

**Association of the Faculty of Pharmacy for Research and Development
Call for the award of 1 (one) Research Grant for Graduates enrolled in a non-degree
course**

Notice no. BICNCG/6/FARM-ID/2025

It is made known that a call for the award of **1 (one) Research Grant for Graduates enrolled in a non-degree seeking course** within the scope of the project with the reference 2023.14098.PEX, entitled: An exploratory study on inequalities in access to medicines and preventive care among people experiencing homelessness, exclusively funded by national funds from the Fundação para a Ciências e a Tecnologia, I.P., is open under the following conditions:

I. Scientific Area: Health Sciences

II. Admission Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Medicine, Nursing, Political Science, Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, or related areas¹;
- Be enrolled in a non-degree course integrated into the educational project of ULisboa or one of its schools, developed in association or cooperation with one or more R&D units².

¹All higher education degrees and diplomas awarded by foreign higher education institutions need to be recognised by a Portuguese Institution in accordance with Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of 16 August. The presentation of the recognition is mandatory for signing the contact. For further information, please visit [Degree and Diploma Recognition | DGES](#).

²During the application stage, if the candidates do not have in their possession the documents proving their enrolment in a non-degree course, it may be substituted by a declaration of honour. Proof of registration through the presentation of the certificated must be carried out until the hiring, under penalty of annulment of the candidate's assessment due to error on the assumptions of fact, and consequent exclusion from this competition.

Requirements:

- Work experience with people experiencing homelessness;
- Work or volunteer experience in Civil Society Organisations, preferably in the area of harm reduction;
- Experience in formulating policy recommendations for implementation in local, regional, or national contexts, in written form;
- Strong command of Portuguese, both spoken and written;
- Good communication skills for diverse target audiences, including local authorities, healthcare professionals, and people experiencing homelessness;
- Proactivity and autonomy in carrying out various tasks.

- III. Research Grant Duration:** The research grant will have a duration of **6 months**, with an expected start date in June 2025, on an exclusivity regime. The grant contract may be renewed for additional periods, as stipulated in paragraph a) of section 4 of article 6 of the Regulation of Research Grants of the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P. (Regulation No. 950/2019).
- IV. Work Plan:** The objective of the work is to develop a set of recommendations to be disseminated locally, aiming to influence policymakers to test simple and cost-effective measures that could improve access to healthcare and medications for people experiencing homelessness. To achieve this, the work plan involves several phases, including 1) non-participant observation in hospitals, shelters, drop-ins, supervised consumption rooms, and institutions with harm reduction programmes; 2) recruitment and facilitation of focus groups and semi-structured individual interviews with people experiencing homelessness; 3) recruitment and distribution of a questionnaire to assess healthcare professionals' perspectives on their attitude towards working with this population. The work is carried out in collaboration with civil society and local authorities.
- V. Workplace and Scientific Guidance:** The work will mainly take place on-site, at the locations specified in point IV, with the possibility of involving the Association of the Faculty of Pharmacy for Research and Development (FARM-ID), located at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Lisbon (ULisboa), under the supervision of Dr. Filipa da Palma Carlos Alves da Costa Azevedo e Silva, Associate Professor with Habilitation, FFUL.
- VI. Monthly maintenance stipend:** The monthly maintenance allowance (grant) corresponds to **1.040,98€**, according to the table of monthly maintenance grant values directly allocated by the FCT, I.P. in Portugal (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Tabela_valores_SMM_2025.pdf). Payment will be made via bank transfer.
- In addition to the monthly maintenance stipend the grant holder will also be awarded with the value correspondent to the payment of the first step of *Seguro Social Voluntário* (voluntary payment of Social Security), in case he/she chooses to be included in this regime.
- VII. Formalization of applications:** Applications must be sent in non-editable format (PDF), to the email concursos@farm-id.pt, containing the identification of the above-mentioned notice. Applications in paper format will not be accepted.
- VIII. Application deadline:** The deadline for applications is from **28 April to 12 May 2025 (10 working days)**.
- IX. Evaluation and rating criteria:**

Candidate's Merit: Aims to assess compliance with the formal requirements requested in the opening notice, but also to consider the suitability of the scientific area of training and/or specialization, training and professional experience, with a maximum weighting of 100%.

Adequacy of the Scientific Training Area (AACF): Candidates will be ranked based on their scientific training area and subsequent specialisation, with a maximum weighting of 15%.

- Academic performance during a bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Medicine, Nursing, Political Science, Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, or related areas (**BSc**) – 0 to 20 values.

Training and Experience (FE): Candidates will be ranked based on their education, as well as their experience and participation in real-world contexts, volunteer activities, or research projects carried out with people experiencing homelessness, preferably. Experiences with other vulnerable populations, such as people who use drugs, sex workers, migrant populations, those in detention settings, and other key populations, will also be considered relevant. Experience and involvement with civil society organizations, as well as experience in formulating policy recommendations, and proficiency in both Portuguese and English will be valued, with a maximum weighting of 50%.

