Call for PhD grants

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2013-2014 edition of the MAP-fis Doctoral Program

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The Doctoral Program in Physics **MAP-fis** is provided by the Universities of Minho, Aveiro and Porto, which bring together 6 Research Centers with over 280 PhD researchers. More information on this program is available at http://www.map.edu.pt/fis/.

The program has been selected for financing in a national call by The Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT,IP), and has available for each edition 8 first year Research Grants, which are followed by 5 PhD grants for the remainder three years of the PhD.

The selection of applicants is entrusted to the Scientific Committee of the program, assisted by three independent experts, unconnected with the Program's Universities and Research Centers and appointed by the Scientific Committee.

The selected applicants will sign a grant contract directly with FCT, IP. These contracts are drawn in accordance of the Regulation for Grants of FCT,IP and the Statute of FCT grants holder (Law 40/2004) available in the address http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamentos.

The Program MAP-fis hereby opens a call for the 2013-2014 edition for 8 (eight) Research Grants for PhD students enrolling in the MAP-fis program.

1. Applicants must hold a first degree or a Master in Physics, Engineering Physics, or related field.

2. Applicants must satisfy the requirements of article 30 of Law no. 74/2006, of March 24 as altered by Laws no. 107/2008, of June 25 and 230/2009, of September 14.

3. In the second year, students may apply for a PhD grant for the remainder of their PhD program. These PhD grants are annual, renewable twice (total of 3 years) and cannot be granted for periods inferior to six months.

4. To qualify for application, one of the following is required:
   a) Citizenship of any country of the European Union;
   b) Citizenship of any country with which Portugal has a reciprocity agreement;
   c) Long term residency title as defined if Law no. 23/2007 of July 4, as altered by law no. 29/2012 of August 9.

5. Citizens of other countries, not satisfying the requirements of 4, may apply, but will be subject to an individual interview, before a grant can be awarded.

6. In the case of work plans partially carried out outside Portugal, applicants must have permanent residency in Portugal.

7. This call is open from July 15 to September 15, 2013.

8. Applicants apply online at http://www.map.edu.pt/fis/prospectivesudents/admissions by filling an application form and uploading the following documents:

    a) Copies of academic transcripts;
    b) Curriculum Vitae;
    c) Letter of intent describing motivation to enroll in the MAPFis program;
    d) Photocopy of Identity document (passport, citizen card).

Applicants should also arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent by e-mail to mapfis@map.edu.pt .

9. Candidates' application will be evaluated according to the criteria listed in 10, and a ranked list of applications, with indication of the selected ones, will be published in the Program's website http://www.map.edu.pt/fis, by October 14.

10. Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

    a) academic record;

    b) experience;

    c) references;

    d) motivation and self-discipline.

11. Unsuccessful candidates have 10 working days to make their case in a preliminary hearing, under the terms of The Code for Administrative Procedures (Código do Procedimento Administrativo). From the final decision they may appeal to the Scientific Committee within 15 working days of their notification.

10. These grants are financed by the Portuguese Government through the Ministry of Education and Science, and, when eligible, by the European Social Fund through the Programa Operacional Potencial Humano of QREN Portugal 2007-2013 in accordance with the regulations specific to intervention type 4.1.

11. For more information visit the MAP-fis website http://www.map.edu.pt/fis/ or e-mail to mapfis@map.edu.pt.