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Applications are open for 5 Scientific Studentships at Câmara Municipal do Funchal, within the framework of project EGAMES LAB

The Câmara Municipal do Funchal, within their responsibility to all citizens to promote and support Science & Communication Research and development, as well as, the duty to develop activities and events that will stimulate our economy, announces the opening of 5 Scientific Studentships (1 PhDs and 4 Masters) for the EGAMES LAB project, funded by the PRR (Plano de Recuperação e Resilência).

1. Scientific Area:

Digital Media, Informatics, Interactive Media Design, Computer Science & Engineering and Sport Science.

2. Application deadline and formalization:

The Call is open for 10 working days, from the date that is published on the website of Município do Funchal.

It is mandatory that all applicants fill in the form available on (www.cm-funchal.pt), and send it to ccif-investigacao@funchal.pt, attached with all the other required documents described on the CMF (Câmara Municipal do Funchal) Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships.

Be aware, that if your application documents are sent to a different email address or by post, your application will not be accepted.

All procedures from the Call Opening, Application submission, Selection Process, Prior Hearing, Results Announcement, Contesting Period, Appeal Period & Fellowship Closing, will be only through email address.

False statements and plagiarism, are reasons for automatic dismissal of any applicants, without further action taken by CMF (Câmara Municipal do Funchal).

3. Applicants:

To hold a bachelor or master degree and be enrolled at a course that awards an academic degree of master or doctoral and it is integrated in the educational project of a higher education institution, performed in association or cooperation with one or several R&D units.

4. Admission Requirements:

Who can apply:

- a) National citizens and any other citizens from the EU;
- b) Citizens from outside the EU, will need to hold their residence permit valid until the beginning of their fellowship, or if they hold a long lasting residence permit as in the law n.º23/2007, from the 4th of July;
- c) Stateless;
- d) Beneficiaries of the political refugee status.

To apply you need:

- e) To hold a bachelor or master degree and be enrolled at a course that awards an academic degree of master or doctoral, and it is integrated in the educational project of a higher education institution performed in association or cooperation with one or several R&D units;
- f) Not to have more than one Studentships with CMF.



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- g) Research Studentships (for PhD students), can be for students that are not enrolled in a PhD up to the closing date of the Call opening, but meet all the required conditions on n.º1 of article 30.º of Decreto-Lei n.º 74/2006 of the 24th of March, approved by the Jurisdiction Body of the Academic Degrees of Colleges.
- h) If those candidates are selected, they have 90 days to enroll in a PhD, which will be in line with the work plan on the Studentship of CMF (Câmara Municipal do Funchal).

5. Application admissibility requirements:

- a) Copy of ID & National Insurance Number;
- b) Proof of residency (residence permit or any other legal document that can eligible for this purpose);
- c) All documents that support the requirements of the Initiation Studentship - Initiation Studentship application Form; Academic degree certificate; Motivation letter; Proof of enrollement from the University;
- d) Work plan and training to be developed, including the proof of enrollement on any other courses that the candidat is or might be signed up for the duration of the Studentship;
- e) Curriculum Vitae;
- f) Updated document that proofs exclusive commitement of the applicant to the Studentship:
 - i) If applicable, updated document from the hosting institution (University) where the applicant is currently working, where it states: job role, working hours (per week and average per semester);
 - ii) If applicable, a document where it states the professional activities developed, compatible with the exclusive regime in article 5.º of the Fellowship Status.

6. Workplan:

According to the profile of each candidate, the work plan focuses on one of the following branches.

Branch A – Interactive Narratives for Video Games in Cultural Heritage

The objectives include researching and implementing new ways to create dynamic storylines between different characters, aiming to enhance levels of immersion and entertainment. Additionally, it aims to create and evaluate new interactive narrative systems that are easier to use, especially for multidisciplinary teams. The evaluation of these systems is carried out through playtesting methods on different video game prototypes provided by companies, with a special focus on the research of cultural heritage and its representation in interactive game environments.

