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

2 (two) Research Fellowships (BI) for MSc Students or BSc enrolled in non-degree course
Ref.: 937.9 – 2 BI EM AIpALS

2 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 "AIpALS- Advanced learnIng models using Patient profiles and disease progression patterns for prognostic prediction in ALS"*,* "ref. PTDC/CCI-CIF/4613/2020", "DOI: https://doi.org/10.54499/PTDC/CCI-CIF/4613/2020", 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**: Data Science or Computer Science and Engineering

2.   **Requirements for admission**: BSc degree completed.

3.   **Additional optional skills and qualifications**: Master's student in Computer Science and Engineering or related areas; Solid knowledge on Neuroscience, preferably Neurobiology; Previous R&D and professional experience; Mature skills in Machine Learning; Experience with Omics Data Analysis.

4.   **Contracting requirements**: Presentation of the academic qualifications and/or diplomas. Enrolment in Master in Computer Science and Engineering or related areas, or non-degree course developed in association or cooperation between a High Education Institution and one or multiple research units.

5.   **Work plan**: The Fellowship holders will work in tasks 4 and 5 and will have the following goals: develop advanced machine learning techniques, encompassing both descriptive and predictive stances, for multi-tissue informed modelling of brain regulatory activity, with a focus on the study of specific neurotransmission systems and their impact on neurological conditions of interest.

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, Department of Informatics of the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon under the scientific supervision of Professor Sara C. Madeira (supervisor) and Rui Henriques (co-supervisor).

8.   **Fellowship duration**: This position is initially opened for 3 months due to start in September 2024. The fellowship contract may be potentially renewed for until the end of the project , in accordance with the provisions of Regulation of Research Fellowships from the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P.

9.   **Monthly allowance**: The fellowship amounts to € 990,98, 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.

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10.   **Evaluation and selection process**: Candidates will be assessed by CV evaluation (50%); Practical experience and/or knowledge in neurobiology and advanced machine learning methods (30%); Previous R&D and professional experience (20%).

Applicants whose application is scored with a final classification of less than 80 points are not eligible for granting a fellowship.

11.   **Selection Committee**: President of the jury: Rui Henriques; Members: Sara C. Madeira, Helena Aidos; Alternate members: Cátia Pesquita, André Falcão.

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 02/08/2024 to 16/08/2024 .

14.   **Application:** Applications should be sent via e-mail to lasige-candidaturas@listas.di.ciencias.ulisboa.pt, indicating - otherwise it will not be considered eligible - in the "Subject": Ref. 937.9 - 2 BI EM AIpALS, by attaching the following documents:

      a.   Curriculum vitae;
      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.

You have the right to request access, rectification, elimination, limitation of processing, the right to object and also data portability (if technically feasible), through the e-mail address: dpo@fciencias-id.pt. You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the National Data Protection Commission.

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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.

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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.