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CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR A POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH GRANT (BIPD)

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A call is open for the award of one Post-Doctoral Research Grant (BIPD) within the scope of the project ComPolDigit – “Competition policy in the digital era” (2024.16834.PEX), funded by National Funds through FCT, I.P., under the following conditions:

Scientific area: Economics

Admission requirements:

General requirements:

The Post-Doctoral Research Grant can be awarded only if the following requirements are cumulatively met:

- a) PhD degree obtained in the three years before the start date of the grant.
- b) The post-doctoral research will be carried out in a host entity other than the one in which the research work leading to the award of the PhD degree was carried out.
- c) The grant holder does not exceed, with the celebration of the grant contract in question, including possible renewals, an accumulated period of three years in this fellowship type, followed or interpolated.

In addition to the requirements mentioned above, candidates for the research grant must have a PhD in the scientific area of Economics or related areas.

Specific requirements:

Candidates must also have solid knowledge of quantitative methods (e.g., game theory, econometrics models) applied to economic modelling.



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Preferred Factors:

Will be considered preferred factors:

- Published articles or articles accepted for publication in leading international journals in Economics indexed in prestigious databases.
- Research papers at advanced stages of review (R&R) in high-quality international journals or working papers in leading Economics working paper series.
- Excellence of academic background and scientific quality of the doctoral dissertation.
- Proven experience participating in research projects or research teams.
- Track record of presenting scientific work at major international conferences in Economics.

Note: Preference will be given where the above criteria relate directly to the project's research themes, namely:

- digital platforms and two-sided markets
- competition policy / economic regulation

Plan of activities and objectives to be achieved:

Objectives to be Achieved:

- Development of at least one working paper, co-authored with a member of the research team, related to one of the project's research tasks.
- Dissemination of project outputs at international scientific forums.
- Support in the organisation and implementation of scientific events (workshops) and other knowledge-sharing activities planned within the project.

Work Plan:

- Critical and systematic review of the recent economic literature on the digital economy, with a focus on the project's core themes.
- Collaboration in the development of models and the analysis of research questions.
- Participation in regular working sessions with the research team members.
- Comparison of theoretical results with empirical evidence and analysis of real cases from major competition authorities.
- Direct support in the drafting of scientific articles and technical reports.



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Applicable legislation and regulations:

- Statute of the Scientific Research Fellow: <https://dre.pt/web/guest/legislacao-consolidada/-/lc/58216179/view?w=2019-08-28>;
- Regulation of Research Scholarships of the Science and Technology Foundation, I.P.: <https://dre.pt/application/conteudo/127238533>;
- Regulation of Research Scholarships of the Portuguese Catholic University: http://www.porto.ucp.pt/sites/default/files/files/DRH/RegBolsasInvestigacao_Cientifica_UCP2_020.pdf

Workplace:

The work will be developed at the CEGE - Centro de Estudos em Gestão e Economia of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Portugal, in Porto, under the scientific supervision of Joana Pinho.

Duration of the scholarship:

The scholarship granted, on an exclusive basis, will have an initial duration of 12 months, with an expected start date of 15/07/2026. Any renewals may not exceed the project completion date (currently scheduled for 22/08/2027).

Monthly maintenance allowance amount:

The amount of the research grant corresponds to 1 901,00€ per month, free of tax, according to the research scholarship values awarded directly by FCT, I.P. in the Country (<https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM-2026.pdf>) and will be paid by bank transfer.

Selection methods:

The selection methods to be used will be the following: i) curriculum evaluation (80%); ii) previous experience (20%). If necessary, the 3 best positioned candidates may be interviewed, and in this situation, the weighting will be curricular evaluation (60%); ii) previous experience (15%) and selection interview (35%).

Only candidates with a final classification equal to or greater than 50, on a scale of 0 to 100, will be selected for this position.



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Applications that do not meet the admission requirements, delivered on time and incomplete applications will be considered ineligible.

Composition of the Selection Jury: President of the Jury: Joana Pinho, Effective Members: João Correia-da-Silva and Yassine Lefouili. Substitute Jury: Margarida Catalão-Lopes.

Form of advertising/notification of results: The jury deliberates in accordance with the selection criteria adopted and disclosed. The jury meetings minutes will contain a summary of the meeting content. After completing the application of the selection criteria, the jury proceeds with the elaboration of the ordered list, with the ranking of the approved candidates. The ranking list of eligible candidates will be published on the premises of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa, in Porto, located at Rua de Diogo Botelho, 1327, 4169-005 Porto - Portugal, with each candidate being notified of his/her position on the list ranking of candidates via email. Ineligible applicants will be notified by email, with details of the missing eligibility elements.

Complaint and appeal procedures: Candidates have a period of ten working days, after the disclosure referred to in the previous number, to give their opinion at a prior hearing.

Deadline for acceptance of the scholarship: Within ten working days following notification of the grant award, the selected candidate must confirm in writing his/her availability to start the scholarship on the proposed date. Failing to do so or not having availability, the candidate placed in the next position will be called.