Branch B – Health and Well-being

The objectives include designing scenarios for virtual games that promote health and well-being and developing games aimed at physical and cognitive training and rehabilitation. Activities include conducting various types of research – analytical, descriptive, experimental, and qualitative – on themes of virtual games focused on health and well-being, as well as physical and cognitive training and rehabilitation.



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Branch C – Virtual Games for Health and Well-being & Virtual Games for Physical Cognitive Training and Rehabilitation

The objectives include carrying out various assessments using sensor-based technologies and applications, such as location, movement, speed and acceleration, force, and physiological components; conducting different types of research: analytical, descriptive, experimental, and qualitative; executing/supporting interventions based on personalized Virtual Games programs; conducting evaluations with the general population or people with special considerations regarding physiological parameters during intervention based on personalized Virtual Games programs.

Branch D – Virtual Reality for Health and Well-being

The objectives include developing different types of research: analytical, descriptive, experimental, and qualitative in the following themes: games for health and well-being, games for education and learning curriculum, and games for sports training and rehabilitation; executing/supporting interventions based on personalized exergaming programs and conducting evaluations with the general population or people with special considerations (i.e., cardiovascular, metabolic, and brain-related disorders) regarding physiological parameters during intervention based on personalized exergaming programs.

7. Workplace:

The work will be developed at Centro Cultural e de Investigação do Funchal of Interactive Technologies Institute (LARSYS), under the scientific supervision of Professors: Pedro F. Campos (Principal Investigator), Professor Élvio Gouveia, Professor Frederica Gonçalves and Doctor Lucas Pereira.

8. Duration:

The research Studentships(s) will last until September 30, 2025, renewable. The decision to renew any Fellowship, will be entirely at the discretion of the President of Câmara Municipal do Funchal, or any Member of the Council designated by him. This will be through an application process, under the supervision and proposal of the professor in charge of the applicant, within the CMF (Câmara Municipal do Funchal) Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships

9. Monthly maintenance allowance:

a) According to the values for CMF (Câmara Municipal do Funchal) Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships, the amount of the monthly maintenance allowance is 990,98€ for those enrolled on a course that awards a master degree, being the payment method an option of the Fellow by Wire Transfer.

b) According to the values for CMF (Câmara Municipal do Funchal) Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships, the amount of the monthly maintenance allowance is 1.259,64€ for those enrolled on a course that awards a PhD degree, being the payment method an option of the Fellow by Wire Transfer.

10. Selection methods.

The selection methods will be the following:

- Curriculum evaluation - 70%;



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- Motivation Letter, where the applicants will explain how their previous experiences are relevant for their investigation goals – 30%;
- Individual interview, which will only happen in the event of a draw between candidates.

11. Composition of the selection Jury:

Professor Doutor Élvio Gouveia (presidente);
Professora Doutora Vanessa Cesário (vogal efetivo);
Doutor Lucas Pereira (vogal suplente).

12. Announcement/ notification of the results: The final evaluation results will be communicated to all applicants by email, and will be published on www.funchal.pt.

13. Deadlines and Procedures:

- a) Prior hearing to all contestants, under the terms of the Administrative Procedure Code, are for 10 working days from the date of the formal decision notification;
- b) If the number of contestants are too high, it will be done through public consultation, that will undergo the terms/conditions and deadlines on n.º2. of article 37.º of Decreto-Lei n.º 63/2019, of the 16th of May;
- c) The final decision, should be within the 60 working days after the conclusion of the Prior hearing or the Public consultation;
- d) The supposed above is not always applicable when decision will give the Studentship to all candidates.
- e) The final decision can be disputed in line with the terms & conditions of article 191.º followed by the Administrative Procedure Code, within 15 working days after the formal notification.

14. Financing:

All Studentships and Fellowships are from PRR (Plano de Recuperação e Resiliência) within the Framework of the EGAMES LAB project, that follow all the rules and regulations established for this purpose.

15. Legislation and applicable regulations:

The Call Opening are regulated by the Status of the Studentships and Fellowship Investigation, approved by the law n.º 40/2004 of the 18th of August, by the CMF (Câmara Municipal do Funchal) Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships and all other applicable legislation.

A Presidente da Câmara Municipal

Maria Cristina Andrade Pedra Costa