Call Reference 01-BIPD-Projetos_2026
Call for attribution of 1 Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship (BIPD)

A call is open for the attribution of 1 Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship (BIPD), towards the development of **research activities in the area of Educational Technology / Education Sciences, Social Sciences, Communication Sciences, and related fields,** in relation to international research projects.

1. Admission Requirements

Candidates are eligible for this fellowship if all the following requirements apply:

- Completed PhD degree in Education Sciences, Computer Science, Psychology, Social Sciences, Communication Sciences, or related fields;
- Proven experience in applied research in the area of digital education, digital platforms and/or artificial intelligence;
- Solid understanding of qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, including the development and analysis of research instruments;
- Project organization and development skills, applied to international and interinstitutional scientific projects;
- Experience in academic writing and scientific publication, namely in creating articles, e-books and technical reports;
- Fluency in spoken and written English, with experience in producing scientific and dissemination materials in this language;
- Availability to travel abroad, both within and outside the European Union.

2. Length of the fellowship and work format

The fellowship will last 24 months, with a foreseen start on January 4th, 2027. Activities will be carried out on-site as a rule, although there will be a need for travel to other locations Portugal or abroad, whenever the project activities require it, namely for in person meetings, scientific activity, collaborative work, or results dissemination. The fellowship will be attributed in exclusivity, according to the stipulations in the Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação.

3. Work plan and objectives

The fellow will carry out scientific research activities, namely:

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- Systematic and/or narrative literature reviews;
- Participation in the design, development and implementation of the projects' activites;
- Qualitative and/or quantitative data gathering, treatment and analysis;
- Development of scientific reports, articles, and other scientific dissemination materials;
- Collaboration in team meetings, mobility activites, and scientific activities, both national and international, associated with the projects, including event organizing;
- Planning, development and analysis of instruments for evaluating project initiatives;
- Support to the scientific dissemination of the projects, including by participating in events, conferences, and international publications.

4. Scientific Advisor

Professor Doutor Diogo González Casa Nova

5. Required Education

PhD in Education, Computer Science, Psychology, Social Sciences, Communication Sciences, or related fields, with a solid training in scientific research methodologies.

6. Preferencial Factors

The following are preferencial factors, which will be considered when evaluating the merits of the scientific and work experience backgrounds of the candidates:

a) Relevant scientific production in the areas of Digital Education, Digital Platforms, and Artificial Intelligence applied to Education;
b) Experience in conceiving, developing and evaluating multimedia educational content and resources, including podcasts, online courses, and interactive materials;
c) Participation in international research projects, scientific networks, and consortia, preferentially in the field of higher education, digital education, and pedagogical innovation;
d) Experience in conceiving, implementing, and evaluating scientific studies that involve qualitative and/or quantitative methodologies, including the construction and validation of data gathering instruments;
e) Proven experience in collaboration with multidisciplinary and international research teams, including towards autonomous development of scientific activities;

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f) Experience in scientific communication and dissemination, in Portuguese and in English, including the production of publications, scientific reports, and dissemination materials.

These preferential factors are not mandatory admission requirements, and they will be valued in the context of the evaluation criteria defined in point 7, according to their relevance to the workplan. They do not result in the attribution of additional autonomous points in the evaluation process.

7. Evaluation Criteria

7.1. The selection of the candidates will take place on the basis of the evaluation of the merits of their scientific and work experience, and on the compatibility between their skills and the work plan and objectives of the research projects.

7.2. The Curricular Evaluation (AC) will take place according to the following criteria and weights:

a) **Scientific production and research track record (30%)** – Quality, relevance and appropriateness of scientific production, including scientific papers, book chapters, e-books, research reports, and others. Particular importance will be awarded to works that relate to digital education, digital platforms, and artificial intelligence applied to education.

b) **Experience in national and international research projects (25%)** – Participation in scientific research projects, networks and consortia, taking into account the nature of the activities performed, level of responsibility, international collaboration experience and contributions towards the achievement of the projects' objectives.

c) **Methodological and technical skills that fit the work plan (25%)** – Experience in the use of qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, including conceiving and applying data gathering, treatment and analysis instruments, evaluation of initiatives, and development of digital and multimedia educational resources.

d) **Scientific communication, English level, and international collaboration (20%) –** Experience in the production and dissemination of scientific content in English, including presentations at international events, reports and publications, and cooperation with multidisciplinary and international scientific teams.

