

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

1 Research Fellowship for PhD Student

1 Research Fellowship(s) (BI) is(are) open at the **FCiências.ID – Associação para a Investigação e Desenvolvimento de Ciências**, for the project/R&D institution Deleterious and compensatory mutations and their role in evolutionary radiations, PTDC/BIA-EVL/2398/2021, funded by the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P./MCTES through national funds (PIDDAC) under the programme Project Grants in all Scientific Domains, under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Evolutionary biology, Experimental evolution
2. **Requirements for admission:** MSc degree in Biology or related fields.
3. **Additional optional skills and qualifications:** Previous laboratory work with model organisms (bacteria, fly, nematode, etc.). Interest in Evolutionary biology and speciation research.
4. **Contracting requirements:** Presentation of the academic qualifications and/or diplomas. Enrolment in a PhD course in Biology or related fields.
5. **Work plan:** The research fellow will work on a FCT-funded project testing the effect of population size on the time to speciation. As part of this project, the researcher will be involved on a long term (~2 year) speciation experiment using the model system *C. elegans*. The work will be done under supervision of Dr. Bruno Nevado and Dr. Ivo Chelo. Day-to-day tasks include growth media preparation, nematode and bacteria maintenance and characterization of phenotypes of interest. For additional information on the work plan or to consider alternative start dates or fellowship format please email Dr. Bruno Nevado (bnevado@fc.ul.pt).
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 16th 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 12th May 2020 (available at [Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação Científica da FCiências.ID](https://www.fc.ul.pt/pt/regulamento-de-bolsas-de-investigacao-cientifica-da-fciencias-id)).
7. **Place of work:** The work will be developed at the Center for Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Changes (CE3C) at Faculdade Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa under the scientific supervision of Professor Dr. Bruno Nevado and Dr. Ivo Chelo.
8. **Fellowship duration:** This position is initially opened for 6 months and will begin on February 2022. The fellowship contract may be potentially renewed for up to 24 months, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation of Research Fellowships from the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P.
9. **Monthly allowance:** The fellowship amounts to € 1104,64 ,according to [table values](#) of the fellowships awarded directly by the FCT, IP. 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 the quality of their CV (50%) and motivation letter (30%) and reference letters (20%). The 3 best ranked candidates in the previous criteria, will be invited for an interview and candidates will be evaluated considering their evaluation in the first phase (90%) and the quality of the interview (10%)..
11. **Selection Committee:** President: Dr Bruno Nevado (cE3c, FCUL); 1st jury member: Dr. Ivo Chelo (cE3c, FCUL); 2nd jury member: Professor Margarida Matos (cE3c, FCUL); Alternate jury member: Dr. Pedro Simões (cE3c, FCUL).
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 07/12/21 to 27/12/2021 .
14. **Application:** Applications should be sent via e-mail to bnevado@fc.ul.pt, by attaching the following documents:
 - a. Curriculum vitae - **CV may be provided in PDF or through the [CIÊNCIAVITAE](#) system;**
 - b. Certificate of completion of previous degree;
 - c. Motivation letter & Reference letter(s).
15. **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 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) within 15 business days after the notification date

Note 1: The documents that prove the entitlement of the academic qualifications and diplomas, or the proof of registration in the academic degree or diploma requested on the call, can be dismissed during the application period and replaced by a declaration on their honour from the applicant. 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>.