

REGULATION OF CATÓLICA LAW SCHOOL'S RESEARCH UNIT

Article 1 (Identity)

1. Católica Research Centre for the Future of Law – *Centro de Estudos e Investigação em Direito* (hereinafter referred to as “Centre”) is a Research Unit within the Faculty of Law of Universidade Católica Portuguesa (UCP).
2. The Centre is regulated by UCP's Statutes and by this Regulation.
3. The Centre is an institution within UCP Law School operating at national level in the Lisbon and Oporto Schools.

Article 2 (Objectives)

The Centre pursues the following objectives:

- a) To promote and support studies, research lines and projects in the field of Law, namely assisting its members' projects when applying for public and private funding;
- b) To promote and support networking by coordinating its activities with other research and development units from an interdisciplinary and preferably transnational perspective;
- c) To promote and support the publication of research results, as well as works of interest for the development of its activity;
- d) To promote and support training and specialization of human resources in the field of Law;
- e) To disseminate scientific knowledge by organizing and conducting scientific meetings and creating data bases and information networks in any form;
- f) To promote scientific exchange with national and international institutions and researchers;
- g) To provide services to the community, namely by conducting studies and research works upon request from public and private entities;
- h) To stimulate scientific activity within the Law School and to promote the emergence of research projects, namely by conducting debate forums regularly.

Article 3 (Members)

1. The Centre is composed of integrated members and collaborative members.
2. The integrated members are:
 - a) UCP Law School Professors with a Doctoral Degree;
 - b) UCP or others institutions' professors and researchers with a Doctoral Degree conducting research activities within the Centre's scope and that may participate on a regular basis with projects related to it;
 - c) Grantees conducting research integrated in the projects defined by the Centre.

3. The collaborative members are:

- a) Doctoral researchers who just participate punctually in projects coordinated by the Centre's integrated researchers;
- b) UCP and other institutions' non-doctoral researchers participating in projects coordinated by the Centre's integrated researchers.

4. The admission of external integrated members depends on the Centre's scientific board resolution, after considering a multiannual research plan presented by the candidate or on the basis of a proposal presented by any of the Centre's integrated members grounded on scientific curriculum of recognised merit.

5. The rights of the Centre's members are:

- a) To present, either individually or jointly, research projects that integrate the Centre's research lines;
- b) To participate in the Centre's conducted or sponsored scientific activities;
- c) To participate in the researchers' meetings;
- d) To use the documentation services and other work instruments according to the corresponding regulations.

6. The duties of the Centre's members are:

- a) To collaborate in the Centre's scientific and cultural activities;
- b) To exercise the role to which they were designated;
- c) To present reports on their ongoing research projects and an annual activities report;
- d) To update their curricular information as requested by the Centre's administrative services or funding entities.

Article 4 (Institution's Bodies)

The Centre's bodies are the director, the coordination board, the scientific board and the monitoring commission.

Article 5 (Director and Coordination Board)

1. The director and the coordination board are appointed by UCP's Dean for a three-year term, on proposal of the Law School director.
2. The coordination board is composed of the director, of the Lisbon and Oporto sections' coordinators and of a maximum of four board members.
3. The coordinators and the coordination board members are proposed by the Lisbon and Oporto Schools' directors after consulting the respective regional scientific boards.

Article 6 (Competences)

1. It is the director's duty:

- a) To represent the Centre before the UCP and other funding entities;
- b) To call and chair the Centre's collegial bodies;

- c) To call and chair researchers' plenary meetings;
 - d) To sign research contracts and cooperation protocols.
2. It is the coordination board's duty:
- a) To develop and coordinate the Centre's scientific, budget and editorial activity;
 - b) To assure the Centre's normal management;
 - c) To elaborate the activity plans, the budget plans, the annual report and the bills;
 - d) To request reports from researchers and research groups on developed activities;
 - e) To define equipment usage guidelines;
 - f) To elaborate internal regulations.
3. The coordination board may work in full or in sections, chaired by the respective coordinators.
4. It is the coordinators' duty, regarding their sections:
- a) To call and chair researchers' meetings;
 - b) To order expenditures within the envisaged budget;
 - c) To accompany the execution of research projects;
 - d) To exercise the competences delegated by the director and the coordination board.

Article 7 (Scientific Board)

- 1. The scientific board is composed of all the Centre's integrated members.
- 2. The director chairs the scientific board's meetings.
- 3. It is the scientific board's duty:
 - a) To assess activity plans and annual budget plans;
 - b) To assess bills and activity reports;
 - c) To give their view on the research lines;
 - d) To give their view on the inclusion of new members;
 - e) To give their view on scientific matters brought before it;
 - f) To approve the composition of the monitoring commission.
- 4. The scientific board meets ordinarily two times a year and, exceptionally, upon being called by the director or following a request of, at least, two thirds of its members.

Article 8 (Monitoring Commission)

- 1. The monitoring commission is an external commission outside UCP composed of national and foreign personalities of recognised merits, and with more than four and less than eleven members.
- 2. It is the monitoring commission's duty:
 - a) To give their view on the scientific orientation of the Centre's developed research.
 - b) To give their view on the activities plan and annual budget plan;
 - c) To give their view on the activities report;
 - d) To perform regular evaluations of the Centre's activities.

3. The monitoring commission members are appointed for renewable periods of three years.
4. The monitoring commission meets once a year upon being called by the director.

Article 9 (Scientific Research Projects)

1. Research conducted within the Centre is developed under scientific research lines, which are part of research projects endowed with full management autonomy of financial resources and in accordance with the payment authorisation rules approved by the coordination board.
2. Each research project is scientifically coordinated by a Centre's integrated members.
3. All the Centre's members have the right to, individually or in a research group, present research projects, which are admissible provided that they fit within the Centre's research lines and the applicants commit to making an effort towards obtaining the indispensable funding sources to materialise them.
4. The coordination board may also take the initiative of proposing the organization and development of research projects of disciplinary and multidisciplinary nature, provided that they fit within the Centre's development strategies.
5. Expenses arising from the research projects' regular operation are covered by renewable contracts with *Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia* (FCT) or other institutions, and the Centre may also have research lines or projects that are not part of that type of funding.

Article 10 (Financial Provisions)

1. The Centre's own revenues are composed of:
 - a) Funds resulting from the organization of studies and courses;
 - b) Funds resulting from the provision of services;
 - c) Revenues from the sale of publications;
 - d) Research grants conceded by national and international entities;
 - e) Sponsorships or financial supports for concrete activities conducted by the Centre.
2. Revenues generated by the Centre are earmarked for the Centre's activities.
3. The remaining members and collaborators of the Centre may receive research payments or grants according to the projects in which they collaborate and other entrusted tasks, namely training or provision of services.