
Notice n.º 14384/2026/2

Opening of an international call for applications for the recruitment of a PhD Researcher under the strategic project of the Centre for Music Studies (UID/00693/2025)

Professor Alexandra Curvelo, Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Humanities of NOVA University Lisbon (NOVA FCSH), hereby makes public that, for a period of ten working days, an international call for applications is open for the recruitment of one PhD Researcher, under an open-ended fixed-term employment contract, at NOVA University Lisbon – School of Social Sciences and Humanities, for the development of scientific research activities within the scope of the strategic project of the Centre for Music Studies (UID/00693/2025), funded by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) through national funds.

The opening of this call, as well as the appointment of the selection panel, were authorised by order of the Deputy Dean for Research of NOVA FCSH, Professor Sónia Vespeira de Almeida, under delegated authority, dated 29 May 2026, following a favourable opinion of the Scientific Council of NOVA FCSH dated 18 May 2026.

1 - The recruitment of the PhD holder shall be carried out in accordance with Decree-Law No. 57/2016 of 29 August, as amended by Law N.º 57/2017 of 19 July, which establishes a contractual regime for PhD holders aimed at stimulating scientific and technological employment in all fields of knowledge (RJEC), the Portuguese Labour Code approved by Law N.º 7/2009 of 12 February, in its current version, and Regulatory Decree N.º 11-A/2017 of 29 December.

2 - The selected candidate shall be hired under an open-ended fixed-term employment contract, as required by law, under Article 6(1)(b) of the RJEC, in conjunction with Article 18(2) of the RJEC, and the contract shall remain in force only for the period necessary to execute the tasks defined in the project and specified in the following paragraph.

3 - Position description:

This position aims to recruit a PhD researcher to develop a research and knowledge dissemination project in:

(a) Music Psychology, involving work in the field of pregnancy and/or early childhood;
(b) with the objectives of advancing knowledge in the selected domain, disseminating results, contributing to the development of the Laboratory of Music and Communication in Childhood (LAMCI), and strengthening the activities and international visibility of CESEM.

The work plan must be aligned with CESEM's strategic programme and take into account the interests and dynamics of its research groups.

The recruited researcher may also teach courses within their area of expertise, thereby actively contributing to the renewal and continuous improvement of curricula and educational practices at all levels, as well as supervise postgraduate students, providing academic guidance and mentorship.

4 - In accordance with Article 2 of Regulatory Decree No. 11-A/2017 of 29 December, the contract to be concluded will have a base salary of €2,408.11, corresponding to level 33 of the first salary position.

5 - The workplace will be located at the premises of LAMCI at CESEM – Centre for Music Studies, at Colégio Almada Negreiros – Campolide Campus, 1099-032 Lisbon, and/or at other locations required for the development of the researcher's activities.

6 - Eligible applicants include national, foreign, and stateless candidates holding a PhD degree in Musicology, Psychology, or Music Therapy, with a scientific and professional curriculum demonstrating a profile suited to the activity to be carried out.

7 - The selection process will be based on the evaluation of the applicants' scientific and curricular track record.

The assessment of the scientific and curricular track record, considering its relevance to the position, will focus on the relevance, quality, and timeliness of: **(a)** Scientific, technological, cultural, or artistic output from the last five years deemed most relevant by the applicant; **(b)** Applied or practice-based research activities carried out in the last five years and considered of greatest impact by the applicant; **(c)** Outreach and knowledge dissemination activities developed in the last five years, particularly in the promotion of scientific culture and practices, considered most relevant by the applicant; **(d)** Activities related to the management of science, technology, and innovation programmes, or experience in observing and monitoring the scientific and technological system or higher education, in Portugal or abroad.

8 - The five-year period referred to above may be extended by the Selection Panel, upon request by the applicant, when justified by interruptions of scientific activity for socially protected reasons, namely parental leave, prolonged serious illness, or other legally protected situations of unavailability for work.

9 - The grading system for applicants is expressed on a scale from 0 to 100 points. Two selection methods will be used: Curriculum Evaluation (CE), weighted at 90 points, and Interview (I), weighted at 10 points.

10 - The criteria for Curriculum Evaluation are as follows:

- a) Assessment of the curricular elements considered most relevant by the applicant to the position (0–30 points);
- (b) Activities considered by the applicant as having the greatest impact and related to the position, including professional experience within the scope of the activities described in point 3 (0–30 points);
- (c) Research Plan proposed by the applicant (0–30 points).

Only candidates scoring at least 50 points in this phase will be invited to the interview.

11 - The criteria for the Interview are as follows:

- (a) Motivation for the development of the proposed project (0–5 points);
- (b) Adaptability and experience in teamwork (0–5 points).

12 - Selection Panel composition:

Chair:

– Professor Manuel Pedro Ferreira

Full Members:

- Professor Luísa Cymbron
- Professor Helena Rodrigues

Alternate Members:

- Professor Ana Isabel Pereira
- Professor Isabel Pires

13 - Applications must include, under penalty of exclusion, the following documents:

- (a) Application form (available in [template format](#)), explicitly indicating this call;
- (b) Certificate attesting the award of the PhD degree and, if the degree was awarded by a foreign higher education institution, a sworn declaration in accordance with the template available at https://fcsh.unl.pt/faculdade/concursos_para_investigadores/;
- (c) Curriculum vitae organised according to the structure indicated in point 7 of this Notice;

(d) Research project referred to in point 3, including the corresponding Work Plan;
(e) Motivation letter.

14 - Applications must be duly completed with the aforementioned documents and submitted within ten working days from the day following the publication of this Notice in the Diário da República, to the email address dgrhrecrutamento@fcsh.unl.pt. The subject of the email must indicate the reference of this Notice, and documents should preferably be submitted in PDF format.

The Selection Panel reserves the right to request any applicant to present supporting documents for their statements, in case of doubt.

False statements shall be punished in accordance with the law.

Applicants who fail to properly formalise their application or who do not provide proof of the required qualifications shall be excluded.

15 - The selected candidate must obtain a minimum final score of 75 points.

16 - If the selected candidate's PhD degree was awarded by a foreign higher education institution, its recognition must comply with Decree-Law No. 66/2018 of 16 August, and all required formalities must be completed by the date of contract signature.

If the recognition is not granted, the position will be offered to the next ranked candidate.

17 - Non-discrimination and equal access policy:

NOVA University Lisbon actively promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access. No applicant may be privileged, disadvantaged, deprived of any right, or exempted from any duty on the grounds of ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family situation, economic situation, education, social origin or condition, genetic heritage, reduced work capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, place of origin, language, religion, political or ideological beliefs, or trade union membership.

29 May 2026 — The Deputy Dean for Research, Professor Sónia Vespeira de Almeida.