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7.3. Each criterion will be marked on a scale of 0 to 20, according to the relevance, quality and adequacy of the documents and evidence presented by the candidates. The evaluation must be properly justified by the jury.

7.4. The score of the curricular evaluation (AC) will be calculated as follows:

$$AC = (0{,}30 \times A) + (0{,}25 \times B) + (0{,}25 \times C) + (0{,}20 \times D)$$

7.5. The jury may determine that an interview will be performed with the candidates that score 14 or above in the curricular evaluation, when the jury finds it necessary to better understand the relevant skills and experience of each candidate in relation to the workplan for the fellowship. The decision to perform interviews will be grounded and registered in the minutes, and the method will be applied to all candidates that fulfil the established condition.

7.6. The interview serves to complement curricular evaluation, and it includes the following parametres:

a) Ability to analyse and critically discuss scientific and methodological issues that relate to research projects – 40%;

b) Knowledge and experience in the application of research methodologies and instruments which are elevant to the workplan – 30%;

c) Ability to communicate about science in English, demonstrated by presenting and discussing aspects related to the candidate's research – 30%.

7.7. The interview will be marked on a scale of 0 to 20 points, and its classification (E) will be obtained through the weighted average of the parameters foreseen in the previous point.

7.8. If interviews take place, each candidate's final score (CF) will be calculated with the following formula:

$$CF = (0{,}80 \times AC) + (0{,}20 \times E)$$

If interviews do not take place, the final score (CF) will be the same as the score received in the curricular evaluation stage.

$$CF = AC$$

7.9. The interview, when performed, will constitute the second stage of selection. Candidates that do not qualify to access the interview stage will not be considered in the final ranking. If interviews are not performed, all candidates that are found eligible will be ranked on the basis of their curricular evaluation scores.

7.10. Candidates can only be selected for the fellowship if they receive a final score which is equal to or larger than 17 points, on a scale from 0 to 20.

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7.11. The final ranking will be done by descending order of final scores. In the case of equal standing, the scores obtained in criteria A, B and C of curricular evaluation will be considered, in order.

7.12. The jury reserves the right not to attribute the fellowship if no candidate meets the required conditions which are stipulated in this call, or if no candidate is scored above the minimum defined score.

8. Monthly Allowance and Applicable Legislation

The monthly allowance will be determined according to the table of amounts payable to research fellows kept by FCT – Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P., table of amounts payable to research fellows, as it stands on the date the fellowship begins.

Aside from the monthly allowance, the fellow will have personal accident insurance and the possibility to join Seguro Social Voluntário (SSV), in the terms foreseen in the applicable legislation, namely the Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação and the Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação da FCT.

9. Selection Jury

The selection jury will be made up of:

Professor Doutor Diogo González Casa Nova (Universidade Aberta) – **President**
Professor Doutor Pedro Teixeira Isaías (Universidade Aberta) – **Jury member**
Doutora Carla Patrícia Gonçalves e Sousa Mira (Universidade Aberta) – **Jury member**

10. Application Documents

Candidates should submit the following documents:

- Detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- Academic certificates;
- Cover letter;
- Other documents that may be relevant to evaluation.

11. Application procedure and deadline

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The call is open for a period of 10 business days, between November 2nd and 13th.

Applications must be submitted through the electronic platform available at https://apply.uab.pt/.

Candidates must access the electronic platform at https://apply.uab.pt/ and register in order to submit the application, by selecting what opening they wish to apply to (code for this call:

BOLSA-UAb-26-2).

12. Publication and notification of results

Notification of evaluation results will take place in the electronic platform Apply UAb, in the terms of item c) of number 1 in article 112.º of Código do Procedimento Administrativo (CPA), with effects in terms of article 113.º of the CPA.

13. Complaint and Appeals Process

The candidate will have 10 business days, once they have been notified as mentioned in the previous point, to make a complaint by submitting a formal request to the Jury President through the Apply UAb electronic platform, as part of the process of prior hearing of interested parties, in accordance with articles 121.º and 122.º of Código do Procedimento Administrativo (CPA). The jury will appreciate the complaint and its grounds and decide on the final list of results.

The selected candidate must communicate, in writing, the acceptance of the fellowship within 10 business days of being notified of the final decision. Not communicating this acceptance before the deadline will result in the candidate relinquishing the fellowship.

14. Fellowship contract

A model for the fellowship contract that will be signed between the selected candidate and Universidade Aberta can be viewed at https://portal.uab.pt/bolseiros/.

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