

CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP no. 2/2024****ANNOUNCEMENT**

Under the terms of article 8 of the Research Grant Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology ("FCT"), and in the context of the activity of the **WhatNext.Law** Knowledge Centre, created through a joint partnership between **NOVA School of Law** and **VdA - Vieira de Almeida, Sociedade de Advogados, SP, R.L. ("VdA")**, a call for applications for a Research Grant ("BI") for master's students at Nova School of Law is launched, under the following terms:

Type of grant: Research grant for R&D activities, aimed at consolidating scientific training through the development of research work leading to the award of a master's degree in Law.

Number of Scholarships: One Research Grant.

Duration: The duration of the BI is six (6) months, with no possibility of renewal.

Scholarship components: The amount of the scholarship corresponds to EUR 990.98 (nine hundred and ninety euros and ninety-eight cents), according to the table of values of scholarships awarded directly by FCT, I.P. in the country (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM_atualizacao-2024.pdf), plus Voluntary Social Insurance (optional) and Personal Accident Insurance, in the legal amount in force, which will be paid monthly by bank transfer. When the work programme does not cover the whole of a month, the monthly maintenance allowance for that month will be proportional to the number of days covered. Food, holiday, Christmas or any other allowances not expressly mentioned in the scholarship contract are not due in any case.

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Eligibility conditions: Students enrolled at NOVA School of Law who, at the time of submission of the application, are attending the 2nd Cycle of Studies at NOVA School of Law, after the end of the teaching component.

Evaluation Criteria and Parameters: The evaluation will follow the following criteria:

- a) Merit of the candidate (40%);
- b) Merit of the proposed work plan (30 per cent);
- c) Relation to the activities and objectives pursued by the WhatNext.Law Centre and degree of contribution to the research themes developed by the Centre at any given time (30%).

Activities arising from BI:

- a) Preparation of the master's thesis;
- b) Writing one or more scientific articles based on their thesis, to be published by the WhatNext.Law Centre;
- c) Presentation of the main conclusions of your thesis at an event organised by the WhatNext.Law Centre or an entity associated with or indicated by the WhatNext.Law Centre;
- d) Writing one or more short articles (in *blog* format) on one or more topics from the thesis, to be published on the WhatNext.Law Centre website;
- e) Carrying out a training course based on the thesis for entities associated with or indicated by the WhatNext.Law Centre;
- f) Proactive participation in the events and activities of the WhatNext.Law Centre, including assisting the WhatNext.Law Centre in the operational actions associated with these events and activities;
- g) Support in the management of insight publication flows by WhatNext.Law Centre researchers and WhatNext.Law Centre communications and interactions with researchers.

The above activities must be carried out during the duration of the BI, without prejudice to the commitment of the scholarship holder to complete these activities after the end of the BI.

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Publicity and deadline for submission of applications: The present call is published at the NOVA School of Law premises and on the CEDIS website, as well as on the EURAXESS Portal, and **applications may be submitted from 4 March 2024 and the deadline for submission is 18 March 2024.**

Supporting documents: Applications must be accompanied by the following documents:

- a) Copy of civil and tax identification document(s) and, where applicable, social security document(s);
- b) Certificate of qualification;
- c) Document proving country of residence, residence permit or other legally equivalent document, where applicable, valid on the date of the start of the Scholarship;
- d) Documents proving that the candidate fulfils the eligibility conditions, namely proof of enrolment and registration in the 2nd Cycle of Studies at NOVA School of Law;
- e) Declaration by the supervisor(s) assuming responsibility for supervising the work plan, under the terms of Article 5-A of the Research Fellow Statute;
- f) Updated curriculum vitae;
- g) Transcript of marks for the Bachelor's degree and the teaching part of the Master's degree, at the time of submission of the application;
- h) Thesis project or research plan.

The document provided for in point e) *above* is not a mandatory requirement for submitting an application. However, it must be submitted before the Scholarship Agreement is signed, otherwise the agreement will not be signed.

Submission of Applications: Applications must be submitted by the deadline and with all supporting documents, failing which they will be rejected outright, to concurso.bolsas@novalaw.unl.pt, with the subject line "Research Grant No. **2/2024**".

Selection: Candidates will be selected by the following jury:

President: Professor Doctor Fabrizio Esposito

Member: Professor Doctor Vera Lúcia Raposo

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Member: Master Tiago Bessa

Alternate: Master Iakovina Kindylidi

If the jury deems it necessary, interviews may be held with the candidates.

How the results will be publicised/notified: All candidates will be notified by e-mail of the Final Assessment Results and can consult them on the premises of the NOVA School of Law and on the CEDIS website, and on the website of the WhatNext.Law Centre.

Model contract and final reports: The model scholarship contract to be adopted is set out in Annex I. Annexes II and III are models of the final reports to be submitted by the grant holder and the scientific supervisor respectively, under the terms of the contract.

Applicable legal rules: Research Fellow Statute, approved by Law no. 40/2004, of 18 August, amended by Decree-Laws 202/2012, 233/2012 and 89/2013, respectively, of 27 August, 29 October and 9 July, by Law no. 12/2013, of 29 January and more recently by Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of 28 August; Regulation of Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I. P., in its current wording. (<https://former.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.pt>); Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação da Universidade NOVA de Lisboa (Diário da República, 2nd series, no. 179, of 14th September 2023).

Other information: for clarifications or requests for information, send an e-mail to cedis@novalaw.unl.pt or call 21 384 74 66, between 10am-12pm and 3pm-5pm.

It is the duty of the grant holders to comply punctually with the guidelines established by the scientific advisor, to notify the WhatNext.Law Centre of the occurrence of any fact that justifies the suspension of the grant and to draw up a final report in good time assessing the programme of activities carried out with the grant awarded.

