

Research grant no. 01/2025

There is an open call for applications for 1 (one) Research Scholarship for a student with a Master's degree and enrolled in the NOVA School of Law PhD Programme (<https://novalaw.unl.pt/doutoramento-em-direito/>) for the 2024/2025 academic year.

This grant is intended for the development of a doctoral research project on a topic that covers one of the legal challenges of the future, in particular on issues related to technological evolution and its impact on society, as well as collaboration as a Research Fellow within the WhatNext.Law Centre.

Scope and Duration:

This scholarship is intended for students with a Master's degree and enrolled in the PhD programme at NOVA School of Law (<https://novalaw.unl.pt/doutoramento-em-direito/>) in the 2024/2025 academic year.

The Research Scholarship has a total duration of 1 (one) year from the date of enrolment in the NOVA School of Law PhD Programme. The scholarship is non-renewable.

The grant includes:

- **Affiliation as a Research Fellow** at WhatNext.Law for 1 (one) year;
- **Contribution to cover the tuition fee** for the *taught part* of the PhD programme in the amount of €3,600.00 (three thousand six hundred euros). This contribution is dependent on valid enrolment in the Doctoral Programme in Law at NOVA School of Law and full compliance with its Regulations (<https://novalaw.unl.pt/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Regulamento-DD-15-09-2023.pdf>);
- **Monthly stipend for the first 12 months** of the doctoral programme, in the amount of €1,259.64 (one thousand two hundred and fifty-nine euros and sixty-four cents) according to the table of stipends awarded directly by FCT, I.P. in Portugal (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM_atualizacao-2024.pdf), plus Voluntary Social Insurance (optional) and Personal Accident Insurance in the legal amount in force. The grant will be paid monthly by bank transfer. This monthly remuneration is dependent on valid enrolment in the NOVA School of Law's Doctoral Programme in Law, full compliance with its Regulations, and is **incompatible with any other scholarships, public or private, or other full-time or part-time employment relationships**. If the winning candidate of this research grant

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receives an FCT research grant or equivalent, they will lose their right to this grant, and it is not permitted to accumulate two research grants. In this case, the research grant will be awarded to the next highest ranked candidate according to the list of published results.

Object, purpose and activities:

This grant is intended for the development of a doctoral research project on a topic that covers one of the legal challenges of the future, especially on issues related to technological evolution and its impact on society, as well as collaboration as a Research Fellow within the WhatNext.Law Centre.

With regard to the activities to be carried out during the scholarship, the selected Research Fellow will have to:

- Develop a doctoral project on a topic that covers one of the legal challenges of the future, especially on issues related to technological evolution;
- Acting actively as a Research Fellow affiliated to WhatNext.Law, supporting the research, dissemination and impact activities of WhatNext.Law and other WhatNext.Law members, in coordination with the WNL Executive Committee;
- Prepare at least 1 (one) scientific publication, individually or together with NOVA School of Law Professors associated with WhatNext.Law, to be submitted for publication in academic journals and WhatNext.Law web pages;
- Support the organisation of 1 (one) relevant academic event to be held by WhatNext.Law;
- Participate as a speaker in an event organised by WhatNext.Law, namely to present the results of the doctoral research project;
- Actively managing the group of researchers associated with WhatNext.Law, organising their activities, suggesting research topics and reviewing the Insights that are produced for publication.

Eligibility requirements and selection criteria:

Eligibility requirements:

The WhatNext.Law scholarship holder must fulfil all the following eligibility requirements:

- a) Have obtained a master's degree or legal equivalent before the start of the WhatNext.Law scholarship;

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- b) Have a solid and relevant academic or professional curriculum vitae, recognised by the Selection Committee as showing sufficient ability to carry out the above activities;
- c) Have English language proficiency equivalent to level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages;
- d) Valid enrolment in the NOVA School of Law PhD Programme.

Selection criteria:

- a) 60%: PhD proposal (1500 words maximum, footnotes included);
- b) 40%: CV and list of scientific publications.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to invite the shortlisted candidates to a selection interview, in English, in order to obtain clarification and additional information on the candidates' profile and suitability for the position, if necessary.

Applications will receive a score from 1 to 100. Applications with a final score of less than 60 will be excluded from the selection process.

Publicity and Deadline for Submission of Applications:

This Call for Applications will be publicised on the NOVA School of Law website and its premises, and on the CEDIS website, as well as on the EURAXESS Portal, for a minimum period of 10 (ten) working days from the date of its publication. **The application period for this research grant is open from 27 December 2024 and ends on 10 January 2025.**

It is a mandatory requirement for applying for the Scholarship to be enrolled in the NOVA School of Law's Doctoral Programme in the academic year 2024/2025. Applications to the NOVA School of Law's Doctoral Programme in Law must be submitted via the Faculty's website: <https://novalaw.unl.pt/doutoramento-em-direito/>.

Selection:

Decisions on the pre-selection and eventual selection of the winning candidate will be implemented by a 3-member Selection Committee:

- Prof Dr Margarida Lima Rego, Full Professor and Director of NOVA School of Law;
- Prof Dr Vera Lúcia Raposo, Assistant Professor and Vice-Director of NOVA School of Law, Member of the Executive Committee of WhatNext.Law;

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- Prof Dr Fabrizio Esposito, Assistant Professor, NOVA School of Law, Member of the WhatNext.Law Executive Committee;

Formalisation of Applications:

Applications must be accompanied by:

- Detailed Curriculum Vitae, including a List of Scientific Publications;
- PhD Research Proposal (free format, maximum 1500 words, including footnotes);
- Confirmation of submission of the application to the NOVA School of Law PhD Programme (confirmation email or screenshot).

All documents should be sent to the following email address info@whatnext.law with the subject line "WhatNext.Law Scholarship".

Model Contract and Final Reports:

The model Scholarship Contract to be adopted can be found in Annex I of the Regulation. Annexes II and III are models of the final reports to be submitted by the scholarship holder and the academic supervisor, respectively, under the terms of the contract. The contract will be subject to the actual availability of funding within the scope of the project.

Criteria for assessing the final reports to be drawn up by the grant holder and the scientific supervisor:

The final reports to be drawn up by the grant holder and the scientific advisor are assessed on the basis of the following criteria: correspondence with the truth; level of detail; analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the grant holder's performance. The report should be at least two pages long for the grant holder and about one page for the scientific advisor.

Notification of results:

All candidates will be notified by email of the Final Assessment Results and can consult them at the NOVA School of Law premises and on the CEDIS website.

How the results will be publicised:

The results of the assessment will be publicised through an alphabetically ordered list, posted in a visible and public place at NOVA School of Law and CEDIS, as well as on the WhatNext.Law website.

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Applicable law:

Research Fellow Statute, approved by Law no. 40/2004, of 18 August, amended by Decree-Laws no. 202/2012, 233/2012 and 89/2013, respectively, of 27 August, 29 October and 9 July, by Law no. 12/2013, of 29 January and more recently by Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of 28 August; Regulation no. 950/2019 of 16 December, corresponding to the Research Fellowship Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I. P. (FCT). (; NOVA University Lisbon Research Scholarships Regulations (Diário da República, 2nd series, no. 179, of 14th September 2023).

Other information:

For any questions or requests for information, please send an email to info@whatnext.law. It is the scholarship holder's duty to diligently and punctually comply with the regulations of NOVA University and NOVA School of Law and the scientific guidelines provided by the academic supervisor.

The fulfilment of the work plan attached to the Scholarship Contract, unless there are justified exceptions, takes place at the NOVA School of Law's CEDIS facilities.

Lisbon, 20 of December of 2024