

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

1 (one) Research Fellowship (BI) for MSc enrolled in a non-degree course

1 Research Fellowship(s) (BI) is(are) open at the **FCiências.ID – Associação para a Investigação e Desenvolvimento de Ciências**, for the project “MICRODRYGRAPE, BIOISI”, financed by Own funding for the development of R&D projects in the area of Molecular Biology, under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Molecular Biology
2. **Requirements for admission:**
 - (1) Master's degree in an area related to Biology or Biochemistry;
 - (2) Proven experience in molecular biology;
 - (3) Proven experience in DNA extraction, preferably from plants;
 - (4) Experience in teamwork in the context of multidisciplinary projects;
 - (5) Knowledge of statistics and R programming language.
3. **Additional optional skills and qualifications:** (1) Experience in metabolic profile analysis; (2) experience in PCR; (3) experience in studies with fruits.
4. **Contracting requirements:** Presentation of the academic qualifications and/or diplomas. Enrolment in non-degree course developed in association or cooperation between a High Education Institution and one or multiple research units.
5. **Work plan:** DNA extraction of the microbiome of grapes and soil. PCR amplification using the extracted DNA. Characterization of the metabolomic profile of the grape samples.
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 BIOISI, Department of Plant Biology, FCUL under the scientific supervision of Professor Ana Margarida Fortes.
8. **Fellowship duration:** This position is initially opened for 6 months due to start in January 2024. The fellowship contract may be potentially renewed for 1 month.
9. **Monthly allowance:** The fellowship amounts to € 1 199,64, according to [table values](#) of the FCiências.ID Fellowship Regulation. 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.

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10. **Evaluation and selection process:** Candidates will be assessed by

a) Curriculum (70%), with the following parameters:

a1) Participation in relevant scientific projects in the area of Molecular Biology and Plant Genomics – 15%

a2) Publications in prestigious magazines, oral communications and posters – 50%

a3) Activities for the dissemination of science, pedagogy and sharing of scientific knowledge, particularly in the context of promoting good scientific practices, organizing courses, seminars and conferences with a view to disseminating the area of Plant Biology – 5%

b) Reference letters - 15%.

c) Motivation letter - 15%

Interview for the first 3 (three) candidates if considered necessary by the jury. In case an interview takes place, the sum obtained in the evaluation of criteria a) to c) will correspond to 80% of the final classification and the interview will correspond to 20%.

Applicants whose application is scored with a final classification of less than 70 points are not eligible for granting a fellowship.

11. **Selection Committee:**

President of the jury - Ana Margarida Fortes, Assistant Professor

1st Member - Anabela Silva, Assistant Professor

2nd Member - Susana Serrazina, Contracted Researcher

1st Member Substitute - Mónica Sebastiana, Contracted Researcher

2nd Member Substitute - Rita Teixeira, Contracted Researcher

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 26/12/2023 to 12/01/2024 .

14. **Application:** Applications should be sent via e-mail to amfortes@fc.ul.pt, by attaching the following documents:

a. Curriculum vitae;

b. Certificate of completion of previous degree ^{Note 1, 2};

c. Motivation Letter;

d. 2 (two) Reference letters.

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.

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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>.