Lisbon, February 16th, 2024

The Dean – Margarida Lima Rego

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ANNEX I**MODEL SCHOLARSHIP CONTRACT****Come in:**

FIRST: Universidade Nova de Lisboa - Faculdade de Direito (NOVA School of Law), executing entity of CEDIS (Centre for Research and Development on Law and Society), with premises at Travessa Estêvão Pinto, *Campus de Campolide*, 1099-032 - Lisbon, with legal person identification number 501 559 094, represented in this act by [...] "First Grantor", and

SECOND: XXXXXXXXXXXX, with ID card no. [...], and VAT number [...], residing at [...], hereinafter referred to as the "Second Party",

This research grant contract is entered into in good faith and mutually accepted, under the terms of the Research Grant Holder Statute, approved by Law no. 40/2004, of 18 August ("EBI"), which is governed by the following clauses:

First

1. In the context of the activity of the WhatNext.Law Knowledge Centre, created through a joint partnership between NOVA School of Law and VdA - Vieira de Almeida, Sociedade de Advogados, SP, R.L., the First Grantor grants the Second Grantor a Research Scholarship ("BI").
2. The Research Grant is awarded for a non-renewable period of 6 (six) months.

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1. The Second Party undertakes to carry out the plan of activities, as described in this Contract, on an exclusive dedication basis, under the terms of article 5 of the Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação.
2. The Second Grantor undertakes to prepare the master's thesis during the duration of the BI, and any extension of the deadline for preparing the thesis, in accordance with the applicable requirements, does not imply any extension of the BI deadline.
3. Without prejudice to the activities referred to in the preceding paragraphs, the Second Party also undertakes to carry out the following activities:
 - a) Writing one or more short articles (in *blog* format) on one or more topics from the thesis, to be published on the WhatNext.Law Centre *website*.
 - b) Preparation of one or more scientific articles, based on your thesis, to be published by the WhatNext.Law Centre;
 - c) Presentation of the main conclusions of your thesis at an event organised by the WhatNext.Law Centre or an entity associated with or indicated by the WhatNext.Law Centre; and
 - d) A training course based on the thesis for entities associated with or indicated by the WhatNext.Law Centre;
 - e) Proactive participation in the events and activities of the WhatNext.Law Centre, including assisting the WhatNext.Law Centre in the operational actions associated with these events and activities;
 - f) Support in the management of insight publication flows by WhatNext.Law Centre researchers and WhatNext.Law Centre communications and interactions with researchers.
4. The activities referred to in the previous paragraph are related to and are defined as a counterpart to the BI awarded, and must be carried out, as far as possible, during the duration of the BI, without prejudice to the commitment of the Second Grantor to complete these activities after the end of the BI, namely after the defence of the master's thesis.
5. The WhatNext.Law Centre also has the right to publish the master's thesis, provided it has sufficient scientific merit.

Third

1. The amount of the grant is that established in Regulation no. 950/2019 of the Foundation for Science and Technology - EUR 990.98 (nine hundred and ninety euros and ninety-eight cents) per month - which will be paid each month by bank transfer indicated by the Second Grantor.
2. Where the work programme does not cover the whole of a month, the amount referred to in the previous paragraph due for that month shall be proportional to the number of days covered.
3. No food, holiday or Christmas allowances are due in any case.
4. The Second Party has the right to suspend the grant for parental reasons under the terms of the EBI. In this case, the period provided for in paragraph 2 of Clause One will be suspended for the same period, as will the payment of any component of the grant, including - but not limited to - the monthly maintenance allowance.

Wednesday

The First Contracting Party may terminate this contract in the following cases:

- a) Serious and repeated failure to fulfil the duties of the Second Party for reasons attributable to it, namely failure to achieve the objectives set out in the activity plan referred to in this Contract;
- b) When it is found that the Second Party has made false declarations.

Thursday

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of the previous Clause, this contract shall automatically cease to have effect in the following cases:
 - a) Completion of the activity plan;
 - b) Expiry of the period provided for in paragraph 2 of Clause One;
 - c) Revocation by mutual agreement;
 - d) Constitution of a legal-labour relationship or relationship of provision of services with the First Grantor.

2. The termination of this contract does not affect the maintenance of the Second Party's commitments stipulated in paragraph 3 of Clause Two.

Friday

The Second Party undertakes to submit, no later than 60 days after the end of the contract, a final report containing a list of publications and work carried out within the scope of the contract, under the terms of Article 12(f) of the Research Fellow's Statute.

Seventh

Any changes to this contract are subject to agreement between the parties, which must be put in writing.

This Contract is drawn up in triplicate, all copies being valid as originals, with two copies being held by the First Grantor (Human Resources / Financial Services) and one copy being held by the Second Grantor.

[Date]

[SIGNATURES]

ANNEX II

SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER'S FINAL REPORT TEMPLATE

Scientific Activity Report

PROJECT

Advisor - xxxxxx

Scholarship holder - xxxxx

Type of Grant - Research Grant

Number of hours - xxxxxx

Period covered - xxxxxx

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

SUMMARISING THE ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT

xxxxx

CHARACTERISATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

xxxxx

Date [...]

Signature [...]

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ANNEX III

SCIENTIFIC SUPERVISOR'S FINAL REPORT TEMPLATE

Scientific Orientation Report

PROJECT

Advisor - xxxxxx

Scholarship holder - xxxxx

Type of Grant - Research Grant

Number of hours - xxxxxx

Period covered - xxxxxx

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

SUMMARISING THE ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT

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CHARACTERISATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

xxxxx

Date [...]

Signature [...]

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