

## Call for Expressions of Interest: FCT-funded Research Positions at Praxis-CFUL (Lisbon)

The [Practical Philosophy Research Group](#) of the Centre of Philosophy of the University of Lisbon (Praxis-CFUL) welcomes **expressions of interest** from qualified candidates interested in applying for fix-term (up to 6 years) research positions funded by the [Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia \(FCT\)](#) — the Portuguese national funding agency for academic research and development — as part of the upcoming 4th Edition of the Scientific Employment Stimulus call.

Praxis-CFUL is a dynamic and active community of senior and young researchers working in the manifold fields of practical philosophy in the continental tradition. Our objective is to address and provide philosophical foundations in order to rethink our contemporary **societal challenges**, both historically and thematically, through the reflection on human action and values, and by analyzing and addressing problems from the point of view of its political, aesthetic, and cultural origins and effects. Furthermore, and by providing the philosophical foundations of the study areas, we also foster inter- and transdisciplinary research, a distinctive feature that in recent years has turned us into one of the leading research groups in Portugal in areas such as political philosophy, philosophy of landscape, environmental ethics, aesthetics and arts, social philosophy and philosophy of culture.

In 2021, the FCT will fund the hiring of **400 researchers**, holders of PhDs at various stages of career, to carry out their activity in research centres throughout Portugal. The selected researchers are hired by the host institution through a framework-contract between the host and the FCT, which guarantees the funding.

The FCT will accept applications between 29 January and 26 February 2021 (17:00 Lisbon Time). Candidates will apply online directly to the FCT, but their application **must be supported by a host institution**. The potential awardee will develop his/her activities integrated into Praxis-CFUL, which is one of the components of the **Centre of Philosophy of the University of Lisbon (CFUL)** and, thus, the research unit that will act as the **host institution**. In previous editions of this call, the CFUL has a strong record of supporting successful candidates.

The application, written in English, must include the following:

- A research plan, including a description of the main activities to be undertaken, the expected results, as well as a clear explanation of how the

research project fits with (at least one of) the goals set out in the [United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#);

- A brief description of previous academic and scientific experience, highlighting the main activities and results obtained in the last 5 years;
- Curriculum vitae;
- Motivation letter, identifying up to two main contributions of the candidate in the last 5 years and the expected main contributions for the next years;
- A brief description of the conditions provided by the host institution and of how the proposed research plan fits into the overall strategy of the research centre.

Applications will be assessed by an international panel, according to the following criteria:

- The candidate's scientific experience, with emphasis on the last 5 years (70%);
- The proposed research plan (including an explanation of how they fit with the objectives within UN's 2030 Agenda) (30%).

Each applicant can submit only one application for one of the following types of positions:

**Junior researcher:** PhD holders with limited post-doctoral experience in the scientific area of application – 2.134,73€ gross wage (c. 1.400-1.500€ net wage for 14 months/year, depending on several specific factors related to the family composition and income);

**Assistant researcher:** PhD holders with more than 5 years of post-doctoral research, with relevant experience in the scientific area of application and limited scientific independence\* – 3.201,40€ gross wage (c. 1.800-1.950€ net wage 14 months/year, depending on several specific factors related to the family composition and income);

**Principal researcher:** PhD holders with more than 5 years of post-doctoral research, with relevant experience in the scientific area of application and demonstrating scientific independence\* for the last 3 years – 3.611,83€ gross wage (c. 2.100-2300€ net wage 14 months/year, depending on several specific factors related to the family composition and income);

**Coordinating researcher:** PhD holders with more than 5 years of post-doctoral research, holders of a title of 'Agregado' (or 'Habilitation'), with relevant experience and demonstrating scientific independence and recognized leadership in the scientific area of application – 4.678,96€ gross wage (c. 2.350-2500€ net wage

14 months/year, depending on several specific factors related to the family composition and income).

\*Research independence is demonstrated through scientific competence, originality and international recognition, by experience in doctoral or post-doctoral supervision, or by the competitive research funds attracted at national or international level.

It is the applicant's responsibility to choose the contract level best suited to their career stage.

It is mandatory to upload the doctoral diploma. In order to comply with the Portuguese legislation concerning the recognition of foreign qualifications, all the doctoral degrees granted by foreign higher education institutions should be duly recognized\*\*. Applicants are advised to visit the website of the Direção-Geral do Ensino Superior (DGES) for further information: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/en> . If possible, the recognition certificate (or proof that one has been requested) should be uploaded together with the diploma. Applications will be considered even if the recognition certificate is not available. However, the recognition must be obtained before signing the contract.

\*\* Cf. Decree-Law No. 341/2007, of 12 October; Decree-Law No. 283/83, of 21 June; Portaria N.º 227/2017, 25 July.

More information about the call, including a link to the application portal, is available [here](#).

Interested candidates are invited to contact the Praxis Research Group coordinator, Dr. Ricardo Mendoza-Canales (at [rcanales@letras.ulisboa.pt](mailto:rcanales@letras.ulisboa.pt) ), with a brief description of their intended research and current CV no later than **February 5th**.