

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR A RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP (BI) FOR MASTER'S STUDENTS IN CRIMINOLOGY, UNDER THE PROJECT "FACTCHECK (REF.^a 2024-299174) IN PROGRESS AT THE "CENTER FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH ON JUSTICE" (CIJ) UNDERWAY AT THE FACULTY OF LAW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTO (FDUP)

Applications are now open for a Research Scholarship for students enrolled in a Master's program in Criminology, under the project "Factcheck" (Ref.^a 2024-299174) ongoing at the CIJ - Center for Interdisciplinary Research in Justice at the Faculty of Law, University of Porto (FDUP), funded by "La Caixa" Foundation, under the following conditions:

1. Research area/s: Criminology.

2. Admission requirements:

To apply for the research studentship, applicants must comply with the following requirements, for which documentary evidence must be provided:

- a) Bachelor's degree in Criminology¹;
- b) To be a student enrolled in a master programme in the area of Criminology (this requirement must be proven at the time of contracting)².

3. Preferred requirements:

- a) Solid knowledge of scientific methodologies to be used in the project (questionnaires and focus groups);
- b) Knowledge of quantitative and qualitative data analysis;
- c) Experience in carrying out literature reviews;
- d) Publication of at least one scientific article/chapter;
- e) Knowledge of spoken English, preferably B2 or higher;
- f) Participation in Research & Development (R&D) projects.

4. Work Plan:

The purpose of this contract is to perform the following tasks:

- a) Support in reviewing the literature on disinformation and fake news.
- b) Collaboration in the construction of questionnaires;
- c) Contacting various entities to carry out focus groups;
- d) Conducting supervised focus groups;

¹ If the academic degree was awarded by a foreign higher education institution, it must be recognized by a Portuguese higher education institution, under the terms of article 25 of Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16, which approves the legal framework for the recognition of academic degrees and higher education diplomas awarded by foreign higher education institutions, and article 4(2)(e) of Decree-Law no. 60/2018, of August 3, and any formalities set out therein must be fulfilled by the date of the act of hiring.

² At the time of signing the contract, the candidate must provide proof of enrollment in a Master's program in Criminology.

- e) Collaborating in the statistical analysis of the data collected;
- f) Participating in the preparation of research outputs;
- g) Participation in activities to disseminate the knowledge produced (support in the preparation of written documents and in the preparation and presentation of communications).

5. Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

Research Scholarship Statute - Law No. 40/2004, of August 18; the University of Porto Research Scholarship Regulation – Regulation 184/2021, of March 3; subsidiarily, FCT, I.P. Research Scholarship Regulation - Regulation No. 950/2019, of November 29; Legal Regime for the Recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of higher education awarded by foreign higher education institutions - Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of August 16; Administrative Procedure Code (CPA) - Decree-Law No. 4/2015, of January 7.

6. Workplace:

The work plan will be developed at the CIJ – Center for Interdisciplinary Research in Justice at the Faculty of Law, University of Porto, and/or other locations necessary for implementation, under the scientific supervision of Professor Doctor Inês Maria Ermida de Sousa Guedes, Assistant Professor at FDUP and Principal Investigator of the Project.

7. Duration:

The scholarship will last for 6 months. The scholarship contract, on an exclusive basis, may be renewed, for equal or different periods, during the eligibility of the current funding of the research project, according to institutional needs and financial availability, up to the maximum limit of the duration of the project (November 30th, 2026), and may under no circumstances exceed the limits defined in the Regulations for the type of scholarship in question.

8. Monthly maintenance allowance amount:

8.1. The monthly maintenance allowance for the studentship is 990,98€, in accordance with Annex I of the Research Grants Regulation of the University of Porto, updated by Rectoral Order No. GR04/02/2024 of February 14, 2024.

8.2. Payment will be made by FDUP by bank transfer. In addition to this allowance, the studentship holder will be covered by personal accident insurance.

8.3. The studentship holder can join the Voluntary Social Insurance Scheme (valid for a studentship contract of six months or more), which is optional and the reimbursement corresponds to the 1st step of the contribution base.

9. Evaluation methods:

9.1. The selection methods are as follows: curricular assessment (AC – abbreviation in Portuguese) with a weighting of 75% and, optionally, complemented by an interview carried out in English (ENT – abbreviation in Portuguese) with a weighting of 25%, which will only take place when the Jury considers that the AC does not allow it to clarify, in the intended manner, the real competences of the candidates or to distinguish which candidate is best suited to the position and functions to be performed. If this is the case, the interview will be carried out with the 6 (six) candidates best classified in the AC.

9.2. Each member of the Jury will assess the selection methods on a scale of 0 to 20 points.

9.3. Factors for the **Curricular Assessment** (scale from 0 to 20 points) are:

a) Final degree classification (L) (75%).

- The final degree classification (L) is weighted (W) according to the number of ECTS credit units to which the study cycle corresponds:

$W = 0.75$, when the degree corresponds to less than 240 ECTS credit units;

$W = 1.00$, when the degree corresponds to 240 or more ECTS credit units.

b) Curriculum Vitae assessment (25%), namely:

- Relevant training in the area of Criminology: 10%;

- Publication of at least one scientific article/chapter or presentation of a paper at a scientific meeting: 15%.

