

Call for Expressions of Interest under the CMU Portugal Visiting Students Program (project refª CMU-P Gestão 2022)

The Carnegie Mellon Portugal Program (CMU Portugal) through Instituto de Engenharia de Sistemas e Computadores, Investigação e Desenvolvimento em Lisboa (INESC-ID) – as host institution “Entidade de Enquadramento” - and with the support of Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FCT) is announcing a Call for Expressions of Interest under the Visiting Students Program, for visits to Carnegie Mellon University in 2022. This Program is one of the key educational initiatives of the CMU Portugal partnership, under which successful applicants pursuing a master’s degree and affiliated with a Portuguese Higher Education Institution, or who have finished their master’s degree in Portugal in the area of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in the past two years, can spend two(2) to five(5) months working in ICT research and immersed in the Carnegie Mellon’s culture, while being mentored by CMU leading faculty and researchers.

CMU Portugal will support up to eight (8) beneficiaries through the project CMU-P Gestão 2022 under FCT regulations “**Subsídio a Atividades de Transferência de Conhecimento e Tecnologia**”, pending on funding available by **FCT/MCTES** through national funds and under the following conditions:

Duration

2 to 5 months depending on the proposed work plan that must end before December 31st 2022.

Legislation

The current call is open under FCT regulations “**Subsídio a Atividades de Transferência de Conhecimento e Tecnologia**” ([Regulamento nº913/2021 - Diário da República n.º 201/2021, Série II de 2021-10-15, páginas 84 - 92](#)).

Internship components

The monthly amount of the internship is €1.800,00. Apart from the monthly amount of the internship the beneficiaries will also have covered, up to a reasonable amount, their health insurance while at CMU, and will also receive a one-off travel fee of €600,00. The beneficiaries rights and duties are fully described in articles 15 and 18 of FCT’s “Subsídio a Atividades de Transferência de Conhecimento e Tecnologia” regulations.

Objectives / summary

Under the Visiting Students Program, beneficiaries can spend from two to five months working in research at Carnegie Mellon, being mentored by leading faculty and researchers, while immersed in the University’s culture. This unique opportunity provided by the CMU Portugal is designed to encourage and prepare talented master students or master alumni to pursue careers in research under the scope of the research areas of the Program. Through the Visiting Students Program beneficiaries will have the status of visiting students at CMU. More information is available on the [CMU Portugal Website](#).

Scientific supervision

The activities developed under the Visiting Students Program will be supervised by the CMU Portugal Program Directors **Inês Lynce**, full professor of IST and researcher at INESC-ID Lisboa, and **Nuno Nunes**, full professor at IST, researcher at LarSys, and invited researcher at INESC-ID Lisboa. The beneficiaries will hold a courtesy appointment at INESC-ID while the visit is ongoing. The beneficiaries will be also integrated in a Department and/or Research Centre at CMU and will have a CMU Faculty host. The supervisors and host institution rights and duties are described in articles 16, 17, 19 and 20 of FCT’s “Subsídio a Atividades de Transferência de Conhecimento e Tecnologia” regulations.

Required education Level and research experience

Only Portuguese citizens or foreign citizens with permanent residence in Portugal are eligible to participate in the Visiting Students Program. The candidates should be enrolled in a Master Program in the area of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Portugal or equivalent at the time of the application and during their research period at CMU, or have been awarded a Master degree in the last 2 years in the area of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). The Program requires full-time participation. Preference is given to candidates with a Licenciatura or bachelors degree grade of 14 (or equivalent) or higher, and professional and/or academic work aligned with the CMU Portugal main research areas.

Evaluation criteria

The evaluation and selection of the candidates takes place in accordance with articles 11 and 12 of FCT's "Subsídio a Atividades de Transferência de Conhecimento e Tecnologia" regulations. The applications will be assessed by the CMU Portugal Program Directors on a scale of 0-5 considering the "**Quality and depth of the academic work**" (30%); the "**Scientific robustness of the work plan proposed**", which should be aligned with the promotion of activities of knowledge and technology transfer within the framework of the FCT regulations under which the call is open (25%); the "**Professional experience of the candidate**" (15%); its "**Alignment with the main research areas of the CMU Portugal Program**" (15%); and the "**Relevance of the work developed by the host at CMU for the CMU Portugal Program**" (15%). Applications with a final classification of $\leq 3,00$ will not be selected for admission. The selection process is expected to take one month after the applications deadline, and all the applicants will receive feedback by email.

In accordance with FCT's "Subsídio a Atividades de Transferência de Conhecimento e Tecnologia" regulations (article 11, paragraph 9), there will be no hearing of interested parties' period. From the final decision, a complaint can be filed within 15 working days, or, alternatively, an appeal may be filed within 30 working days, both counted from the respective notification. Candidates who choose to submit a complaint must address their pronouncement to the FCT Board of Directors with delegated competence. Candidates who choose to submit an appeal must address the same to the FCT Board of Directors.

The jury will convene in **June** and is composed of the three CMU Portugal Directors:

Name	Professional Status / Institution
Inês Lynce	Full Professor / IST
José Fonseca de Moura	Full Professor / CMU
Nuno Jardim Nunes	Full Professor / IST

Results

The final evaluation results will be publicized through an ordered list in the CMU Portugal Program website page "[Admissions and scholarships](#)", and the candidates will be notified of the Jury's decision by email.

Contract

A contract between INESC-ID and the beneficiaries will be celebrated according to the FCT's "Subsídio a Atividades de Transferência de Conhecimento e Tecnologia" regulations, article 13, 3).

Internship report and sanctions

Until 60 work days after the successful completion of the research period at CMU, beneficiaries will have to present to CMU Portugal an internship report which details the activities that were developed under the Visiting Students Program, together with assessments from the internship supervisors and host institution in Portugal (in accordance with articles 18 to 20 of FCT's "Subsídio a Atividades de Transferência de Conhecimento e Tecnologia" regulations). In case the beneficiaries do not fulfil any of the regulations requirements, sanctions may take place according to article 22 of FCT's "Subsídio a Atividades de Transferência de Conhecimento e Tecnologia" regulations.

Documents to be submitted

All applications should be submitted through an online application form available [here](#). with personal information, period of visit, work plan, hosting department at CMU and supervisor at CMU.

The following documents should be attached to the online application form:

1. Detailed curriculum vitae
2. Statement of work
3. Declaration of enrolment and declaration of registration in a Portuguese Higher Education Institution Master Program, in the case of candidates who are master students/ Masters degree certificate*, in the case of candidates with a master degree
4. Support statement from the host at Carnegie Mellon University
5. Undergraduate Degree (1st cycle or equivalent) certificate *

* For candidates with degrees granted by foreign higher education institutions it is mandatory to have the recognition of the degree and the final classification conversion to the Portuguese scale.

For more information please visit the following links:

<https://www.dges.gov.pt/en/pagina/degree-and-diploma-recognition>

<https://www.ulisboa.pt/info/reconhecimento-de-habilitacoes-estrangeiras>

Application Dates

From (May 2nd) to (May 31st)

For further information and proposal submission, please contact

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