Application deadline and form of submission:

Candidates submit their application under the terms mentioned in the previous point, from June 5, 2026, until June 22, 2026. (until 5 pm, Lisbon time).

Applications are formalized by completing the **Application Form** <https://hr-ucpporto.inqueritos.porto.ucp.pt/922868?lang=en>.



It will be necessary to submit the following documents:

- 1) Cover letter, identifying the title and reference of the project, describe the motivation and professional objectives of the candidate.
- 2) Detailed Curriculum Vitae (should contain all the elements to assess the admission requirements, including language knowledge and research experience).
- 3) Copy of the certificate(s) of qualifications conferring academic degree in the terms requested in the notice.
- 4) Registration of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions and, preferably, registration of the conversion of the respective final grade to the Portuguese grading scale¹.
- 5) Copy of scientific publications and other works that the candidate may consider relevant.
- 6) Up to three reference letters (optional).

Only applications received during the opening period of the above-mentioned call shall be considered. Candidates who incorrectly formalize their application or who do not prove the requirements of this call are excluded. False statements made by applicants will be punished under the law.

Mandatory documentation:

The following documents must be sent, at the time of the eventual granting of the scholarship, for the purposes of its contractualization:

- a) Copy of the ID/Passport document and Tax identification document(s)²;
- b) Copy of all academic degree certificates;
- c) Document of the registration of recognition of foreign academic degrees;
- d) Document proving enrolment in the course conferring the academic degree identified in this Notice.
- e) Statement by the supervisor(s) assuming responsibility for supervising the work plan, pursuant to article 5-A of the Research Fellowship Statute;

¹ If the required academic degree has been conferred by a foreign higher education institution, it must comply with the Portuguese legislation on the recognition of foreign degrees, regulated by DL no. 66/2018 of 16 August.

Applicants are advised to consult the website of the Directorate-General for Higher Education (DGES) for additional information on this matter: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/reconhecimento>

² The availability of these documents can be replaced, at the option of the candidate, by the presentation in person at the financing entity, which will keep the elements contained therein that are relevant for the validity and execution of the contract, including the civil, fiscal and security identification numbers, social security, as well as the validity of the respective documents.



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- f) Updated document proving compliance with the exclusive dedication regime.

Contract

The contract model to be used will be in follow the FCT scholarship holder contract draft available at the following link:

https://ucppt-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/ccabral_ucp_pt/EZcpJcEQtpCqvGaCIVKTS0BBcsZvXYjf2YroODpHafSow?e=f58mmk

Reports to be presented by the fellow and supervisor:

The final report model to be prepared by the fellow is available at the following link:

https://ucppt-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/ccabral_ucp_pt/ESnbf2LTfxFGj8NsKVEAe3lBi00sddFg238l4P7ziYmXTw?e=olqq3l

The report model to be carried out by the supervisor and the respective evaluation criteria are available at the following link:

https://ucppt-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/ccabral_ucp_pt/ERYDFMVUybtPiCvlzJ8VHGoBs1g7VaULFKW_H9Aq2tSDSw?e=XK5JlK

Privacy Policy:

Universidade Católica Portuguesa is the controller responsible for the processing of Personal Data in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 – General Regulation on Data Protection.

The personal data processed in the scope of this tender procedure is processed within the framework of said tender procedure only and will be processed by Universidade Católica Portuguesa with the purpose of verifying the fulfilment, by the candidates, of the assumptions established in the applicable legislation for their contracting. Opposition to the processing of data by the candidates will make it impossible to accept the application and, therefore, to analyse and evaluate it.

The personal data of the Data Subject, if it be indispensable for the fulfilment of the obligations of Universidade Católica Portuguesa, may be conveyed to third parties, namely to the Financing Entities identified in this announcement.

The data retention period shall correspond to the legally defined period of five years.

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collected. However, the exercise of such rights may be excluded when personal data is used to protect public interest, namely in the detection and prevention of crimes or when subject to professional rules of confidentiality.

The Data Subject has the right of access and portability of the data.

Rights of Personal Data Subjects: <https://www.ucp.pt/rights-data-subjects>.

For purposes of exercising the respective rights, contact the University through the e-mail address compliance.rgpd@ucp.pt or by using the address found at the end of this announcement, through the means set out in "Contacts for clarification".

The Data Subject is always entitled to contact and file a complaint with the Comissão Nacional de Proteção de Dados (Portuguese Supervisory Authority for Personal Data).

Non-discrimination and equal access policy:

Universidade Católica Portuguesa actively promotes a non-discrimination and equal access policy, wherefore no candidate can be privileged, benefited, impaired or deprived of any rights whatsoever, or be exempt of any duties based on their ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, family and economic conditions, instruction, social origin or condition, genetic heritage, reduced working capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions, and union membership.

If you have any questions about this position, please contact:

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