



**CIDEHUS – Interdisciplinary Centre for History, Culture and Societies  
University of Évora**

**Call for Research Scholarship – 1 position**

**10 of February of 2022**

A call for tenders is open for one Research Scholarship within the scope of the project *ArchNeed – The Architecture of Need: Community Facilities in Portugal 1945-1985*, reference PTDC/ART-DAQ/6510/2020, financed by national funds through FCT / MCTES, the premises of which are included in the synopsis at the end of this announcement. The call is open under the following conditions:

**Scientific areas:** History; Art History; Architecture; Architectural History, Urbanism.

**Type of scholarship:** Research Scholarship (BI) for Master’s level.

**Admission requirements:** The scholarship will be offered to candidates holding a master’s degree who are currently enrolled in a doctoral studies programme or in a course not leading to an academic degree. Candidates should have: a master’s degree in History, Art History, Architecture, Architectural History, Urban Design or similar, with a final mark of 14 (in 20) or higher (mandatory requirement); Advanced command of the Portuguese language, spoken and written (mandatory requirement) and of the English language, spoken and written (preference requirement); Research, writing and publication work record on the history of built environment production processes, including buildings, urban ensembles and sectors and infrastructure, and/or of their public and private promoters, employing history sources, or on the administrative and institutional history, in Portugal (preference requirement); Work experience on the archives, organised or not, of public and private entities, and particularly experience on working with, recording and researching text, image and drawn records, on the commission, conception, support, funding, construction, refurbishment and fitting of buildings, urban ensembles and sectors and infrastructure in Portugal (preference requirement); Experience with databases and information systems (preference requirement).

As set forth FCT Research Scholarship Regulation No. 950/2019 of December 16, 2019, articles 3 and 6, candidates for “BI” (Research Grants) must comply with a general rule as a condition for the award of the scholarship: the effective inclusion in study cycles leading to the attribution of academic degrees or in courses not leading to an academic degree. Courses that do not confer an academic degree correspond to the courses specified in subparagraph e) of paragraph 3 of article 4 of Decree-Law No. 74/2006 of 24 March and must be developed in a higher education

institution in association with at least one R&D unit, including a course plan in one or several research areas of the unit.

**Work plan:** The research fellow will

1. Participate in the sample collection in municipalities of Alentejo and Algarve (see description in appendix), together with the project research team.
2. Perform fieldwork in the *distritos* of Évora and Portalegre, including the survey and recording of buildings, urban ensembles and spaces, as well as the research, collection, recording, uploading to the database and analysis of the information regarding the cases in the study, in libraries, archives and communities in those *distritos*.
3. Consolidate the final sample of cases in the study and complete the database.
4. Contribute to the critical analysis of the data, to the production of content and reports and to the writing of scientific papers.
5. Contribute to the organisation of the events scheduled in the project, namely the workshops, collaboratories, local presentation and debate sessions and final conference.
6. Participate in the dissemination and outreach activities included in the project.

**Applicable legislation and regulations:** The granting of the Research Scholarship will be carried out upon the signing of a contract between the University of Évora and the scholarship holder, as set in the template [https://www.fct.pt/apoios/Minuta\\_Contrato\\_Bolsa.docx](https://www.fct.pt/apoios/Minuta_Contrato_Bolsa.docx), pursuant to the Research Scholarship Statute (Law No. 40/2004 of 18 August and Decree-Law No. 123/2019 of 28 August) and in accordance with the legislation and Regulation of Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, IP in force, regulation nº 950/2019 of 16 December 2019, its first amendment (regulation nº 643/2021 of 14 July 2021) and other applicable rules (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.pt>).

**Place of work:** The work will be developed at the institutions that participate in the project, and particularly in the libraries, archives and other sites of the *distritos* of Évora and Portalegre, required to fulfil the work plan, as described above and under the scientific guidance of Professor Ricardo Costa Agarez, the ArchNeed project's PI.

**Duration of the scholarship:** The scholarship will have a duration of 6 months, starting in April 2022. The scholarship contract may be renewed to a maximum of 24 months, until the end of the project's budget execution.

**Amount of monthly maintenance allowance:** The amount of the scholarship is €1144,64 according to the table of scholarships awarded directly by FCT, I.P. in Portugal (<http://fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores>), payments being made monthly, by check or bank transfer. The project comprises additional and specific budget items to fund fieldwork missions to be carried out in the municipalities included in the fellow's work plan.

**Selection methods:** The selection of candidates will be based on curriculum assessment, with the following valuation criteria: academic career (65%) and work and research experience (35%).

Should it become necessary to resolve a draw between candidates, these will be assessed with an interview aimed at ascertaining the prospects for the candidate's integration with the scientific purposes of the project. In this case it will be considered the following evaluation criteria: academic career and research experience: 70%; interview 30%.

The jury reserves the right not to award the scholarship, should no candidate be found to adequately fit the position. CIDEHUS reserves the right not to award the scholarship, should no candidate be found to adequately fit the position.

