

With the new Decree-Law 123/2019 and the approval of the new FCT fellowship regulation, some changes have to be taken into consideration:

Decree-Law 123/2019 changes the Research Fellowship Statute and introduced some amendments, namely:

- Research grants are awarded only when they are associated with an academic degree or diploma; it is no longer possible to award grants to non-students.
- Some types of scholarships have been abolished, in particular, the Science and Technology Management Fellowships, the Guest Scientist Fellowships and the Research Technician Fellowships
- For institutional links with PhD researchers, employment contracts are now the rule.
- Postdoctoral fellowships have a maximum duration of three years and can only be awarded to people who completed a PhD less than three years. Previously, this period was 6 years and the scholarship could be awarded at any time.
- It is now possible to suspend the research fellowship in certain circumstances, namely, "to suspend the scholarship contract in the event of the temporary exercise of another public or private remunerated function or activity, which is incompatible with the exclusive dedication scheme described in Article 5."

FCT's new fellowship regulation defines several types of fellowships whose specificities are described in regulation linked below.

Note: The [New regulation of FCT fellowships](#) (in Portuguese) approved on 11/21/2019 applies to all research fellows funded directly or indirectly by FCT, and does not apply to research grants where such FCT funding does not exist. Nevertheless, institutions offering research grants without direct or indirect funding from FCT must also adapt and disclose their own regulations, which must be submitted for FCT approval under the terms of Article 7 of the Fellowship Statute. Institutions may adopt any FCT-approved fellowship regulation, or any FCT-approved adaptation to pre-existing regulations.

We are available for any clarification you consider necessary.

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