

Applications are open for 2 (two) Scientific Initiation Studentships at Câmara Municipal do Funchal, within the framework of project EGAMES LAB

The Município 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 2 Scientific Initiation Studentships for the EGAMES LAB project, funded by the PRR (Plano de Recuperação e Resilência).

1. Scientific Area:

Informatics, Human-Computer Interaction, Interactive Media Design, Art and Multimedia, Psychology.

2. Application deadline and formalization:

The Call is open for 10 working days, from the date that is published in Diário da República.

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 Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships of Município do Funchal.

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 Município do Funchal.

3. Applicants:

Have to be enrolled at a professional higher technical course, at a bachelor degree, at an integrated master or master degree, or to have a bachelor degree and be enrolled at a course that does not award an academic degree 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 Law 23/2007, of July 4;
- c) Stateless;
- d) Beneficiaries of the political refugee status.

To apply you need:

- e) To be enrolled at a professional higher technical course, at a bachelor degree, at an integrated master or master degree, or to have a bachelor degree and be enrolled at a course that does not award an academic degree 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 exceed with this contract, including the possible renovations, an accumulated period of one year in this type of studentship, continuously or with interruptions. Not to have more than one Studentships with Município do Funchal.
- g) Never to have been granted any other Studentship.

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 5th of the Research Fellowship Holder Statute.

6. Workplan:

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

Track A - Interactive Narratives for Video Games

The objectives include the study and implementation of new ways of creating dynamic plots between different characters in order to increase the levels of immersion and entertainment, create and evaluate new systems of interactive narratives that are easier to use, mainly by multidisciplinary teams and evaluate by methods of "playtesting" different video game prototypes provided by companies.

Track B - Virtual Reality for Health and Well-Being

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

Track C - Prosocial Computing for Energy Communities

The objectives are to develop a prosocial simulation game that simulates the daily activities and interactions between the main actors in energy communities and to leverage transformative games in order to develop prosocial agents for efficient energy systems.

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 e Doctor Lucas Pereira.

8. Duration:

The research initiation studentships will have the duration of 12 months, without the possibility of renewal.

9. Monthly maintenance allowance:

According to the values for Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships of Município do Funchal, the amount of the monthly maintenance allowance is 541,12€.

10. Selection methods.

The selection methods will be the following:

- *Curriculum evaluation - 70%;*
- *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 Pedro F. Campos (president);

Professor Doutor Élvio Gouveia (full member);

Professora Doutora Frederica Gonçalves (full member);

Doutor Lucas Pereira (substitute member).

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.º 2 of article 37th of Ordinance 63/2019, of May 16;
- 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 191th followed by the Administrative Procedure Code, within 15 working days after the formal notification.

14. Financing:

All Studentships and Fellowships are financed 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 Research Fellowship Holder Statute, approved by Law 40/2004, of August 18, by the Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships of Município do Funchal and all other applicable legislation.