**Composition of the Selection Jury:**

President: Prof. Doutor Ricardo Costa Agarez

1<sup>st</sup> member – Prof.<sup>a</sup> Doutora Dulce Freire

2<sup>nd</sup> member – Prof. Doutor João Paulo Martins

1<sup>st</sup> substitute member – Prof.<sup>a</sup> Doutora Maria Ana Bernardo

2<sup>nd</sup> substitute member – Prof. Doutor Pedro da Luz Pinto

**Advertising/notification of results:** The final results of the evaluation will be publicized, through an ordered list (by final grade obtained) posted in a visible and public place at CIDEHUS, and the selected candidate will be notified through email.

To ensure the right of prior hearing of interested parties, the Final Classification project will be announced by any written means to all interested parties.

After communicating the provisional list of the results of the evaluation, candidates have a period of 10 working days to express their opinion in a preliminary hearing of interested parties.

**Application deadline and submission of applications:** The tender is open from 10 to 24 February 2022.

**Application material:** Applications should be submitted by email to CIDEHUS, [cidehus@uevora.pt](mailto:cidehus@uevora.pt), a/c Prof. Ricardo Costa Agarez, and must include the following documents (PDF format):

- a) Presentation and motivation letter, duly signed, indicating the reference of the project in subject (PTDC/ART-DAQ/6510/2020) and stating the doctoral programme or course not leading to an academic degree in which the candidate is enrolled, how adequate and relevant his/her profile is to the premises of the call and position, his/her most relevant skills to advance the project and the candidate's foremost contribution to it;
- b) A detailed CV;
- c) Copy of an identification document;
- d) Copy/es of qualification certificate/s;
- e) Copy of proof of enrolment;
- f) Other documents considered relevant for the application.

For the purposes of application, the evidence may be replaced by a declaration of honour signed by the candidate, but the failure to demonstrate, in the contracting phase, the possession of the required degree on the deadline for application or the non-presentation of proof of enrolment

in the study cycle or non-degree course, will result in the cancellation of the candidate's application.

Academic degrees obtained in foreign countries require registration by a Portuguese Institution in accordance with Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16 and Ordinance No. 33/2019, of January 25th.

The presentation of the certificate is mandatory for the signing of the contract. More information can be obtained at: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/recognition?plid=374>



## **Appendix – Brief description of the project:**

*The Architecture of Need: Community Facilities in Portugal 1945-1985* looks at the commission, design and production processes of essential local community civic and farming facilities in Portugal between the end of WWII and accession to the European Community. These buildings, mostly architect-designed, are part of our daily lives and testify to architecture's attempts at social relevance, as material bonds between creators and users of the built environment; but they have been largely ignored by the dominant culture of architecture, with its metropolitan-, art-historical-slanted approach. Now that dwindling resources must be used rationally and communities large and small need to build up their resilience in a sustainable way, a novel, comprehensive understanding of these facilities, the agents, concepts, discourses and strategies behind them and their architectural definition is paramount. This is an academic project designed to retrieve the long-lost DNA of everyday public-use and farming facilities in Portugal in order both to advance the culture of architecture and to empower local communities to knowingly reuse, transform, repurpose, maintain or eliminate critical pieces of their architecture of proximity.

Building on career-long efforts by the team, this project moves away from the architecture of auteurs and artistic canons to discuss agents, pragmatic responses and service, in contexts where basic needs are met by works seen as mundane, the product of purportedly unremarkable processes. It investigates how unsung architecture, relevant for laypeople and architects in the past, might be so again in the future, by looking at where it was most directly called to address need: in essential civic and farming facilities erected in non-metropolitan areas of Portugal, specifically in the regions of Alentejo and Algarve. The corpus of the project comprises local civic and rural facilities built in the *distritos* of Setúbal (municipalities of Alcácer do Sal, Grândola, Sines and Santiago do Cacém), Portalegre, Évora, Beja and Faro between 1945 e 1985, including p. e. buildings for healthcare and elderly care (healthcare centres, nursing homes), general services (municipal and freguesia services, parish and town halls, market halls, hygiene and salubriousness, public spaces), social support (adult and child care, community centres, transitional and lowest-income housing); public safety (fire and police stations); education, culture and leisure (museums, libraries, sports halls); and farming (granaries, co-ops, wineries, mills, slaughterhouses). Most were local initiatives by public and private bodies, with state support (technical and financial) via Public Works departments; many drew on philanthropic aid, notably from the Gulbenkian Foundation's statutory endowments. This research will focus on the processes of commissioning, conceiving, supporting, funding, construction, refurbishment and fitting of buildings, urban ensembles and spaces and infrastructures, carried out in the above-mentioned *distritos*.

The enquiry focuses on a four-decade period from around 1945, when the Estado Novo dictatorship regime strengthened earlier policies to capitalise on local initiative that transformed the infrastructure of mid- and small-size communities; through socio-political changes after the 1974 revolution; to the late 1980s, when the country's efforts to join the European Community (1986) and devolve powers to municipalities changed the equation behind metropolitan, regional and local initiatives.