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### 1 (one) Research Fellowship (BI) for a MSc student or a BSc 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 “The role of epigenetics in abiotic stress somatic memory in potato crop”, “LISBOA2030-FEDER-00660100”, co-financed by Lisboa2030, Portugal2030 and the European Union, and by Nacional Funds through Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P, under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Biological Sciences, Agricultural Sciences
2. **Admission requirements:** Bachelor degree in Biology, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Biotechnology or related areas, with a final grade of 14 or higher.
3. **Additional optional skills and qualifications:** Preference will be given to candidates with:
  - a) Interest and motivation for plant scientific research;
  - b) Previous lab experience will be valued;
  - c) Good communication skills and proficiency in spoken and written English;
  - d) Strong motivation for scientific research.
4. **Contracting requirements:** Presentation of the academic qualifications and/or diplomas. Enrolment in Master degree or non-degree course developed in association or cooperation between a High Education Institution and one or multiple research units.
5. **Work plan:**  
In this work, the fellow will participate in task 1 of the project which aims to optimize the conditions to induce a heat priming response, i.e., the capacity of plants to remember a first mild stress and improve their response to a second/recurring stress. The plan includes:
  - expose potato plants to a first and moderate heat stress (testing different temperatures) or to normal growth conditions;
  - expose the same plants (stressed and control) to a second and stronger heat stress and evaluate the physiological and molecular response.
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 16<sup>th</sup> December: <https://dre.pt/application/file/a/127230968>, or at the FCT website: <https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml>), and FCIências.ID Fellowship Regulation, as approved on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (available at [Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação Científica da FCIências.ID](#)).
7. **Place of work:** The work will be developed at the Forgen Lab – BioSystems & Integrative Sciences Institute (BioISI) from Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon under the scientific supervision of Professor Vera Inácio.
8. **Fellowship duration:** This position is initially opened for 6 months due to start in June 2025. The fellowship contract may be potentially renewed for 10 months, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation of Research Fellowships from the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P and FCIências.ID Fellowship Regulation.
9. **Monthly allowance:** The fellowship amounts to € 1 040,98, 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*.

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The fellowship will be paid monthly by bank transfer.

10. **Evaluation and selection process:** Candidates will be assessed by Curriculum evaluation (bachelor's degree final grade, communications at conferences, publications in ISI journals) – 40%; experience in the requested areas in paragraph 3. – 40%; and motivation letter – 20%.

If considered necessary by the jury, an interview will be carried out with the top 2 (two) candidates. If there is an interview, in which case the assessment will be as follows: Curriculum evaluation (bachelor's degree final grade, communications at conferences, publications in ISI journals) – 25%; experience in the requested areas in paragraph 3. – 25%; motivation letter – 20%; and interview – 30%.

Applicants whose application is scored with a final classification of less than 50 points are not eligible for granting a fellowship.

11. **Selection Committee:**

- President of the Jury - Doctor Vera Inácio
- Effective members - Professor Célia Miguel and Professor Leonor Morais-Cecílio
- Alternate members - Professor Anabela Bernardes da Silva and Professor José Graça

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 19/05/2025 to 31/05/2025 .

14. **Application:** Applications should be sent via e-mail to [vinacio@ciencias.ulisboa.pt](mailto:vinacio@ciencias.ulisboa.pt), by attaching the following documents:

- a. Curriculum vitae;
- b. Certificate of completion of previous degree <sup>Note 1, 2;</sup>
- c. Motivation letter

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](mailto:dpo@fciencias-id.pt). You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the National Data Protection Commission.

For more information, we recommend consulting the Internal Rules of Data Protection of FCIências.ID - Association for Research and Development of Sciences at <https://fciencias-id.pt/>.

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

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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](mailto: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>.