

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

One Special Regime Research Fellowship

One Special Regime Research Fellowship for post-doctoral collaborator is open at the **FCiências.ID – Associação para a Investigação e o Desenvolvimento de Ciências**, for the project "*RNA Life – Novel RNA regulators as potential drug targets for CF*", at the Functional Genomics and Proteostasis Research Group of BioISI – Biosystems & Integrative Sciences Institute (CFF Ref: 7207534), financed by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (USA), under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Molecular Biology
2. **Requirements for admission:** Candidates should be holders of a PhD in Biosciences (Biochemistry, Molecular Biology or related areas) and at least 8 yrs of post-doctoral research experience.
3. **Factors preferred:** Candidates with skills in the field of RNA and handling of human samples will be favoured; they should have a strong interest in studying RNA-based disease mechanisms by cutting-edge approaches and enjoy working in an international stimulating research environment.
4. **Work plan:** Research will focus on the elucidation of the question: what is the mechanism of action of genes which when downregulated enhance readthrough of premature stop codons (PTCs) and avoid nonsense-mediated decay (NMD)? If we can answer this question, the ultimate goal is the search for compounds that modulate the NMD mechanism to the ultimate benefit of CF patients.
5. **Legislation framework:** Statute of the Scientific Research Fellowship, in accordance with Law 40/2004, of 18 August, as amended and republished by Decree-Law No. 202/2012 of 27 August, and as amended by Decree-Law No. 233/2012 of 29 October and by Law No. 12/2013, of January 29, and Decree-Law No. 89/2013 of 9 July; And also by the FCT, I.P. Fellowships Regulation, in force (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/RegulamentoBolsasFCT2015.pdf>) and **FCiências.ID** Fellowship Regulation, as approved on 23rd February 2017.
6. **Place of work:** The work will be developed at the Functional Genomics and Proteostasis Research Group of BioISI – Biosystems & Integrative Sciences Institute in Lisboa (Fac of Sciences, University of Lisboa, Campo Grade C8 bdg, Lisboa, Portugal), under the scientific guidance of Professor Margarida Amaral.
7. **Fellowship duration:** This position is initially opened for **6 months** and will begin in **January 2018**. The fellowship contract may possibly be renewed until the end date of the project, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation of Research Fellowships from the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P.
8. **Monthly allowance:** The fellowship amounts to €1.500-€2.000, depending on candidate's experience. The fellowship holder 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 the voluntary social insurance scheme, pursuant to Código dos Regimes Contributivos do Sistema Previdencial de Segurança Social. The fellowship will be paid monthly by bank transfer.
9. **Selection method:** Candidates will be assessed by the quality of their CV (50%) and Candidates will be assessed by and experience in the required methodologies (40-50%) and possibly also an interview (10%).

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10. **Selection Committee:** Prof. Margarida Amaral (President), FCUL, Lisboa, Portugal; Prof. Carlos Farinha, FCUL, Lisboa, Portugal; Prof. Margarida Gama-Carvalho, FCUL, Lisboa, Portugal. (Substitutes: Dr. Luisa Romão, INSA, Lisboa, Portugal; Prof. Margarida Telhada, FCUL, Lisboa, Portugal).
11. **Publication/notification of results:** The final results of the evaluation will become public, through ordered list *final grade obtained* which will be posted at the entrance hall of the **FCiências.ID**, 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*.
12. **Deadlines:** This call for applications is open from **15 to 28** December 2017.
13. **Application:** Applications may be sent via e-mail to Prof. M. Amaral (mdamaral@fc.ul.pt), by attaching the following documents: 1) a motivation letter; 2) a CV with list of publications and description of methodological expertise relevant to this application; 3) references of two people well acquainted with the work of the candidate.