# OPEN CALL FOR A PART-TIME RESEARCH MANAGER ASSOCIATED WITH ERC STARTING GRANT "AFDEVLIVES"

The Centre of International Studies (CEI) at Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon (Portugal) announces a job opening for a research manager associated with European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant Project "AfDevLives: The Afterlives of Development Interventions in Eastern Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique)" (2022-2027, Ref. 101041788), hosted by CEI-Iscte and led by Dr. Yonatan N. Gez. AfDevLives studies the legacies of development interventions and their long-term impact on local communities. Exploring links between the past, the present, and the future, it revisits interventions' representational and material remains from below, as experienced, reinterpreted, and re-appropriated locally over time.

## Job responsibilities:

The selected candidate will be based at CEI-Iscte (partial remote work and flexible hours can be negotiated), where they will support the project's team with activities related to the project. Their primary tasks will include:

- Support the project's team through administrative tasks such as procurement, finances, contracts, agreements, and others, and act as a key interface between the project team and Iscte's administrative units
- Coordinate academic activities (fieldwork preparation, seminars, public lectures, etc.) with the team and with partners in East Africa
- Disseminate scientific outputs via the project's website, social media, etc.
- Maintain the project's databases and assist the team with data management
- Possibly, offer research support (e.g., transcription of interviews, assistance in literature review)

**Starting date:** July/August 2023 (flexible)

**Duration of contract:** 10 months (with possible renewal up until the end of the project in August 2027).

Should no suitable candidate be found, the selection committee reserves itself the right to keep the position vacant.

#### Job requirements:

- Excellent problem-solving and organizational skills and a self-driven, proactive approach
- Relevant professional experience, ideally in management of research projects
- Good communication skills (written and spoken) in both Portuguese and English



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- Experience working in a team (good interpersonal skills necessary)
- A BA, MA, or PhD degree (salary ranks may be adjusted according to degree)
- Availability for a minimum of ten months (longer availability is an advantage)
- Direct interest in the research theme and commitment to North-South research collaboration are an advantage

Note that, while part of the work could be done remotely, some in-person presence in Lisbon is required.

## **Application process:**

The call is open until **27 June 2023**. Applications must include the following documents:

- Cover letter specifying the candidate's interest in the project and their relevant experience
- Comprehensive CV
- Proof of academic degrees
- Contact information of two referees (professional/academic level)

All documentation should be submitted to <u>afdevlives@gmail.com</u> and <u>recruitment.cei@iscteiul.pt</u>. Shortlisted candidates might be invited for an interview.

### **Evaluation criteria:**

Criterion A: Relevant professional experience (40%)

Criterion B: Academic/professional qualifications and relevant skills (e.g., languages) (30%)

Criterion B: Motivation for the position (30%)

## Recruitment process and salary scale:

The position is for a part-time employment contract, corresponding to the category of a Research Assistant (*Assistente de Investigação*) presented in the Regulation 912/2022 of Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon. After receiving the expressions of interest, the hiring committee will analyze and select candidates for possible interviews and eventual hiring as an Invited Research Assistant at Iscte. The salary will be adjusted to the experience of the selected candidate, corresponding up to 50% of the stage ('Escalão') 140-145 or 155 (Full time - 'Tempo Integral'). Should no suitable candidate be found, an additional recruitment phase may be launched.

