

CALL FOR BIODIV SCHOLARSHIPS 2015-16



The Doctoral Programme in Biodiversity, Genetics and Evolution (BIODIV) is organized jointly by the University of Porto and the University of Lisbon, in partnership with [CIBIO/InBIO](#) (Research Center in Biodiversity and Genetic Resources/Associate laboratory) and with [cE3c](#) (Centre for Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Changes).

This programme is funded by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT). According to the [FCT Regulations](#) and the [Research Fellowship Holder Statute](#), the BIODIV Directive Board now opens a call for:

TWELVE MIXED PhD SCHOLARSHIPS 2015-16

Six scholarships for the University of Porto and six scholarships for the University of Lisbon

Up to twelve mixed PhD Scholarships are available for applicants who comply with the legal requirements of the Decree-Law nº 74/2006 Artº30 nº1 of the 24th of March (republished attached to the Decree-Law nº115/2013 of the 7th of August). Based on the merit of the candidates, the evaluation panel will select the best six candidates applying to the University of Porto and the best six candidates applying to the University of Lisbon.

ELEGIBILITY

The BIODIV Programme accepts candidates:

- from any nationality;
- holding a Master's, or equivalent degree, or holding a 4 or 5-year degree (pre-Bologna) in Biological Sciences*, concluded until the application deadline;
- having a final grade (4 or 5-year degree (pre-Bologna) or post-Bologna Master) equal or greater than 14/20 or equivalent. Exceptions are presented in the Evaluation Guide;
- that haven't been funded by FCT with a PhD scholarship of any duration.

*other scientific backgrounds with an adequate academic and scientific component can be also considered.

SCHOLARSHIP DURATION

The duration is, as a rule, annual, renewable up to a maximum of four years, and cannot be awarded for periods of less than three consecutive months. These mixed PhD scholarships include the opportunity to spend up to two years abroad. Descriptions of the stipend values can be found [here](#) (please note that *BD* refers to *PhD scholarships*).

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The call for applications is open between **8 of May and 8 of June 2015** (24:00 GMT).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications should be submitted by email to applications@biodiv.pt with the following mandatory supporting documents (written in Portuguese or English):

- a) BIODIV Application Form (available at [BIODIV's website](#));
- b) *Curriculum vitae*;
- c) Motivation Letter;
- d) Copy of the official academic certificate(s) of all awarded degrees (BSc, MSc) with the inclusion of the overall final grade;
- e) Copy of the official academic transcripts of all awarded degrees (BSc, MSc) with the inclusion of the several classifications per course;
- f) Evidence of equivalence/recognition of the academic degrees (BSc, MSc) completed abroad, and conversion of the grade into the Portuguese scale, testified by a Portuguese public institution for higher education (**Not necessary for degrees completed in the countries with official conversion of grading scales – list available at [BIODIV's website](#)**). More information at 'Direção Geral do Ensino Superior' (www.dges.mctes.pt and info.naric@dges.mec.pt).

EVALUATION

The evaluation panel selects the best candidates to integrate the BIODIV Programme based on their merit, through the analysis of:

- Academic Curriculum;
- Professional Experience in research projects, publications and scientific presentations at meetings;
- Motivation Letter.

The candidates with the highest merit will be invited for an interview, in person or by video conference, to establish the final ranking.

The evaluation guide is available on the [BIODIV webpage](#) (with the quantification of the evaluation criteria).

RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

The results of the Call will be announced on the webpage of the BIODIV Programme (www.biodiv.pt), and the selected candidates will be directly informed by email. If the decision is not favourable, the applicant has a period of 10 working days, after receiving notice, to appeal to the Directive Board of BIODIV according to the *Código do Procedimento Administrativo* in a preliminary hearing stage. Any appeal to the final decision must be brought to the Board of Directors of FCT - *Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology* - within 15 working days after the notification.

FUNDING

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For more information: www.biodiv.pt | applications@biodiv.pt