

MINUTES

RESOLUTIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR NOVA LAW SCHOOL'S THIRD STUDY CYCLE LEADING TO A PHD IN LAW

4th, 12th and 13th September 2017

Selection Committee appointed by the Board on 25.05.2013 pursuant to article 5 of the Regulation of Third Cycle Studies Leading to a PhD in Law ("Regulation"):

- Professor Teresa Pizarro Beleza (Chairperson, in her capacity as ECTS Coordinator appointed by the Scientific Board);
- Professor Ana Prata (Member);
- Professor Margarida Lima Rego (Member).

The Committee held a meeting and passed resolutions by subsequent exchange of emails on 4th, 12th and 13th September 2017 in order to check the conformity of the applications submitted pursuant to the Call for Applications for Individual Research and PhD Grants to doctoral candidates of the 3rd Study Cycle – PhD Programme in Law, 2017/2018 edition, and to evaluate the candidates, in accordance with the Notice of Call for Applications for Individual Research and PhD Grants to doctoral students of the 3rd Study Cycle – PhD Programme in Law, FCT PhD Programme, 2017/2018 Edition, of 21.06.2017.

Candidates were organized in two series, the first being composed of students already admitted and enrolled during the 1st Phase Applications to our Programme or to be admitted and enrol during the 2nd Phase Applications to our Programme, in its 2017/2018 Edition, who apply to one of the five available research grants. The second series is composed of candidates admitted to previous editions of our Programme, who will only be eligible for any possible surplus grants.

The Committee assesses applicants solely on merit, taking into account the following parameters and their respective weighting, in accordance with the Notice of 21.06.2017:

- a) Academic *curriculum vitae* (50%);
- b) Scientific *curriculum vitae* (publications, other scientific output indicators and proven research experience) (20%);
- c) High Relevant professional *curriculum vitae* (15%);
- d) English language knowledge (10%);
- e) Motivation letter (5%).

The assessment of candidates on merit mandatorily includes individual interviews. Therefore, bearing in mind the list of candidates already admitted in the Programme's 1st Phase Applications, as well as the list of eligible candidates to the Programme's 2nd Phase Applications, without prejudice to any change which may result from the candidates' prior hearing, the Committee was of the view that all conditions had been met allowing it to check the fulfilment of the eligibility requirements by the candidates to one of the scholarships and to schedule the individual interviews to take place on 12 and 13.09.2017 between 15h00 and 17h00.

This is the alphabetically ordered list of 1st series candidates:

Aldo Nogueira Venâncio
Alexandre Corrêa de Luca
Anabela Paula Brízido
Ana-Maria Draganuta
Anselm Chikwendu Ombudsman Okwara
Denise Aparecida de Souza
Izabel de Albuquerque Pereira
João Francisco da Silva Diogo
Marco Paulo Henriques Ribeiro Cardoso
Robin Jean Bouvier

There was only one candidate to any possible surplus grants, to be ordered separately on the 2nd series:

Guilherme Brandão Salazar Loureiro Gomes

The Committee decided to exclude the application submitted by Cláudia Sofia Louro Figueiredo without a prior interview because

she did not apply nor is she an enrolles student on the 3rd Study Cycle – PhD Programme in Law, FCT PhD Programme.

Candidate Diogo Nogueira Celorico Drago withdrew his application during his interview, upon realizing that the award of a grant requires exclusivity and is thus incompatible with his continuing on with his law practice throughout his attendance of the Programme.

Candidate Luís Manuel Ferreira Ricardo, when asked during his interview about references made in his *curriculum vitae* to the prior award of two FCT grants, clarified that he was only applying to a research Grant (BI) but had no intention of subsequently applying to a doctoral Grant (BD), as he was aware of his ineligibility to benefit from a second doctoral Grant (BD). The Committee pondered his situation, having concluded that this circumstance also made the candidate ineligible for the award of a research grant (BI) in the context of this Programme. The Committee reached this decision because the funding structure that was chosen for this FCT Programme was specifically designed as an incentive to a sound performance of the taught part of the Programme, given that only the five scholars, out of the total of eight, with the best individual performances may move from a BI onto a BD. The acceptance of applications, within a BI call, of candidates who may not move on to benefit from a BD directly counters the intended effect. As a result, it is understood that candidates who wish to benefit from a BI should also fulfil all the eligibility requirements applicable to a BD.

According to the Notice, when the academic degree on which the application rests has been awarded by a foreign institution of higher education, submittal of the registration of the recognition of academic degree is required or at least of evidence of the beginning of the process of equivalence or recognition. This includes degrees obtained in a different European Union Member State. The Committee decided not to opine on the fulfillment or non fulfillment of this requirement. The Committee believes that it should stress that its resolutions, whether to exclude or to admit candidates, are without prejudice to the confirmation by FCT, as to all candidates, of their fulfilment of the requirements applicable to the award of research grants by FCT.

List and order of the candidates to the Call for Applications for Individual Research and PhD Grants to doctoral candidates of the 3rd Study Cycle – PhD Programme in Law, FCT PhD Programme:

1. Alexandre Corrêa de Luca;
2. João Francisco da Silva Diogo;
3. Anabela Paula Brízido;
4. Ana-Maria Draganuta;
5. Marco Paulo Henriques Ribeiro Cardoso;
6. Denise Aparecida de Souza;
7. Izabel de Albuquerque Pereira;
8. Robin Jean Bouvier;
9. Anselm Chikwendu Ombudsman Okwara;
10. Aldo Nogueira Venâncio.

We attach hereto a table containing the grades individually attributed to each candidate for each of the five listing criteria.

Given that in this Call we have a total of eight grants to award, candidates listed in numbers one to eight shall be called to enter into their respective contract with FCT, all other candidates being called only if and when any one of their forerunners should be found ineligible or choose not to enter into a contract with FCT. Lastly, in the event of any surplus grants, candidate Guilherme Brandão Salazar Loureiro Gomes shall be called.

The Committee notes that the resolutions considering candidates eligible for the award of a research grant shall also be conditional upon the candidates' enrolment in the 3rd Study Cycle – PhD Programme in Law, FCT PhD Programme. Enrolment must take place between 25th and 29th September 2017.

These resolutions are subject to the prior hearing of candidates within 10 working days after the publication of the results, according to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Code and to the Notice of 21.06.2017.

Lisbon and Nova University (Campolide), 15th September 2017

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