

MEETING MINUTES N.º1

Call Notice for PhD Studentships

FCT-UNITE!-ULisboa – 2023 02/UNITE/2023

On 15th of March 2024, at 09:00 am Lisbon time (Portugal), the evaluating panels (A1 to A3, A6, A8, A12 and A15) of the procedure identified above, met remotely via video call, namely:

Panel - Refª A1

Ana Paiva (Panel Chairman), Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Manuel Lopes, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Bruno Martins, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Inês Lynce, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Rui Henriques, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa

Panel - Refª A2

Ana Paiva (Panel Chairman), Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Manuel Lopes, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Bruno Martins, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Inês Lynce, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Rui Henriques, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa

Panel - Refª A3

Ana Paiva (Panel Chairman), Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Manuel Lopes, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Bruno Martins, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Inês Lynce, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Rui Henriques, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa

Panel - Refª A6

Carlos Santos Silva (Panel Chairman), Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Ana Paula Ribeiro, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Jorge Correia, Faculdade de Ciências, Universidade de Lisboa
Edgar Fernandes, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Luís Guerra e Silva, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa

Panel - Refª A8

Carlos Santos Silva (Panel Chairman), Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Ana Paula Ribeiro, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Jorge Correia, Faculdade de Ciências, Universidade de Lisboa
Edgar Fernandes, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa
Luís Guerra e Silva, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa

Panel - Refª A12

Paulo Peças (Panel Chairman), Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa

Pedro Amaral, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa

Marco Leite, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa

Panel - Refª A15

Mónica Oliveira (Panel Chairman), Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa

Pedro Amaral, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa

Luís Correia, Faculdade de Ciências, Universidade de Lisboa

Virgínia Infante, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa

As no applications were presented, the evaluation panel for scientific areas A13 and A14 was exempted from attending the meeting.

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

1. Verification of declarations of interest;
2. Preparation of a list of candidates to be admitted or excluded following application analysis.

Point 1.

The different evaluation panels carefully reviewed the evaluation criteria established in the call notice, as well as the reasons for conflicts of interest established by FCT. Individual declarations of conflict of interest are attached.

Point 2.

After the application deadline, all candidates were notified to complete their application by submitting any missing documents. The evaluators panels then reviewed the eligibility requirements and examined the submitted documents. This process was conducted in accordance with the notice published on the EURAXESS platform on November 24th, 2023, which was available in both Portuguese and English. The review process was also conducted in accordance with the Foundation for Science and Technology's Research Grants Regulation.

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

Candidates	Scientific Areas/References
Aizaz Azam Khan	A6
Ali Jafari Fesharaki	A12
Alisha Raza	A2
Amir Khan	A2
Can Karacomak	A2
Daniel Shantharaja	Application without reference identification
Faisal Imran	A2 (1.º option), A3 (2.º option) and A1 (3.º option)
Hamad Ud Din	A12
Javid Barqi Mirzanlou	A8
Marcelo Gonçalves	A1
Martim Afonso	A3
Martina Liboni	A3

Mohammad Alizadeh	Application without reference identification
Muzahidur Chowdhury	A15
Rishi Tripathi	A2
Safa Al-Hayali	Application without reference identification
Sajjad Hekmat	A12
Sepehr khodabande	A12
Sina Taherinasab	A2
Zahid Ali Khan	Application without reference identification

After reviewing each application, the panel members unanimously agreed:

- a) Admit the following candidates, as they meet the required criteria of the call notice:

Candidates	Scientific Areas/References
Javid Barqi Mirzanlou	A8
Marcelo Gonçalves	A1
Martim Afonso	A3
Rishi Tripathi	A2
Sajjad Hekmat	A12

- b) 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 specif criteria)
Aizaz Azam Khan	A6	Not provided all the requested documents under section 5.2 of the Call Notice. Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions to the Portuguese grading system, or declaration of honor in which the conversion will be undertaken
Ali Jafari Fesharaki	A12	Not provided all the requested documents under section 5.2 of the Call Notice. Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions to the Portuguese grading system, or declaration of honor in which the conversion will be undertaken
Alisha Raza	A2	Not provided all the requested documents under section 5.2 of the Call Notice. Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions to the Portuguese grading system, or declaration of honor in which the conversion will be undertaken
Amir Khan	A2	Not provided all the requested documents under section 5.2 of the Call Notice. Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions to the Portuguese grading system, or declaration of honor in which the conversion will be undertaken

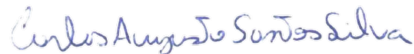
Can Karacomak	A2	Not provided all the requested documents under section 5.2 of the Call Notice. Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions to the Portuguese grading system, or declaration of honor in which the conversion will be undertaken
Daniel Shantharaja	Application without reference identification	One of the criteria required to apply is not to hold a PhD degree. The candidate submitted documentation showing completion of a PhD. Additionally, not all of the mandatory documents outlined in point 5.2 of the Notice were submitted.
Faisal Imran	A2 (1.º option), A3 (2.º option) and A1 (3.º option)	Not provided all the requested documents under section 5.2 of the Call Notice. Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions to the Portuguese grading system, or declaration of honor in which the conversion will be undertaken
Hamad Ud Din	A12	Not provided all the requested documents under section 5.2 of the Call Notice. Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions to the Portuguese grading system, or declaration of honor in which the conversion will be undertaken
Martina Liboni	A3	Not provided all the requested documents under section 5.2 of the Call Notice. Failure to present qualification certificates (submitted only a descriptive document of grades), missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions to the Portuguese grading system, or declaration of honor in which the conversion will be undertaken
Mohammad Alizadeh	Application without reference identification	The application was submitted after the deadline stated in the Call Notice (received on 15/01/2024)
Muzahidur Chowdhury	A15	One of the criteria required to apply is to hold a master's degree, namely a master's degree in mechanical engineering, industrial management, or industrial manufacturing (specific requirement of the scientific area – Section 1). The candidate does not hold a master's degree in these areas
Safa Al-Hayali	Application without reference identification	One of the criteria required to apply is to hold a master's degree, the candidate does not present a master's certificate. Letters of recommendation and motivation letter, with a detailed and justified explanation of the research topic, were also not submitted. Not all documents submitted are in portuguese or english
Sepehr khodabande	A12	Not provided all the requested documents under section 5.2 of the Call Notice. Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions to the Portuguese grading system, or declaration of honor in which the conversion will be undertaken
Sina Taherinasab	A2	Not provided all the requested documents under section 5.2 of the Call Notice. Missing record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions to the Portuguese grading system, or declaration of honor in which the conversion will be undertaken
Zahid Ali Khan	Application without reference identification	One of the criteria required to apply is to hold a master's degree, the candidate does not present a master's certificate. Letters of recommendation and a detailed and justified explanation of the research topic, were also not submitted

The panels unanimously agreed to delegate the signing of the meeting minutes to each panel's chairman.

After the meeting ended, the minutes were drawn up, reviewed, and accepted. They will be signed by the panel's chairmen.



Ana Paiva
Panel Chairman of A1 / A2 / A3
Instituto Superior Técnico da Universidade de Lisboa



Carlos Santos Silva
Panel Chairman of A6 / A8
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Paulo Peças
Panel Chairman of A12
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Mónica Oliveira
Panel Chairman of A15
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