

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

One Research Fellowship for Master holders

One Fellowship(s) Research for a holder of a master degree is(are) open at the **FCiências.ID – Associação para a Investigação e Desenvolvimento de Ciências**, for the project “Securing the ecological integrity of the Bijagos archipelago as a key site for waders along the East Atlantic Flyway (Waders of the Bijagos)” /CESAM-UL, with the reference, AO 2 (17126), co-financed by the MAVA Foundation, under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Biological Sciences
2. **Requirements for admission:** master degree in Biological Sciences or related scientific areas. The candidate must demonstrate solid experience in molecular biology techniques, including DNA extraction, PCR and preparation of libraries for sequencing. Preference will be given to candidates that have undertaken similar work. Availability to perform the work in Porto (CIBIO-InBIO) is mandatory.
3. **Factors preferred:** Preference will be given to candidates with experience with DNA extraction for metabarcoding analysis and preparation of libraries for next-generation sequencing. The candidate should have experience in bioinformatic analysis of DNA metabarcoding data. Autonomy, flexible working hours, critical thinking and team work skills, as well as fluency in English (spoken and written), will be highly valued.
4. **Work plan:** The main goals of the project are related with the ecology of shorebirds and intertidal ecosystems of the Bijagós archipelago, Guinea-Bissau. Research goals of the project include characterizing the intertidal trophic webs. The candidate will perform the laboratory work regarding the diet of shorebirds and benthic fish through molecular methods (DNA metabarcoding of faeces/stomach contents) including the development of a molecular reference collection of the potential prey items.
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 (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/RegulamentoBolsasFCT.pdf>) and **FCiências.ID** Fellowship Regulation, as approved on 23rd February 2017.
6. **Place of work:** The work will be developed at the CIBIO-InBIO, in Vairão Campus, University of Porto with occasional meetings in Department of Animal Biology, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisbon (Centre for Environmental and Marine Studies - CESAM Lisboa) and under the scientific guidance of Professor Teresa Catry and José Pedro Granadeiro.
7. **Fellowship duration:** This position is initially opened for six months and will begin on January, 1st, 2020. The fellowship contract may be renewed to more five months, or eventually 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 € 989,70, according to table values of the fellowships awarded directly by the FCT, IP. (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores>).



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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 75% and specifically focusing on laboratory experience conducted with autonomy; and motivation letter (25%), highlighting skills and past experience to successfully develop required project. If there are two or more top candidates with equal ranks, an interview will be conducted, either in person or via skype. The final grade will be the arithmetic mean (1) of the above grade with (2) the interview grade.

10. **Selection Committee:** Dr José Pedro Granadeiro (President), Dra Teresa Catry (vogal), Dra Edna Correia (vogal) and Dra Mónica Silva (suplente).

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 bdg – 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 20 October to 20 November 2019.

13. **Application:** Applications may be sent via e-mail to Dr. José Pedro Granadeiro (jpgranadeiro@fc.ul.pt) and Dr. Teresa Catry (teresa.catry@gmail.com), by attaching the following documents: *Curriculum vitae (maximum 8 pages), MSc certificate, motivation letter, reference letters (optional, maximum 2), other documents attesting skills and professional experience.*

NOTE: Please note that Degrees obtained in foreign countries need a Portuguese Recognition certificate issued by a Portuguese high degree Institution, according to the [Decree-Law nr. 66/2018](#), of august 16th and the [Ministerial Order nr. 33/2019](#), of January 25th. The presentation of such certificates is mandatory for contract signature. More information can be obtained in: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/en/pagina/degree-and-diploma-recognition>.