- Work experience with people experiencing homelessness or other vulnerable populations (25%) (**ETSA**) – 0 to 20 values.
- Work or volunteer experience in Civil Society Organizations, preferably in harm reduction (15%) (**EONG**) – 0 to 20 values.
- Experience in formulating policy recommendations for implementation in local, regional, or national contexts (10%) (**ERP**) – 0 to 20 values.

Specific competencies for the proposed work plan (CEPTP): Candidates will be ranked based on their experience and participation in real-world contexts, volunteer activities, or research projects developed with people experiencing homelessness, in which they have had the opportunity to develop and demonstrate the specific skills described below, with a maximum weighting of 35%.

- Autonomy in performing different tasks (5%) (**A**) – 0 to 20 values.
- Proactivity (10%) (**P**) – 0 to 20 values,
- Ability to engage in dialogue with diverse populations, with a clear absence of stigma (10%) (**AE**) – 0 to 20 values.
- Strong command of Portuguese, both spoken and written (10%) (**DOPI**) – 0 to 20 values.

Should there be a tie, the 4 (four) highest-ranked candidates will be invited for an interview. This interview will not carry any weight in the final evaluation and will be used exclusively to clarify the information provided.

Final classification: The score obtained in the final classification results from the sum of the points obtained in the Candidate's Merit. An individual form will be filled for each candidate.

X. Instruction of Application:

- a. Application form containing the candidate's identification (*available on the institutional website*);

- b. *Curriculum Vitae* containing the information necessary for the evaluation of the application;
- c. Certificate proving ownership of a Bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Medicine, Nursing, Political Science, Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, or related areas (if awarded by a Portuguese Higher Education Institution), or a copy of the recognition of the Bachelor's degree (if awarded by a Foreign Higher Education Institution);
- d. Document proving the enrolment in a non-degree course integrated into the educational project of ULisboa or one of its Schools, developed in association or cooperation with one or more R&D units, or declaration of honour (*available on the institutional website*);
- e. Declaration of honour stating that there is no professional activity that violates the exclusivity regime (*available on the institutional website*);
- f. Motivation Letter indicating your experience and suitability for the proposed work plan, particularly the preferred factors and the relevance of the fellowship for your future prospects, as well as the immediate possibility of joining the project;
- g. Contact of two references (optional);
- h. Other relevant supporting documents.

All the documents necessary for the submission of the application are available on the institutional website, through the link: <https://www.ff.ulisboa.pt/faculdade/recursos-humanos/recrutamento/bolsa-para-licenciados-projeto-2023-14098-pex>.

The documents that instruct the application must be submitted in Portuguese or English language.

No document that should have been submitted in the application phase can be submitted after the deadline set in the opening notice. Failure to comply with the deadline set for the submission of the application, as well as the lack or late submission of documents referred to in this point will determine the exclusion from the competition.

XI. Composition of the Jury: The Jury responsible for the selection of the candidates will be constituted by:

President – Filipa da Palma Carlos Alves da Costa Azevedo e Silva, PhD, Assistant Professor with Habilitation, FFUL;

1st Member of the Jury – Fernanda Stumpf Tonin, PhD, Distinguished Professor, University of Granada, Granada, Spain;

2nd Member of the Jury – João Pedro Aguiar, PhD, Research Associate, iMed.Ulisboa, Portugal;

1st Alternate Member of the Jury – João Gama Marques, PhD, Research Associate, iMed.Ulisboa, Portugal;

2nd Alternate Member of the Jury – Lara Tavoshi, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Pisa, Italy;

3rd Alternate Member of the Jury – Ricardo Santini Fuertes, MSc, Research colaborator, iMed.Ulisboa, Portugal.

XII. Form of notification of results: All candidates will be notified of the final results of the evaluation by email and will have 10 working days after the aforementioned notification to make a statement, in accordance with the Code of Administrative Procedure.

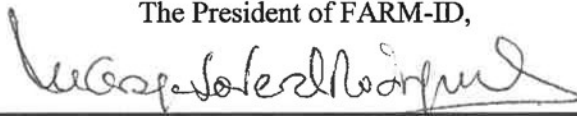
After this notification, and in case there are no claims, the results will become final. In case of claims, and after the allegation is analyzed and accepted or rejected, the results will become final after 10 working days.

After the final decision is made, a complaint/appeal can be filed to the President of the Association of the Faculty of Pharmacy for Research and Development, Maria da Graça Tavares Rebelo de Soveral Rodrigues, PhD, Full Professor, within 10 working days from the date of notification.

XIII. Applicable legislation and regulations: Regulation of Research Grants of the Fundação para a Ciências e a Tecnologia, I.P., Regulation no. 950/2019, published in the *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, no. 241, on December 16, amended by Regulation no. 643/2021, published in the *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, no. 135, on July 14; Regulation of Research Grants of the University of Lisbon, Order no. 6238/2020, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, no. 113, of 12 June, republished by Order no. 8061/2022, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, no. 126, of 1 July, and Research Fellowship Statute (EBI), Decree-Law no. 123/2019, published in *Diário da República*, 1st Series, no. 164, of 28 August.

Association of the Faculty of Pharmacy for Research and Development, 24 April 2025.

The President of FARM-ID,



(Maria da Graça Tavares Rebelo de Soveral Rodrigues, PhD, Full Professor)