

CALL FOR AWARDING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS WITHIN PROJECT GRANTS AND R&D INSTITUTIONS

1 (one) Research Fellowship (BI) for MSc Student

Ref.: 1172.2 – 1 BI EM SmartChain

1 Research Fellowship(s) (BI) is(are) open at the **FCiências.ID – Associação para a Investigação e Desenvolvimento de Ciências**, for the project/R&D institution “SmartChain - Fast and Energy-efficient Distributed Consensus for Blockchains”, “ref. 2022.08431.PTDC”, funded by the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P./MCTES through national funds (PIDDAC) under the programme All Scientific Domains, under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Computer Science or related areas.
2. **Requirements for admission:** BSc degree in the field of Science and Technology.
3. **Additional optional skills and qualifications:** Knowledge of blockchains and distributed systems. Already working in the blockchain area.
4. **Contracting requirements:** Presentation of the academic qualifications and/or diplomas. Enrolment in the master's programme in Informatics, Informatics Engineering or Information Security at Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa.
5. **Work plan:** 1) Study related work on BFT replication and blockchains with particular emphasis on the study protocols that employ trusted components and chained consensus; 2) Specify an existing adapted protocol to use trusted components and outline its correctness proof; 3) Implement a prototype of the protocol; 4) Evaluate experimentally the devised prototype and compare it with BFT-SMaRt.
6. **Legislation framework:** Research Fellowship Holder Statute, in accordance with Law 40/2004, of 18 August, in its current version and the FCT Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships, in its current version (Reg. 950/2019 published in DR on 16th December: <https://dre.pt/application/file/a/127230968>, or at the FCT website: <https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.pt>), and FCiências.ID Fellowship Regulation, as approved on 12th May 2020 (available at [Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação Científica da FCiências.ID](#)).
7. **Place of work:** The work will be developed at the LASIGE, Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon under the scientific supervision of Professor Alysson Bessani.
8. **Fellowship duration:** This position is initially opened for 3 months due to start in October 2023. The fellowship contract may be potentially renewed for 6 months.
9. **Monthly allowance:** The fellowship amounts to € 930,98, according to [table values](#) of the fellowships awarded directly by the FCT, IP. The fellowship holder will have a personal accident insurance and can ensure the right to social security through adherence to the voluntary social insurance scheme, if not covered by any other social protection scheme, pursuant to *Código dos Regimes Contributivos do Sistema Previdencial de Segurança Social*. The fellowship will be paid monthly by bank transfer.
10. **Evaluation and selection process:** Candidates will be assessed by CV (100%). Applicants whose application is scored with a final classification of less than 60 points are not eligible for granting a fellowship.

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11. **Selection Committee:** Alysso Bessani (President of the jury); Bernardo Ferreira and Pedro Ferreira (effective members); António Casimiro and Nuno Neves (alternate members).

12. **Publication/notification of results:** All the candidates will be notified by e-mail, sent by the call holder, with the selection meeting minutes enclosed.

13. **Deadlines:** This call for applications is open from 13/09/2023 to 26/09/2023 .

14. **Application:** Applications should be sent via e-mail to lasige-candidaturas@listas.di.ciencias.ulisboa.pt, indicating - otherwise they will not be considered eligible - in the "Subject": Ref. 1172.2 – 1 BI EM SmartChain, by attaching the following documents:

- a. Curriculum vitae, with the mandatory inclusion of the degrees obtained and/or to be attended, curricular units, respective grades;
- b. Certificate of completion of previous degree ^{Note 1, 2};
- c. Other documents considered relevant.

15. **Processing of personal data:** FCIências.ID – Associação para a Investigação e Desenvolvimento de Ciências, as the controller under the General Data Protection Regulation, collects and processes the personal data requested in the context indicated in paragraph 14., under the legitimate interests in ensuring the award of the research fellowship to candidates with the indicated profile.

The personal data will be kept for the period necessary for the execution of the purposes for which they are intended, being ensured the processing and protection in an appropriate and diligent way, the confidentiality and integrity of these data, through appropriate technical and organizational measures.

Personal data may be transmitted to third parties, namely the entity funding the research project, solely for the purposes specifically established. In this sense, whenever the transfer of personal data to countries outside the European Union and/or international organizations is necessary, compliance with the applicable legal provisions is ensured.

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16. **Time limits for the appeal procedure:** In case of negative decision, the candidates have 10 business days, after the date of announcement of the results of the candidates' evaluation, to pronounce their disagreement in accordance with the *Código do Procedimento Administrativo*. Appeals against the final decision may be submitted to the Administration Board of FCIências.ID (fciencias.id@fciencias-id.pt) within 15 business days after the notification date.

Note 1: The documents that prove the entitlement of the academic qualifications and diplomas can be dismissed during the application period and replaced by a declaration on their honour from the applicant ([Minuta PT](#), [Minute EN](#)). Their delivery is mandatory for the fellowship contractualization.

Note 2: Please note that - higher education degrees and diplomas awarded by foreign higher education institutions need to be recognized by a Portuguese higher education institution, pursuant to the [Decree-Law nr. 66/2018](#) (August 16) and the [Ministerial Order nr. 33/2019](#) (January 25). The presentation of the recognition certificate is mandatory for contract signature. More information can be obtained at: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/en/pagina/degree-and-diploma-recognition>.

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