9.4. The evaluation factors for the **Selection Interview (ENT)**, should it be held, will be.

a) Knowledge of the scientific and ethical requirements of research activity (A) (0 to 20 points) (10%):

- Poor - 10 points;

- Sufficient - 12 points;

- Good - 14 points;

- Very good - 16 points;

- Excellent - 20 points

b) Motivation to carry out the work plan and achieve the project's objectives (D) (0 to 20 points) (30%):

- Poor - 10 points;

- Sufficient - 12 points;

- Good - 14 points;
- Very good - 16 points;
- Excellent - 20 points

c) Knowledge of disinformation and fake news (10%):

- Mediocre - 10 points;
- Sufficient - 12 points;
- Good - 14 points;
- Very good - 16 points;
- Excellent - 20 points

d) Ability to express oneself orally in Portuguese and English (C) (0 to 20 points) (30%):

- Mediocre - 10 points;
- Sufficient - 12 points;
- Good - 14 points;
- Very good - 16 points;
- Excellent - 20 points

e) Knowledge of questionnaire construction, focus groups and data analysis (20%):

- Poor - 10 points;
- Sufficient - 12 points;
- Good - 14 points;
- Very good - 16 points;
- Excellent - 20 points

9.5. Candidates may ask the chairman of the selection board to allow their interview to be conducted by videoconference, stating the reasons for this.

9.6. Failure to attend the interview stage of the selection process is equivalent to withdrawing from the competition, and applicants will be excluded from the competition.

9.7. The Final Classification (CF) will be obtained by applying the following formula: **CF = (0.75AC) + (0.25ENT).**

9.8. This competition is intended exclusively to fill the vacancy indicated. In the event that no candidate demonstrates that they have the profile required to carry out the work plan described above within the scope of this project, the Jury reserves the right not to award the position.

10. Selection panel:

President: Professor Inês Maria Ermida de Sousa Guedes, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Porto;

1st member: Professor Carla Sofia de Freitas Lino Pinto Cardoso, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Porto;

2nd member: Professor Ana Margarida Amorim dos Santos, Invited Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Porto;

Alternate member: Professor Samuel Ricardo Neves Moreira, Invited Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Porto;

Alternate member: Professor Gilda Dias dos Santos, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Porto.

11. Submission of applications:

11.1. The candidates must be submitted **december 31st, 2024** (local time - Lisbon).

11.2. The candidates must be formalized using the online application submission system available on the FDUP website: https://sigarra.up.pt/fdup/pt/CNT_CAND_GERAL.CONCURSOS_LIST (**Ref. 2024/8 Proc. 28**).

11.3. The application must be accompanied by documents proving the conditions set out in this Notice, namely:

- a) Curriculum Vitae in Portuguese, with full name and email;
- b) Copy of the required Academic Qualification Certificates and the respective recognition of the academic degree (if obtained from a Foreign Higher Education Institution – to be provided by the hiring date), to prove the minimum admission requirement listed in point 2 (a);
- c) Proof of enrolment in a Master's degree course (to be submitted before the date of recruitment); to prove compliance with the minimum admission requirements indicated in point 2 (b);
- d) Statement of eligibility (in accordance with the draft attached to this notice – Annex I);
- e) Document proving proficiency in a foreign language, in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages;
- f) Documents proving scientific research experience.

11.4. The candidates may also attach any other documents they feel are relevant to assessing their merit.

11.5. Failure to provide the documents listed in points a) to d) of paragraph 11.3. will result in the exclusion of candidates.

11.6. Proof documents should be attached directly to the application message, without links to external platforms/disks. In order to ensure that all documents can be read, the preferred saving format is “Portable Document Format” (.pdf). The files must be labeled with the name and surname of the applicant and must not exceed 720 MB in total. These files can be compressed into .zip format.

11.7. The Jury may, whenever it deems it necessary, ask applicants to submit additional documents relating to the facts mentioned in the curriculum vitae submitted, setting a deadline for this purpose, in the following terms:

a) the documentation referred to is not intended for the presentation of elements not mentioned in the curriculum vitae, nor for the addition of missing documents required by this Notice;

b) all tenderers are informed that additional documentation has been requested.

12. False declarations:

False statements made by candidates will be penalized in accordance with the law.

13. Notification of results:

13.1. Applicants will be notified of the minutes relating to the application assessment phase(s) sent to them by email, to the address they provide for this purpose, with a receipt of delivery.

13.2. Notifications are made by email, under the terms of articles 112(1)(c) and 113(5) of the CPA.

13.3. Under the terms of article 121 et seq. of the CPA, once notified, candidates have 10 working days to comment in writing.

14. Booking list:

A booking list will be drawn up on the basis of the final ranking list, which may be used in the event of the first-placed candidate withdrawing. The Faculty's highest authority reserves the right to call the next candidate, and so on, until the vacancy is filled. This reserve list may be used for a maximum period of 12 months from the date of approval of the final ranking list

15. Policy of non-discrimination and equal access:

The University of Porto actively promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, so that no applicant may be privileged, benefited, disadvantaged or deprived of any right or exempted from any duty on the grounds of ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family situation, economic situation, education, social origin or condition, genetic heritage, reduced working capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and trade union membership.

ANEEX I

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY

For the purposes of complying with the provisions of Article 10 of the University of Porto Research Studentship Regulation, I hereby declare that:

- ☐ I haven't signed any research studentship/s contract/s to date under the EBI;
- ☐ To date, I have signed the following research studentship/s contract/s under the EBI:

Type of studentship	Start Date	End Date	Contracting Authority

I also declare that I meet the eligibility conditions for this studentship, as required under the terms of the aforementioned regulation.

I hereby declare and sign this statement.

Date ____/____/____

Signature _____