

Call for Application 1 Research Fellowship – Master degree

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for 1 research fellowship (reference: CES/09/2019-BI) in the project «ADeTiL – A autodeterminação de Timor-Leste: um estudo de História Transnacional» (PTDC/HAR-HIS/30670/2017), financed by national funds through Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT/MEC), and coordinated by Rui Feijó.

CES provides a stimulating intellectual environment in the domain of social sciences and humanities.

a. Project Description:

About the project “ADeTiL – A autodeterminação de Timor-Leste: um estudo de História Transnacional”. Timorese self-determination was the longest of all Portuguese colonies. Set in motion after the 1974 revolution, Portugal failed to carve a credible transition project. A brief civil war was followed by neo-colonial occupation by Indonesia lasting 24 years. In 1999 the UN organized a self-determination referendum paving the way for Independence. In those years Portugal, Indonesia and the UN were direct part of the process, which had indirect participation of neighbouring countries (Australia) or major world players (USA) This Project primary focus is the Portuguese role in Timorese self-determination - a theme that received scant attention in the context of Portugal's decolonization. It contemplates a transnational approach to the object of study, makes inroads into the secretive attitudes of the Indonesians, analyses developments in the UN, and integrates those aspects in a transnational view that moves beyond traditional diplomacy to encompass the role of international public opinion.

b. Scientific field: Contemporary History or other subject of Social and Human Sciences

c. Mandatory requirements

1. Master degree diploma in History or other subject of Social and Human Sciences
2. Fluency in Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia) and English

Applicants with an academic degree and diploma issued by a foreign HEI must present proof of recognition of the academic degree by the Portuguese Higher Education System, (law DL66/2018). Any candidate without the recognition of the degree(s) will be admitted to the competition, but during the evaluation process the selection panel, cannot:

- a) recognize the candidate's grades and assess according to the possession of such grades;
- b) give equivalence to, or validate, the grade of her/his degree;
- c) use that note or its conversion as an evaluation parameter.

The selection of a candidate in such situation can only proceed to the contract signature after the candidate provides the recognition of the academic degree made by the Portuguese authorities. The selected candidate will have to deliver the recognition of the degree within 30 days after the communication of the results.

After the 30 days, the jury may decide to 1. either extend the deadline for the candidate to prove the recognition; 2. assign the fellowship to the second place; 3. or not award the fellowship.

d. Work plan, tasks:

The selected researcher is expected to have the following responsibilities:

Support the execution of the project scientific tasks, namely, literature review, documentary research, preparation of fieldwork, interviews, support progress reports preparation and presentation of scientific articles. Particular attention will be paid to documentary research work and interviews in the Indonesian Republic.

e. Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

Portuguese Law nº 40/2004, of 18 August (Scientific Research Fellow Statute) and following amendments; FCT's (National Agency for Science and Technology) Regulations for Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources, and Regulations for Fellowships at the Centre for Social Studies.

f. Work place:

The tasks will be performed mainly in the Indonesian Republic. Travels to Timor-Leste, Portugal or other locations may be necessary for the good implementation of the work plan. The work will be done under the scientific supervision of the project Principal Investigator Rui Feijó, and when necessary the supervision of the project consultant, Professor Peter Carey.

g. Duration of the fellowship contract:

The fellowship will last 6 months, starting in June 2019. The fellowship contract may be extended for equal or different time periods, until the end of the project, depending on the project scientific needs and financial provisions, and on the Principal Investigator's assessment of the fellow's performance.

h. Monthly allowance:

The monthly stipend is 989,70 euros according with the Regulations for Fellowships at the Centre for Social Studies and at FCT. The payment of the Voluntary Social Insurance and the Personal Accident Insurance adds up to this amount (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores.phtml.en>).

i. Selection process:

Applicants will be selected based on their curricular evaluation and interview. Only the 3 best positioned applicants in the curricular evaluation will be short-listed for an interview. Each of the two methods of selection applied will have a rating of 50% in the final classification.

f. Preferred selection criteria and their weighting:

1. A master degree in History or other subject of Social and Human Sciences and the adequacy to the work to be developed within the scope of the project (10%);
2. Previous research experience in similar projects (20%);

3. Documented training in qualitative research methodologies (20%);
4. Proficiency in Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia) and English (30%);
5. Availability for national and international travel (20%).

j. Selection panel:

- Rui Feijó (President)
- Zélia Pereira (permanent member)
- João Paulo Dias (permanent member)
- Peter Carey (substitute member)

l. Communication of Results:

All candidates will receive the results by email. The meeting minutes of the selection panel will become available publicly.

m. Application deadline:

Opens on: 11 April 2019

Closes on: 26 April 2019

n. Application process:

Applications must include:

- a) a letter of intent/motivation in English with the contest reference (CES/09/2019-BI), e-mail and phone number;
- b) detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- c) copies of degree certificates;
- d) other relevant documents for eligibility purposes.

Applications should be sent by electronic mail to adetil@ces.uc.pt (a confirmation message should follow), handed in person at CES' facilities, or sent by postal mail with the stamp due until the final deadline. Whichever the case, applications must include a clear indication to the reference of this call (CES/09/2019-BI).

Reference: **CES/09/2019-BI**

A/c de Rui Feijó

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