

Call for applications – 1 (one) vacancy

RESEARCH STUDENTSHIP

1. Offer description

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for 1 research studentship (CES/13/2026-BI-EMCCINNO) in the project EMCCINNO: EMpowering CCIs to boost systemic INNOvation for sustainable climate transition, funded by the Horizon Europe Programme, of the European Commission, ref. 101178706, and coordinated at CES by Sílvia Ferreira.

CES provides a stimulating intellectual environment in the domain of social sciences and humanities. The project is part of the research line (Semi-)Peripheral Capitalism: Crises and Alternatives.

a. Project Description:

EMCCINNO: EMpowering CCIs to boost systemic INNOvation for sustainable climate transition

The EMCCINNO project (EMpowering CCIs to boost systemic INNOvation for sustainable climate transition) brings together the fields of culture and creative industries, climate transition, and social enterprises. It aims to refine, test, validate and scale sustainable business models, implementing them into prototypes for real-world impact within small and medium-sized CCIs.

Focusing on cultural and artistic social enterprises, the project involves five diverse organisations from five EU Member States, Portugal, Spain, Germany, Hungary and France, that will design and test prototypes based on their sustainability transition needs, supported by researchers throughout the process, thus contributing to the EU's climate goals.

This European project is coordinated at CNRS - Centre National De La Recherche Scientifique by Francesca Petrella and involves 13 scientific and arts and culture partners. CES and Culture Action Europe are responsible for WP6 – Scaling impact and consolidating at the EU level. Within this WP, CES is in charge of scaling the impact of the project's results, namely through curricula design, implementation and testing of five training workshops, one face-to-face and four online, for CCIs in the five countries of the pilot organisations. This work is coordinated by Sílvia Ferreira.

Expected duration of project execution: 36 months, starting February 1, 2025.

b. Scientific field:

Social Sciences and Humanities

c. Work plan, tasks:

The selected researcher is expected to have the following responsibilities:

- i) Support the execution of the project scientific tasks foreseen in the project, namely, literature review, documentary research, database maintenance;
- ii) Support the tasks related to the project management, namely organising team national and international meetings and workshops, and putting into place a communication strategy.
- iii) Support the systematisation of project results in collaboration with project partners;
- iv) Support the preparation and organisation of the training workshops, including the production of country overviews on CCI, giving support to the production of training materials, as well as support in dissemination, organisation and assessment of workshops;
- v) Collaboration in the production of progress reports and project scientific publications;
- vi) Participation in tasks related to scientific support to the Portuguese prototype.

d. Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

Portuguese Law nº 40/2004, of 18 August (Scientific Research Fellow Statute) and following amendments; FCT's (National Agency for Science and Technology) Regulations for Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources, and Regulations for Fellowships at the Centre for Social Studies.

Template of the fellowship contract: https://ces.uc.pt/oportunidades/bolsasemprego/Minuta_Contrato_Bolsa_CES.pdf

Template of the final activities report: https://ces.uc.pt/oportunidades/bolsasemprego/E_Relatorio_actividades.pdf

e. Work place:

The tasks will be performed at the Centre for Social Studies facilities and/or in other locations when necessary for the good implementation of the work plan, under the scientific supervision of the Project's Principal Investigator, Silvia Ferreira.

f. Duration of the fellowship contract:

The fellowship will last 6 months, starting in October 2026. The fellowship contract may be extended for different time periods, until the end of the project, depending on the evaluation of the work carried out, the financial provisions and scientific needs of the project.

g. Application dates:

Opens on: 16 July 2026

Closes on: 13 August 2026

h. Application process:

Applications must include:

- a) a letter of intent/motivation in English with the contest reference (CES/13/2026-BI-EMCCINNO), e-mail and phone number;
- b) detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- c) copies of degree certificates; (note: candidates must meet the eligibility conditions and conditions indicated in point k.)
- d) a copy of an academic production such as a scientific article, a report or a dissertation authored by the candidate;
- e) copy of the enrolment for the PhD in the current academic year or copy of the enrolment in a non-academic degree, but integrated in the pedagogical project of a higher education institution (note: candidates must meet the eligibility conditions) and conditions indicated in point k.).
- f) other relevant documents for eligibility purposes.

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/13/2026-BI-EMCCINNO).

3. Requirements

3.2 Skills/Qualifications

i. Preferred selection criteria and their weighing:

- 1. Documented training and experience in qualitative research methodologies and literature review (20%);
- 2. Research experience in the topics of the Project, namely social enterprises, culture and the arts, sustainability transitions, education and training, participatory processes (20%)
- 3. Quality of Publication(s)/ Sample of written work(s) (20%);
- 4. Proficiency in Portuguese and English (20%);
- 5. Documented interest in the Project themes and objectives and interest in pursuing research on intersecting areas of the project (20%);

The jury reserves the right not to select any candidate.

3.3 Specific requirements

N.A.

4. Additional info

Benefits

j. Monthly Allowance

The monthly stipend is 1.359,64 euros according to the Regulations for Fellowships at the Centre for Social Studies and at FCT. The payment of the Voluntary Social Insurance and the Personal Accident Insurance adds up to this amount (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores.phtml.en>)

Eligibility criteria

k. Mandatory requirements

1. Be a doctoral student or be enrolled in a course that does not confer an academic degree but is part of the educational project of a higher education institution (see associated conditions in a);

2. Hold a master's degree in the area of Social Sciences and / or Humanities.

a) Applicants must provide proof of enrolment in a doctoral or non-academic degree course, in the current academic year. If at the time of application, the applicant does not have a valid document proving their enrolment, they must send a declaration of honour in which they state to undertake the enrolment within a maximum period of 30 days after the communication of the results, under penalty of not contracting the scholarship.

b) 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) recognize 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 fellowship 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 fellowship.

Selection process

1. Selection process

Applicants will be selected based on their curricular evaluation. In case of equivalent curricular evaluations, the best-positioned applicants should be short-listed for an interview, meant to assess the applicant's potential in integrating the project's scientific dynamic. Each of the two methods of selection applied will have a rating of 50% in the final classification.

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m. Selection panel:

- Sílvia Ferreira (President)
- Patrícia Moura e Sá (permanent member)
- Gonçalo Canto Moniz (permanent member)
- Cláudia Pato de Carvalho (substitute member)
- Neide P. Areia (substitute member)

n. Communication of Results:

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

Additional comments

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, territory of origin, and disability.

(Law nº 93/2017, 23 August; Law nº 4/2019, 10 January).

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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<https://www.ces.uc.pt/pt/agenda-noticias/emprego-bolsas-estagios>



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