearly state the reference of this call in the “Subject” of the e-mail: **ChildObesity/015/BI/2021**. Alternatively, applications can be sent via post to Ispa – Instituto Universitário – William James Center for Research – Rua Jardim do Tabaco 34, 1149-041 Lisboa, Portugal, and received within the specified application period.

Applications must include the following mandatory documents:

- a) Bachelor’s degree certificate/diploma with the final classification.
- b) Detailed curriculum vitae.
- c) Motivation letter.

All documents must be submitted in PDF format.

The non-compliance with these requirements may determine the rejection of the application.

### **11. Evaluation and selection criteria**

The evaluation and selection process will be conducted according to the merit of the candidate and based on the following criteria:

- a) Bachelor’s final classification (20% of the overall evaluation).
- b) Previous experience in data collection in digital platforms and in conducting interviews with children, as shown in the candidate’s CV (60% of the overall evaluation).
- c) Motivation and interest in the field, as shown by the candidate’s motivation letter (20% of the overall evaluation).

Applications will be evaluated, and candidates ranked, on a 0,00 – 20,00 scale. The final classification will correspond to the weighted average of the criteria above.

For tie-breaking purposes, the ranking of the candidates will be based on the classifications assigned to each of the evaluation criteria in the following order of precedence: Criterion b) – previous experience as shown in the candidate’s CV; criterion c) – motivation letter; and criterion a) – Bachelor’s final classification.

If none of the candidates presents the appropriate and/or necessary skills and competences required for the position and respective work plan, the jury has the right to not attribute the fellowship.

Note – For evaluation purposes, the Evaluation Panel will award the minimum score (10 points on a 0 – 20 scale) required for obtaining a degree in Portugal when:

. When degree certificates/diplomas issued by foreign institutions are not recognized in Portugal and/or do not have the respective final classifications converted to the Portuguese evaluation scale. In other words, when a declaration of honor is submitted clarifying that the recognition of the academic degrees and conversion of the final classification will be issued until the end of the application period.

### **12. Composition of the Evaluation Panel**

Doctor Manuela Veríssimo (William James Center for Research; President)

Doctor António J. Santos (William James Center for Research; Effective member)

Doctor Carla Fernandes (William James Center for Research; Effective member)

Doctor Maryse Guedes (William James Center for Research; Substitute member)  
Doctor Marília Fernandes (William James Center for Research; Substitute member)

### **13. Communication of results**

The results will be notified no later than 90 working days after the closing date for submission of applications to the e-mail address provided by the applicants.

### **14. Deadlines and procedures for preliminary hearing, complaint, and appeal**

After communicating the provisional list of the results, applicants who want to dispute the results have a period of 10 working days to request a preliminary hearing, in accordance with Articles 121 and following of the Administrative Procedure Code (CPA). The final decision will be communicated after the examination of the arguments presented at the preliminary hearing. After this communication, the selected candidate has 10 working days to accept, in written, the attributed fellowship. Otherwise, withdrawal or renouncement of the fellowship will be considered, unless a proper justification is presented.

After the final decision, a complaint may be placed within 15 working days or, alternatively, an appeal within 30 working days, both counting from the notification date. Applicants who wish to submit a complaint or an appeal should address their complaint to the Rector of Ispa – Instituto Universitário.

In case the selected candidate renounces or withdraws from the fellowship, the jury can notify and attribute the fellowship to the candidate(s) in the subsequent position(s), if applicable, and according to the final ranking list.

### **15. Templates for the research fellowship contract and for the final reports by the fellow and by the supervisor**

The template for the research fellowship contract as well as the template for the final reports to be created by the fellow and by the supervisor, and concomitant evaluation criteria, can be found in the Ispa – Instituto Universitário's Regulation for Scientific Research Fellowships (Appendices 2, 3, and 4) at:

[https://intranet.ispa.pt/sites/default/files/users/531/rg102\\_bols\\_invest\\_cient\\_v4.0.pdf](https://intranet.ispa.pt/sites/default/files/users/531/rg102_bols_invest_cient_v4.0.pdf)