

Study Programme 2024-2026

**1st Phase of Applications**

**Concept Note**

This document contains the guidelines for presenting study and policy paper proposals to the Fundação Francisco Manuel dos Santos (FFMS) for initial assessment.

Following this assessment, the teams will be contacted and the selected proposals must submit a completed FFMS form in the second phase.

The Study Programme 2024-2026, which outlines the priority themes for this three-year period, is available [here](https://ffms.pt/sites/default/files/2024-06/Study%20Programme%20FFMS_2024-2026.pdf).

The proposals must be written in English and should be sent to estudos@ffms.pt

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**2. Please describe the research question and objectives of your study/policy paper, including the research/policy gap. Please provide the theoretical framework, outlining the relevant state of the art and the originality of the proposal.** (up to 600 words)

**1.2. Please indicate the title of your proposal.**

Policy paper [ ]

 Study [ ]

**1.1. Is this a proposal for a study or a policy paper? Please select only one option.**

**3. Alignment with the Study Plan** (up to 200 words)

How does this proposal fit in with the Foundation's current study programme? Specify the thematic lines and subthemes of the FFMS Study Programme 2024-26 that the proposal pertains to.

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**4. Societal Relevance** (up to 300 words)

What challenges does Portuguese society face in this area? How does the project contribute to the understanding and development of Portuguese society? How does the study contribute to public debate?

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**5. Methodology** (up to 800 words)

Describe, in detail, the methodology with which you intend to answer the study’s research question. Explain the reasons why the chosen methodology is the most appropriate to investigate the topic in question, based on the scientific literature.

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**6. Team and Expertise** (up to 300 words)

Who are the members of the research team (including the principal investigator) and what are their main academic and project management skills relevant to the study? What other entities are involved (if applicable)?

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**7. Bibliography**

**8. To be attached:** CV of the principal investigator and a contact e-mail.

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