

## CALL FOR AWARDING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS WITHIN PROJECT GRANTS AND R&D INSTITUTIONS

### 1 (one) Research Fellowship (BI) for MSc student or BSc enrolled in a non-degree course

Ref.: 1157.1 – 1 BI EM AccessVR

1 Research Fellowship(s) (BI) is(are) open at the **FCiências.ID – Associação para a Investigação e Desenvolvimento de Ciências**, for the project/R&D institution “Virtual Reality Accessible to Visually Impaired People”, “2022.08286.PTDC”, funded by the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P./MCTES through national funds (PIDDAC) under the programme PTDC 2022, under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Computer Science.
2. **Requirements for admission:** BSc in Computer Science or Multimedia or similar areas. Experience in accessibility research.
3. **Additional optional skills and qualifications:** Experience in researching application usage by communities with disabilities. Experience with the design and development of virtual environments.
4. **Contracting requirements:** Presentation of the academic qualifications and/or diplomas. Enrolment in Master's in computer science and Engineering or a Non-degree Course developed in association or cooperation between a High Education Institution and one or multiple research units.
5. **Work plan:** The workplan consists in the implementation of a virtual environment accessible to blind people. This environment will enable testing various navigation and audio feedback solutions, allowing the user to understand their surroundings. It includes performing studies with blind people and analyzing such studies.
6. **Legislation framework:** Research Fellowship Holder Statute, in accordance with Law 40/2004, of 18 August, in its current version and the FCT Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships, in its current version (Reg. 950/2019 published in DR on 16<sup>th</sup> December: <https://dre.pt/application/file/a/127230968>, or at the FCT website: <https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml>), and FCIências.ID Fellowship Regulation, as approved on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (available at [Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação Científica da FCIências.ID](#)).
7. **Place of work:** The work will be developed at the LASIGE, Department of Informatics of the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon under the scientific supervision of Professor João Guerreiro.
8. **Fellowship duration:** This position is initially opened for 6 months due to start in February 2023. The fellowship contract may be potentially renewed for 3 months.
9. **Monthly allowance:** The fellowship amounts to € 875,98, according to [table values](#) of the fellowships awarded directly by the FCT, IP. The fellowship holder will have a personal accident insurance and can ensure the right to social security through adherence to the voluntary social insurance scheme, if not covered by any other social protection scheme, pursuant to *Código dos Regimes Contributivos do Sistema Previdencial de Segurança Social*. The fellowship will be paid monthly by bank transfer.
10. **Evaluation and selection process:** Candidates will be assessed by CV (70%), Experience in accessibility research (30%). Applicants whose application is scored with a final classification of less than 70 points are not eligible for granting a fellowship.

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11. **Selection Committee:** President of the jury: João Guerreiro; Effective Members: André Rodrigues, Tiago Guerreiro; Alternate members: Carlos Duarte, Letícia Seixas Pereira.
12. **Publication/notification of results:** All the candidates will be notified by e-mail, sent by the call holder, with the selection meeting minutes enclosed.
13. **Deadlines:** This call for applications is open from 30/01/2023 to 10/02/2023 .
14. **Application:** Applications should be sent via e-mail to [lasige-candidaturas@listas.di.ciencias.ulisboa.pt](mailto:lasige-candidaturas@listas.di.ciencias.ulisboa.pt), indicating - otherwise they will not be considered eligible - in the "Subject": Ref. 1157.1 – 1 BI EM AccessVR, by attaching the following documents:
- Curriculum vitae - **CV may be provided in PDF or through the [CIÊNCIAVITAE](#) system;**
  - Certificate of completion of previous degree;
  - and other documents considered relevant
15. **Time limits for the appeal procedure:** In case of negative decision, the candidates have 10 business days, after the date of announcement of the results of the candidates evaluation, to pronounce their disagreement in accordance with the *Código do Procedimento Administrativo*. Appeals against the final decision may be submitted to the Administration Board of FCiências.ID ([fciencias.id@fciencias-id.pt](mailto:fciencias.id@fciencias-id.pt)) within 15 business days after the notification date

**Note 1:** The documents that prove the entitlement of the academic qualifications and diplomas, or the proof of registration in the academic degree or diploma requested on the call, can be dismissed during the application period and replaced by a declaration on their honour from the applicant. Their delivery is mandatory for the fellowship contractualization.

**Note 2:** Please note that - higher education degrees and diplomas awarded by foreign higher education institutions - need to be recognized by a Portuguese higher education institution, pursuant to the [Decree-Law nr. 66/2018](#) (August 16) and the [Ministerial Order nr. 33/2019](#) (January 25). The presentation of the recognition certificate is mandatory for contract signature. More information can be obtained at: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/en/pagina/degree-and-diploma-recognition>.