

## RESEARCH STATUTE

### **Article 1.º** **Principles of the research activity**

The research activity developed in the Centre abides by the following principles and general criteria:

- a) Development of the research work and projects in the four scientific areas foreseen in this Statute;
- b) Compliance with criteria of excellence and rigour in the making of the research work and projects, which must comply with the consolidated practices of the Public Law group of the University of Lisbon School of Law;
- c) Appointment of one leading researcher of a research work or project according to the article 4(1) to take hold, together with the Centre, of the responsibility for the application, goal pursuit, quality criteria observance and compliance with all regulative and contractual norms regarding funding;
- d) Effective compliance in good faith by the research teams and their leaders of the regulations of the funding institutions as well as of the contractual dispositions agreed with the entities benefitting from a research work or project developed in the Centre;
- e) Phased extension of the research teams to Graduate and Master students classified with a final course average equal or superior to 16 values, as well as to PhD students with similar grading on the school semester of their Master or PhD. In any case, each team must have at least a PhD student or a student with a Master's degree;
- f) Undertaking of joint research projects or participated alongside foreign university institutions with whom the University of Lisbon School of Law or the Instituto de Ciências Jurídico-Políticas (ICJP) have celebrated or are celebrating cooperation protocols.

### **Article 2.º** **Thematic lines**

1. The studies which take six or less months to elaborate are named research works. The studies which production is longer than that are named research projects.
2. The research works and projects adhere to thematic lines inserted in one of the following scientific or development areas:
  - a) Constitutional Law
  - b) Administrative Law
  - c) Public International and European Law
  - d) Political Science
3. The supervision of each thematic line is ensured by the Steering Scientific Commission although it can be assigned to any other member of the Scientific Council of the Centre by the Commission in the light of his specialisation on the subject.

### **Article 3.º**

#### **Nature of the research works and projects**

The research works and projects take the following nature:

- a) Funded - when they are the scientific basis for a funding application before the FCT or any other institution, either national or foreign;
- b) Contracted - when they are jointly agreed with outside institutions, either public or private, national or foreign.
- c) Free - when they are not foreseen in the situations described in the previous subheadings.

### **Article 4.º**

#### **Responsibilities connected with the outlining and funding of the research works and projects developed in the Centre**

1. All research works and projects developed in the Centre and the appointment of a leading researcher responsible for its outline within a team depend on the previous opinion of the researcher responsible for the thematic line and the approval of the Steering Scientific Commission.
2. Notwithstanding the provisioned in the previous number, all research works and projects which need to file a funding application involving the Centre as host institution must be approved by the President of the ICJP, the Scientific Coordinator and the leading researcher.
3. Notwithstanding the provisioned in the number 1, research contracts need the approval of the Direction of the ICJP.
4. The approval of the Steering Scientific Commission regarding the outline of the research works and projects developed in the Centre can only be obtained with:
  - a) The correct filling by the research team of the proper application form supplied by the funding institutions;
  - b) Objective aptitude of the team and the research work or project to ensure that the rules and regulations concerning the granting of funds are observed;
  - c) Objective curricular merit of the research team members proposed by the leading researcher;
  - d) The compliance with the norms present in the Statute of the Lisbon Centre for Research in Public Law, in the Research Statute and in the decisions of the Scientific Council to do with research;
  - e) The respect for all rules and regulations applicable to scientific research in the Portuguese legal order.
5. If the Steering Scientific Commission disapproves the proposals of a research group, those affected have the right to a previous hearing before this body.
6. In the case of a serious or continuous violation of the rules and regulations applicable to scientific research and related funding or of the orienting clauses of the contracted research by the research teams, the Steering Scientific Commission can cancel the research activity developed in the Centre affected by the said error.
7. Any interpretation issues that may arise from this Statute are settled by the Steering Scientific Commission.

**Article 5.º**  
**Cooperation with outside institutions**

The scientific research activity is undertaken in close cooperation with the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia and is in line with the general principles of the University of Lisbon School of Law in regard to research.