



04.2025.Research Scholarship

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The Center for Research in Anthropology (CRIA), opens a call for the award of one (1) Research Scholarship within the scope of the project *Porto in Times of Cholera and War: A bioarchaeological approach to human fragility (BeFRAIL)*, funded by national funds through FCT/MCTES (PIDDAC), with the reference 2022.02398.PTDC: <https://doi.org/10.54499/2022.02398.PTDC>.

The BeFRAIL project, with Francisca Alves Cardoso (CRIA, NOVA-FCSH) as Principal Investigator and Nicholas Marquez-Grant (Cranfield University) as Co-Principal Investigator, focuses on the study of health and disease inferred through the study of an archaeological context and associated collection. The context refers to the hospital cemetery of the Ordem 3ª de Nossa Senhora do Carmo, in Porto (Portugal), whose occupation covers the years 1801 to 1869: years of cholera and war in Portugal. The BeFRAIL project has as its core the archaeological and bioanthropological analysis of the context and associated collections using a multi-methodological and multidisciplinary approach (e.g., archaeology, bioanthropology, history, demography, archaeoethnology and archaeosciences).

Scientific Area: Ciência de dados, or akin

General Admission requirements

Candidates must:

- 1) Hold a Bachelor's or Master's degree in an area related to the work program and/or BeFRAIL project
- 1) Be enrolled in a Master's, Integrated Master's, Master's or PhD program. Bachelors or masters degree holders enrolled in courses that do not confer an academic degree (in accordance with Article 6 of the Regulation for Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. [Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação da Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P. in place) may also apply.

Specific Admission requirements

Candidates must have experience in data analysis

Work plan:

The selected candidate will perform tasks associated with the BeFRAIL research project in close collaboration with the project PI and team members. The work plan includes all tasks associated with the curation and analysis of data extracted from historical documents, as well as participation in the production of outputs based on the work developed.

Workplace and scientific supervision:

The workplace is located at LABOH - Laboratório de Antropologia Biológica e Osteologia Humana (LABOH), a CRIA laboratory located at NOVA FCSH, Av. de Berna 26C, Lisbon, and/or other locations necessary for the development of research activities, under the scientific supervision of Francisca Alves Cardoso.

Duration of the grant:



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The grant is for a period of 3 months, with the possibility of renewal, and is scheduled to start on September 1st, 2025.

Applicable legislation and regulations:

Statute of the Research Fellow [Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação], approved by Law No. 40/2004 of August 18, in its current wording, and Regulation of Research Fellowships of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. [Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação da Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P.] – in place and available at: <https://www.fct.pt/financiamento/programas-de-financiamento/bolsas/>

Activity Regime:

The grant does not generate or entitle a legal-employment relationship and is exercised on an exclusive dedication basis, in accordance with the Statute of the Research Fellow.

Value of the monthly maintenance allowance:

The monthly amount corresponds to 1040,98€, as per Annex I - Table of monthly maintenance allowances of the Regulation of Research Fellowships [Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação] of the FCT in place. The value of the allowance is increased by personal accident insurance. The scholarship will be paid monthly, via bank transfer.

Selection methods:

The evaluation of applications will be based on the following criteria:

- 1) Evaluation of the Curriculum Vitae (40%), taking into account:
 - a. Academic background: including a breakdown of grades obtained in the subjects of the respective course and final grade (if applicable), or other certificate of an academic nature;
 - b. Reference to training courses/activities/participation in projects/others (proven via certificates/declaration/other) relevant to the work to be developed;
 - c. Experience in work/areas relevant to the work to be developed;
- 2) Evaluation of the Motivation Letter (40%), taking into account:
 - a. Reasons for applying to in the position;
 - b. Reason why the candidate should be selected;
 - c. Demonstration having undertaken activities related to the work to be developed
 - d. Expectations regarding inclusion in this research project.
- 3) Proposal of methodological approach (maximum 500 words), based on experience (20%).

The criteria will be scored on a scale of 0 to 100. The candidate's Final Score (CF) will be obtained by calculating the Weighted Average of the criteria. In the event of a tie, the CV score will prevail. The jury reserves the right not to award a scholarship if no candidate matches the desired profile.

Composition of the Selection Jury:

President: Francisca Alves Cardoso, CRIA NOVA FCSH

Full members: Rui Maia, Universidade Fernando Pessoa; Rodrigo Banha da Silva, CHAM, NOVA FCSH

Alternate member: Sandra Assis, CRIA NOVA FCSH.

Form of publication/notification of results:



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All candidates will be notified of the results via e-mail.

Application and formalization deadline:

The competition is open from June 6 to 30, 2025.

Applications must be submitted on the CRIA website, at <https://cria.org.pt/pt/emprego-e-bolsas>, in Portuguese or English, accompanied by the following documentation:

- Motivation letter (including name, place and time of birth, reason for interest and reason for selection);
- Curriculum Vitae;
- Certificate(s) of qualifications, including breakdown of grades obtained in the subjects of the respective course and final grade (if applicable);
- Proof of enrollment in a bachelor's, master's or other degree
- Proposal of methodological approach (maximum 500 words).

Applications submitted by other means will not be considered. Candidates who formalize their application incorrectly or who do not prove the required requirements will be excluded from admission to the competition. The jury has the right to require any candidate, in case of doubt, to present supporting documents for their statements. The jury reserves the right not to award a scholarship if no candidate matches the desired profile.

*Academic degrees obtained abroad require recognition by a Portuguese Institution in accordance with Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16, and Order no. 33/2019, of January 25. Presentation of the recognition is mandatory for signing the contract. More information can be obtained at: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/reconhecimento?plid=374>.

Non-discrimination and equal access policy.

CRIA actively promotes a non-discrimination policy and equal access, so no candidate may be privileged, benefited, harmed or deprived of any right or exempted from any duty for any reason whatsoever.