

MEETING MINUTES N.º 1

Tender Procedure for the Attribution of PhD Studentships FCT-UNITE! - ULisboa – 2023

On September 27th, 2023 at 9:00 AM (Lisboa, Portugal), evaluating panels for applications (A3 to A5, A7 to A11, A14 and A15) met remotely via video call, namely:

Panel - Ref. A3

Ana Paiva (Panel Chairman), IST, Universidade de Lisboa
Inês Lynce, IST, Universidade de Lisboa
Pedro Viegas, IST, Universidade de Lisboa

Panel - Ref. A4

Ana Paiva (Panel Chairman), IST, Universidade de Lisboa
Bruno Martins, IST, Universidade de Lisboa
João Moura Pires, FCT, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Panel - Ref. A5

Carlos Santos Silva (Panel Chairman), IST, Universidade de Lisboa
Ana Paula Ribeiro, IST, Universidade de Lisboa
Marta Alves, IST, Universidade de Lisboa

Panel - Ref. A7

Carlos Santos Silva (Panel Chairman), IST, Universidade de Lisboa
Guilherme Gaspar, FCUL, Universidade de Lisboa
João Serra, FCUL, Universidade de Lisboa

Panel - Ref. A8

Carlos Santos Silva (Panel Chairman), IST, Universidade de Lisboa
Ana Paula Ribeiro, ISTécnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Herminio Diogo, IST, Universidade de Lisboa

Panel - Ref. A9

Carlos Santos Silva (Panel Chairman), IST, Universidade de Lisboa
Jorge Correia, FCUL, Universidade de Lisboa
Ana Viana, FCUL, Universidade de Lisboa

Panel - Ref. A10

Carlos Santos Silva (Panel Chairman), IST, Universidade de Lisboa
Peter Bourne, IST, Universidade de Lisboa
Fátima Montemor, IST, Universidade de Lisboa

Panel - Ref. A11

Paulo Peças (Panel Chairman), IST, Universidade de Lisboa
Pedro Amaral, IST, Universidade de Lisboa
Tânia Ramos, IST, Universidade de Lisboa

Panel -Ref. A14

Paulo Peças (Panel Chairman), IST, Universidade de Lisboa
Pedro Amaral, IST, Universidade de Lisboa
Luís Correia, FCUL, Universidade de Lisboa

Panel - Ref. A15

Pedro Amaral, IST, Universidade de Lisboa (replacing the Chairman of the Panel)
Alessandro Salmi, Polytechnic of Turin
Gonçalo Cardeal, IST, Universidade de Lisboa

As no applications were presented, the evaluation panel for scientific areas A1, A2, A6, A12 and A13 was exempted from attending the meeting.

All panel chairs agreed upon the following agenda, which was subsequently accepted:

1. Assessment of applications;
2. Notification of results;
3. Verification of declarations of interest.

Point 1.

The purpose of the meeting was to verify whether the candidates had met the required criteria and had presented all the essential documents for admission and curricular evaluation. This was in accordance with the Call Notice that was published in both Portuguese and English on the EURAXESS platform on the 20th of July, under the regulations for Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT).

It has been confirmed that a total of 28 applications were submitted through the email provided for this purpose, which are listed below:

Candidates	Scientific Areas / References
Akshita Yadav	A7
Alejandro Saldarriaga	A10
Areeba Iqbal	A7
Asma Romdhani	A7
Gina Graupner	Application without reference identification
Guilherme Martins	A9
Hamed Rahbari	A7
Humaira Roy	A7
Isik Arel	A7
Martim Afonso	A3
Miguel Falcão	A11
Mila Smiljanovska	A10
Mohammad Hassan Badiheh Aghdam	A9
Mohammadreza Sazideh	A7
Mohd Sajid	A9
Muhammad Jareer	A5
Muhammad Liaqat	A5
Muhammad Mujahid	A7
Muhammad Shahzad	A7
Muzahidur Chowdhury	A15
Nandara Mendonça	A15
Parisha Diwan	A7
Piotr Gramacki	A4
Prabhat Thapliyal	A9
Sagar Gupta	A9
Sohaib Dastagir	A9
Yaser Gadelhak	A8
Zeeshan Hamid	A14

