



CALL FOR AWARDING GRANTS AND PROJECTS UNDER R & D INSTITUTIONS

Title: Research Fellowship (for researchers with Master Degree)

One Master Research Fellowship is open at the **Fundação da Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa**, at the project Invisible links: unveiling origins of migratory waders using biogeochemical markers/CESAM-UA & CIBIO-UP & UIIE-ISPA, PTDC/MAR/119920/2010, financed by national funds by FCT / MCTES (PIDDAC) under the program “All Scientific Projects 2010”, under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Biological Sciences
2. **Requirements for admission:** Master Degree in Biological Sciences or related areas. Candidates with previous expertise in performing fieldwork with autonomy and with the possibility of using their own vehicle are preferred. Ringing experience and experience in bird identification (namely shorebirds) are also criteria for preference. Research work will include an important field component, and the candidate should have availability to work in hard conditions for long periods, far from their residence area (possibly outside the country) and often in non-standard schedules.
3. **Work plan:** the main goals of the research project are related with the ecology of shorebirds in estuarine environments. The tasks will involve: i) participation in ringing sessions and bird sampling; ii) participation in the sampling of estuarine biota, mainly water, sediment, plants, invertebrates, etc; iii) participation in bird census; iv) participation in data compilation and data analysis; v) participation in laboratory work, namely invertebrate identification and sample preparation for stable isotope analysis. Fieldwork will be carried mainly at the Tagus estuary (Lisboa), but there may be a need for participation in work in western Africa (Guinea-Bissau or Mauritania) for a period between 1 and 3 months. The candidate will be mostly based in the Museu Nacional de História Natural e da Ciência, University of Lisbon. More information on the research project is available at <https://sites.google.com/site/migratagis/Home/projects-1/invisible-links>.
4. **Legislation framework:** Portuguese Law Nr. 40/2004, from 18 August (Research Grant Holder Statute); Regulation of Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources 2012.
5. **Place of work:** the candidate will be based at Museu Nacional de História Natural e da Ciência, Lisboa, under the scientific guidance of Dr. Teresa Catry and Dr. José Pedro Granadeiro.
6. **Fellowship duration:** This position is initially open for 3 months and will begin on 15 November 2012. The grant contract may be renewed to more 12 months, until one total duration of 15 months, depending on the performance of the candidate and the development of the project.
7. **Monthly allowance:** The amount of the scholarship amounts to € 980 according to table values of the scholarships awarded directly by the FCT, IP in the country (<http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores>). (grants awarded to projects financed by FCT).
The Fellows will have a personal accident insurance and, if not covered by any social protection scheme can ensure the right to social security through adherence to voluntary social insurance scheme, pursuant to Decree-Law No 9 40/89 of February 1
The scholarships will be paid monthly by bank transfer
8. **Selection method:** Candidates will be assessed by the quality of their CV (50%) and expertise in the scientific area of the project (including fieldwork and ringing experience and possibly also an interview (overall, 50%).



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9. **Selection Committee:** President: Dr. Teresa Catry; Vowels: Dr. José Pedro Granadeiro and Dr. Maria Ana Peixe Dias; Substitute: Dr. José Alves.
10. **Publication/notification of results:** The final results of the evaluation will become public, through an ordered list by final classification which will be posted at the entrance hall of the **Fundação da Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa**, located at the Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa, C1 bldg – 3rd floor, Campo Grande, 1749-016 Lisboa, and the selected candidate will be notified by e-mail.
11. **Deadlines:** This call for applications is open from 11th August to 25th September 2012.
12. **Application:** Applications may be filed via e-mail teresa_catry@yahoo.com attaching the following documents: Curriculum Vitae (maximum 4 pages) and motivation letter (maximum 2 pages). Applications may also be sent by mail to Dr. Teresa Catry, Departamento de Zoologia, Museu Nacional de História Natural e da Ciência, Rua da Escola Politécnica 58, 1250-102 Lisboa, Portugal.