

## Statistical and Narrative Report

**Program:** Portuguese Research Students

**Grant:** Fulbright Research Grant with the support of FCT – all fields of study

**AY:** 2020/2021

**FY:** 2020

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### 1. Brief description of the Program

The objective of this award is to support research projects to be developed in Universities or Research Centers in the United States of America, on all scientific domains. Eligible applicants must be Ph.D. students holding an FCT grant, have good knowledge of the English language, and an affiliation letter (agreement with their research project from one accredited American University or Research Center), as well as a letter of agreement from their scientific supervisor in Portugal.

### 2. Brief analysis of how the promotion, competition and selection process took place (planning, outreach, media, calendars, pool of evaluators, etc)

The competition took place during the month of January 2020.

During the competition period, we received e-mail requests for information about this grant from **over 50** students.

The information about the award was highlighted in our website and newsletter and shared in the Fulbright social media: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram. Established network of connections with the universities' offices of international relations were also relevant to spread the information and help recruit for Fulbright. Therefore, several outreach sessions were carried out from North to South of Portugal in different universities (IST; U. of Algarve; UBI; UTAD; U. of Aveiro; U. of Azores; U. of Porto; Politécnico de Leiria).

We received **19** eligible applications within the time limit, grouped in 12 fields of study:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Sciences
- Genetics
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Medical Sciences
- Musical Sciences
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Psychology
- Transportation
- Visual Arts

Since these candidates had already been scientifically evaluated by FCT, they were all called to interview. Due to the current pandemic situation, candidates were interviewed via Zoom.

The following comprised the Fulbright Board Selection Committee who interviewed the candidates:

**Ana Mateus**, representing “Direção Geral do Ensino Superior” (DGES)

**Krystle Norman**, *Deputy Public Affairs Officer*, American Embassy in Portugal

**Mariana Abrantes de Sousa**, Board Member

After the interviews, all 19 candidates were nominated for selection.

### 3. Statistics

<b>Fulbright Research Grants with the support of FCT</b>	
	<b>2020</b>
<b>Applicants</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Grantees</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Success Rate</b>	<b>100%</b>

- Home institution

<b>2020</b>		
<b>Applicants/Grantees</b>		
<b>Home Institution</b>	Number	%
U. of Aveiro	4	21%
U. of Coimbra	4	21%
U. of Évora	1	5%
U. of Lisbon	2	11%
U. of Minho	1	5%
U. Nova of Lisboa	4	21%
U. of Porto	3	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

- Major academic discipline

<b>2020</b>		
<b>Applicants/Grantees</b>		
<b>Major Academic Discipline</b>	Number	%
Biology	7	37%
Chemistry	1	5%
Environmental Sciences	2	11%
Genetics	1	5%
Mathematics	1	5%
Mechanical Engineering	1	5%
Medical Sciences	1	5%
Musical Sciences	1	5%
Pharmaceutical Sciences	1	5%
Psychology	1	5%
Transportation	1	5%
Visual Arts	1	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

- Geographical area of residence

2020		
<b>Applicants/Grantees</b>		
<b>Geographic area of residence</b>	Number	%
Aveiro	4	21%
Braga	1	5%
Coimbra	4	21%
Évora	1	5%
Lisbon	6	32%
Porto	3	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

- Gender

2020		
<b>Applicants/Grantees</b>		
<b>Gender</b>	Number	%
Female	10	53%
Male	9	47%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

- Age

2020		
<b>Applicants/Grantees</b>		
<b>Age</b>	Number	%
20-24	6	31%
25-29	10	53%
30-34	2	11%
39-45	1	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

- Host institution

<b>2020</b>		
<b>Applicants/Grantees</b>		
<b>Host Institution</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Albert Einstein College of Medicine	1	5%
Carnegie Mellon University	2	11%
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	1	5%
CUNY	1	5%
Eastman School of Music, U. of Rochester	1	5%
Mayo Clinic	1	5%
MIT	1	5%
U. of Buffalo	1	5%
U. of California	5	26%
U. of Chicago	1	5%
U. of Connecticut	1	5%
U. of North of Carolina	1	5%
U. of Notre Dame	1	5%
U. of Pennsylvania	1	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

- Duration of the stay

<b>2020</b>		
<b>Applicants/Grantees</b>		
<b>Duration of stay</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
4 months	5	26%
5 months	3	16%
6 months	7	37%
7 months	2	11%
9 months	2	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### **4. Interpretation of the findings**

It was the fourth year we had this competition. As it happens in all competitions, the number of contacts for information largely (over 50) exceeded the number of submitted applications. This number has slightly decreased this year – from **23** (2019) to **19** (2020) submitted applications.

Still, it should be noted that the webinar on the YouTube channel on how to fill in the application form reached 175 views over the course of the months of January and February

In what concerns geographical diversity, a vast majority of the applications received came from Lisbon (32%). Nevertheless, all together it is possible to say that 42% of the applications received came from the North of Portugal (Aveiro, Braga, Porto). It is also worth noting that we had one application from Alentejo, a region from which we rarely receive applications. Like in previous years, there was a reasonable number of applications coming from the Center of Portugal (Coimbra), 21%.