After reviewing each application, the panel members unanimously agreed:

1. Admit the following candidates, as they meet the required criteria:

Candidates	Scientific Areas / References
Akshita Yadav	A7
Areeba Iqbal	A7
Guilherme Martins	A9
Hamed Rahbari	A7
Humaira Roy	A7
Isik Arel	A7
Miguel Falcão	A11

Mila Smiljanovska	A10
Mohammad Hassan Badiheh Aghdam	A9
Muhammad Liaqat	A5
Muhammad Mujahid	A7
Parisha Diwan	A7
Piotr Gramacki	A4
Prabhat Thapliyal	A9
Sagar Gupta	A9

2. Do not accept the following candidates as they have not provided the required documentation mentioned in the Call Notice:

Candidates	References	Reasons for Exclusion (due to not meeting specific criteria)
Alejandro Saldarriaga	A10	Not provided all the requested documents under point 5.2 of the Call Notice: Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions, or alternatively, declaration of honor
Asma Romdhani	A7	Not provided all the requested documents under point 5.2 of the Call Notice: Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions, or alternatively, declaration of honor. In addition to this, only one letter of recommendation was submitted instead of the requested two
Gina Graupner	Application without reference identification	Not provided all the requested documents under point 5.2 of the Call Notice: Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions, or alternatively, declaration of honor. Additionally, two recommendation letters and a motivation letter with a research topic explanation are missing
Mohammadreza Sazideh	A7	Not provided all the requested documents under point 5.2 of the Call Notice: Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions, or alternatively, declaration of honor
Mohd Sajid	A9	The application was submitted after the deadline stated in the Call Notice.
Muhammad Jareer	A5	Not provided all the requested documents under point 5.2 of the Call Notice: Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions, or alternatively, declaration of honor. Additionally, two recommendation letters are missing
Nandara Mendonça	A15	The candidate's resume did not meet the criteria outlined in the Call Notice (point 1) for the specific scientific area, resulting in application rejection by the Evaluation Panel

Muhammad Shahzad	A7	Not provided all the requested documents under point 5.2 of the Call Notice: Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions, or alternatively, declaration of honor
Muzahidur Chowdhury	A15	Not provided all the requested documents under point 5.2 of the Call Notice: Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions, or alternatively, declaration of honor
Martim Afonso	A3	As listed in point 5.2 of the Call Notice, only applicants who have successfully completed a master's degree program by the application deadline will be eligible for admission. The applicant has not provided evidence of possessing this qualification within the specified timeframe.
Sohaib Dastagir	A9	The Evaluation Panel did not accept the 2020 letter of recommendation and the members considered that not all requested documents in point 5.2 of the Call Notice were submitted.
Yaser Gadelhak	A8	Not provided all the requested documents under point 5.2 of the Call Notice: Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions, or alternatively, declaration of honor. Additionally, two recommendation letters are missing
Zeeshan Hamid	A14	Not provided all the requested documents under point 5.2 of the Call Notice: Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions, or alternatively, declaration of honor. Additionally, two recommendation letters are missing

Point 2.

After reviewing the applications, the panel members decided to notify the candidates about the final results through the e-mail address, indicated in the application. The email will contain the final classification and the deadline for the prior hearing, in accordance with articles 100º et seq. of the Administrative Procedure Code (CPA). The panel members have also noted that if there is no response within the legal deadline (10 working days after the notification is sent, plus 5 working days for the notification to be perfected), the deliberations recorded in the minutes will become final.

Point 3.

The evaluation panels carefully reviewed the criteria established in the Call Notice, as well as individual conflicts of interest determined by FCT. Individual declarations of conflict of interest are attached.

The panel members unanimously decided to delegate the signing of minutes to each panel's chairman.

After discussing all topics, the meeting was concluded. The minutes were drafted, read, approved, and will be signed by the panel's chairman.

Ana Paiva

Ana Paiva
Panel Chairman of A3 / A4

Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa

Carlos Augusto Santos Silva

Carlos Santos Silva
Panel Chairman of A5 / A7 / A8 / A9 / A10

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Paulo Peças

Paulo Peças
Panel Chairman of A11 / A14

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Pedro Amaral
By the Chairman of Panel A15

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