

## **FLAD Atlantic Security Award**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> edition**

The [Luso-American Development Foundation](#) (FLAD), the [Atlantic Centre](#) and the [National Defence Institute](#) (IDN) will award two researchers in the field of Security and Defense in the Atlantic. The selected research projects will be developed for a period of nine months during the year of 2023.

### **Objective and scope**

This call aims at selecting two outstanding research projects that demonstrate the capacity to contribute to the advancement of knowledge on topics related to current Security and Defense issues in the Atlantic.

Key topics that can be addressed are:

- Comparative analysis of public policies impacting Atlantic security and defense;
- The nexus between environment, security, and development;
- Transnational threats;
- Capacity-building, assistance and the exercise of sovereignty;
- Cooperation and competition in security dynamics, from the local to the global level;
- Maritime security, ocean governance and the security of ocean infrastructure.

Accepted topics for research are not limited to the ones listed above.

### **Applicant eligibility**

At the time of application:

- The applicant must hold a PhD, or equivalent degree, for no longer than 10 years.
  - The counting of the years after the PhD degree will take maternity and paternity leaves into consideration. In the case of maternity, 18 months are subtracted to the number of years after acquiring a PhD degree for each child born after the

conclusion of the degree. In the case of paternity, the months of demonstrated leave will also be considered.

- The applicant must provide evidence of having conducted independent research of high quality.
- The research projects submitted for this grant must fall under the general category of security and defense in the Atlantic.

### **Application process**

The call is open from **April 19 to July 15, 2022**, 11:59 PM (Continental Portugal Time, UTC+01:00).

Training on the development of project proposals will be made available by the organisers on June 2, 2022, at 2 PM (Continental Portugal time, UTC+01:00), via an online session with experts, open to all potential candidates, on a voluntary basis. Registration here:

<https://bit.ly/3KcTv89>.

Results will be announced by October 3, 2022.

Applications must be submitted through the online form available here:

<https://flad.secure.force.com/CandidaturaMain?language=en>.

Please note that only applications submitted through this form will be considered.

Candidates are required to upload the following documents:

- Detailed *curriculum vitae* (in English or in Portuguese)
- Document certifying that the candidate holds a PhD degree (in English or Portuguese)
- Two recommendation letters (in English or Portuguese)
- Cover letter (in English or Portuguese)
- Detailed research plan proposal:
  - The research plan proposal must be written in English or Portuguese
  - The research plan proposal must have up to 6000 words

Applicants can only submit one application per call.

### **Selection committee**

Applications will be reviewed by the following selection committee:

- Ana Santos Pinto, Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, NOVA University of Lisbon
- Patricia Daehnhardt, Advisor at National Defense Institute and Integrated Researcher at the Portuguese Institute of International Affairs, NOVA University of Lisbon (IPRI-NOVA)
- Inês Marques Ribeiro, Integrated Researcher at the Center for International Studies (CEI-Iscte)

### **Review process and selection criteria**

Applications are reviewed by the Selection Committee, who will assess them based on the following selection criteria:

- Researcher's academic record and qualifications
- Relevance and originality of the research project, including its contribution to creating networks that promote a whole-of-Atlantic view of security
- Scientific merit of the proposed project with clear identification of goals, milestones, outputs and timeline for the expected research
- Inclusion of relevant field work and outreach activities
- Future potential of the researcher and of the project, including for knowledge transference across the Atlantic
- Proven capacity to conduct independent research

For one of the awards, priority will be given to a Portuguese applicant.

## **Expected research outputs**

Researchers awarded with this grant are expected to:

- 1) develop field research;
- 2) submit one Atlantic Centre policy brief on the topic of research;
- 3) organize a policy-oriented public event for the Atlantic Centre on the proposed research topic;
- 4) submit one peer review publication with the main findings of the research project in one of the outlets of the National Defence Institute;
- 5) contribute to the National Defence Institute's research agenda and activities;
- 6) submit one final report (in English or Portuguese).

Demonstrated ability to deliver such outputs will be taken into consideration by the selection committee.

## **Terms of the grants**

### **Duration**

The two selected candidates will receive a grant for a research period of nine months during the year of 2023.

### **Funding**

Each of the two selected candidates will receive a grant of 20.000€, to be transferred before the beginning of the research period.

### **Location**

Excluding field work and meetings or conferences that require travelling, each selected researcher is expected to remain in his/her country of residence. However, if the project requires it, IDN will host the researcher in Lisbon. In this latter case, the accommodation expenses in Lisbon are supported by the researcher.

### **Reporting requirement**

A final report should be submitted up to 90 days after the end of the research period, indicating the activities developed, the main findings of the research and the list of partners the project engaged.

### **Publications and activities**

Publications resulting from research activities supported by the Atlantic Security Award must contain the following acknowledgement: “Supported by (Insert project title of the grant and reference number) from Luso-American Development Foundation, the Atlantic Centre and the National Defence Institute”, while associated activities should make use of the corresponding graphic materials.