

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

1 Research Fellowship (BI) for PhD Student or MSc enrolled in a non-degree course

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 **Conserving biodiversity and enhancing food security: the role of birds and bats as suppressors of rice insect pests in West Africa**, cE3c/FCUL, PTDC/ASP-AGR/0876/2020, financed by national funds by FCT / MCTES (PIDDAC) under the programme SR&TD Projects in All Scientific Domains, under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Biology | Ecology, Biodiversity and Conservation
2. **Requirements for admission:** MSc. in Conservation Biology, Ecology or similar field of study
3. **Additional optional skills and qualifications:** Field work experience with bats and/or birds, preferably in the tropics. Experience in the processing and analysis of large databases and knowledge of statistical modelling. Authorship of scientific publications. Good knowledge of written and spoken English. Ability to communicate orally in Portuguese. Interest in pursuing a PhD within the scope of the project.
4. **Contracting requirements:** Presentation of the academic qualifications and/or diplomas. Enrolment in Doctoral Programme or non-degree course
5. **Work plan:** This project aims to evaluate the contribution of insectivorous bats and birds in the suppression of rice pest insects and to estimate the economic value of their ecosystem service. The study will take place in Guinea-Bissau, and fieldwork will include sampling of birds, bats and insects; and the assembly and sampling of bird and bat exclusion structures and artificial bat shelters. It will also be necessary to contact the local population (e.g. rice producers) to analyze the social context. In addition to fieldwork, the tasks to be developed include data analysis and the preparation of scientific articles.
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](#)).
7. **Place of work:** The work will be developed at the Centre for Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Changes – cE3c/FCUL under the scientific supervision of Professor Ana Rainho.
8. **Fellowship duration:** This position is initially opened for 6 months and will begin in March 2022. The fellowship contract may be potentially renewed for 27 months.
9. **Monthly allowance:** The fellowship amounts to € 1 144, 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 100% and an interview will be held in case of a tie between the best-rated candidates. If there is an interview, the sum of the classification obtained in the CV evaluation will correspond to 90% of the final classification and the interview will correspond to 10%.
11. **Selection Committee:** the President of the jury: Ana Rainho, Members: Jorge M. Palmeirim and Christoph Meyer; Alternate member: Patrícia Chaves and Ricardo Lima-
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 08/02/22 to 21/02/2022 .
14. **Application:** Applications should be sent via e-mail to amrainho@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 (in English)
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>.