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Call for Applications

1 Postdoctoral Researcher Position – Part Time

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for **one (1) Postdoctoral Researcher- Part-time** (CES/02/2025-ATHENE) in the project ATHENE - Citizen Science as a methodology for developing competences in children and young people [Ciência Cidadã como metodologia para o desenvolvimento das competências em crianças e jovens] (reference CENTRO2030-FSE+-00494100), funded by the European Commission, through the Centro 2030 Program, and seven co-partners - Fundação "La Caixa"/Banco BPI, União de Freguesias de Coimbra, Município de Cantanhede, Município da Pampilhosa da Serra, Município de Mortágua, Fundação Bissaya Barreto and Combo Ltd. -, and coordinated by Cláudia Pato Carvalho and Rita Campos.

CES provides a stimulating intellectual environment in the domain of social sciences and humanities. ATHENE is part of the research group *Urban Cultures, sociability and participation*. Urban cultures are at the heart of the societal crisis we are experiencing, whether as a result of the pandemic and its unequal effects, anti-democratic movements, renewed forms of social and cultural discrimination, climate change, the persistently predatory relationship with nature, the lack of regulation of markets and financial interests, the concentration of technological and technical power, or growing inequalities. Taking the city as a privileged territory for understanding this societal crisis and for building socially just and effective strategies and interventions to deal with it, the research group *Urban cultures, sociability and participation* focuses on urban cultures and modes of organization and regulation of social, cultural, political, and economic life in urban territories.

a. Project Description:

ATHENE - *Citizen Science as a methodology for developing competences in children and young people*

ATHENE is presented as a methodological tool in which students, teachers and researchers work on curricular content in a collaborative way, based on the principles of engaged citizen social science. The tool will be available on an open-access digital platform and will combine modules for autonomous learning, support resources, training actions and e-portfolios.

Expected duration of project execution: 36 months, starting September, 1, 2024.

b. Scientific field: Educational Sciences, Sociology of Education or similar areas.

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c. Work plan:

The selected researcher is expected to have the following responsibilities:

- Support the implementation of the school sessions foreseen in the project application, namely:
 - a) regular contact with teachers;
 - b) dynamization of collaborative sessions with students to advance the citizen science projects;
 - c) support to the impact analysis of the methodological approach;
 - d) support to the creation of the online platform and related materials;
- Collaborate in the elaboration of progress reports, writing of scientific papers and articles;
- Support in general project management and communication tasks, specifically the organisation of reflection forums, articulation with partner entities and writing of materials for communication and dissemination of results.

d. Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

The contract will abide by the Portuguese Labour Code approved by Law no.7/2009 of February 12, as presently worded.

e. Work place:

The tasks will be performed at the Centre for Social Studies facilities in Coimbra or other locations when necessary for the good implementation of the work plan, under the supervision of the Project's Coordinators.

f. Duration of the contract:

A part-time contract will be signed as soon as all administrative conditions are met. The temporary contract ("termo incerto") will be signed for the sole purpose of the execution of the project and will automatically end with the completion of the activities foreseen in the activity plan. Moreover, according to Article 112 of the Labour Code, paragraph 2 a), a trial period of 30 days is established.

g. Application dates:

- Call opens on: January 17, 2025
- Call closes on: February 7, 2025 (23h59 Lisbon time)

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h. Application process:

Applications must include:

- Presentation/Motivation letter in Portuguese, demonstrating experience in participatory action-research projects (max. 2 pages);
- Full Curriculum Vitae;
- Copy of qualification certificates and other relevant documents for eligibility purposes. If, for the duration of the applications period, the applicant does not have proof of recognition of the academic degree by the Portuguese Higher Education System (Law DL66/2018), it must be sent a declaration of honour ensuring to deliver the recognition of the degree within 30 days after the communication of the results, if selected.

Applications should be sent by email to concursos@ces.uc.pt until the final deadline, and will be valid only after a reading receipt is sent. Applications must include a clear indication of the reference of this call (CES/02/2025-ATHENE).

i. Preferred selection criteria and corresponding weight:

- Previous experience in conducting collaborative and participatory action-research projects with children and juveniles (25%);
- Previous experience in conducting research projects in the field of education and pedagogical innovation (25%);
- Proficiency in Portuguese and English (15%);
- Availability for national travel and driving licence (15%);
- Organisation, report writing and time management skills (10%);
- Demonstrated interest in the subject of the project (10%).

j. Monthly salary:

The monthly salary for the Part-time, corresponding to 17,5 hours a week, will be 1.176 Euros gross (plus months 13 and 14), meal allowance, and all social security charges, in accordance with the Portuguese Labour Code.

K. Mandatory requirements:

- Have a doctorate in the fields of Education Sciences, Sociology of Education (see conditions in b.) or a curriculum vitae demonstrating previous work experience in Education;
- Proficiency in Portuguese.

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Applicants with an academic degree and diploma issued by a foreign Higher Education Institution must present proof of recognition of the academic degree by the Portuguese Higher Education System, (law DL66/2018). Any candidate without the recognition of the degree(s) will be admitted to the competition, but during the evaluation process the selection panel, cannot:

- i. recognise the candidate's grades and assess according to the possession of such grades;
- ii. give equivalence to, or validate, the grade of her/his degree;
- iii. use that note or its conversion as an evaluation parameter.

In case of selection, the contract can only be signed after the recognition of the academic degree by the Portuguese authorities, under the terms of the Law-decree n66/2018, August 16. The selected candidate must deliver the recognition of the degree within 30 days after the communication of the results. After the 30 days, the jury may decide to 1) either extend the deadline for the candidate to prove the recognition; 2) assign the fellowship to the second place; 3) or not award the position.

I. Selection process

The selection of the candidate will be made based on the curricular evaluation and, in case of several applications are scored with approximate/similar evaluation, interviews to a shortlist can be carried out in person or remotely. When applying the two methods of selection, curricular evaluation and interview, each will have a valuation of 50% in the final classification.

The interview will allow the jury to clarify aspects related to the curriculum and previous experience, the candidate's ability to integrate into the project, motivation and interest, and communication and verbal expression in Portuguese.

The jury reserves the right to not select any applicants for the position, if applications do not meet the necessary standards and/or profiles in terms of absolute merit.

m. Selection panel:

- Cláudia Pato Carvalho (president)
- Rita Campos (permanent member)
- Miguel Cardina (permanent member)
- Ana Maria Seixas (substitute member)
- Fernando Fontes (substitute member)

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n. Communication of Results:

All candidates will receive the results by email. The meeting minutes of the selection panel will become available publicly. After communicating the results, applicants have 10 working days to present a redress to the evaluation and the result by email.

Additional information

Equality of opportunities:

CES abides by the national law that regulates the prevention, prohibition and fighting against discrimination on the grounds of racial and ethnic identity, colour, nationality, family background, and territory of origin (Law nº 93/2017, 23 August).

Data protection:

By submitting your application, you are agreeing with the use of your personal data by CES administrative services for the sole purpose of the current call, namely to be contacted directly by CES services and allow the communication of results as in point n. of this call. CES abides by the principles of GDPR.

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