

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

1 (one) Research fellowship (BI) for a MSc 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 “Solar photovoltaic farms and associated transmission lines: Opportunities and challenges for biodiversity conservation – establishing the references situation”, financed by Own funds of national entities (Cercal Power, SA), under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Biological Sciences (Biodiversity Conservation).
2. **Requirements for admission:** Bachelor's Degree in Biology. Experience in carrying out sampling methodologies similar to those intended, namely sampling of invertebrates using trapping (pitfalls).
3. **Additional optional skills and qualifications:** Fieldwork experience and ecological data analysis using the statistical analysis software R and the Geographic Information System QGIS.
4. **Contracting requirements:** Presentation of the academic qualifications and/or diplomas. Enrolment in Master's degree in Conservation Biology at the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon.
5. **Work plan:** This fellowship aims to implement the following work plan:
 - 1) Monitoring of invertebrates, in particular Formicidae and Carabidae in an area where a photovoltaic power plant will be implemented in Southwest Portugal, using pitfall trapping;
 - 2) Estimate, whenever possible, the relative abundance and occupation patterns of the different taxa detected, and identification of the environmental determinants that define the recorded patterns;
 - 3) Writing a project activity report regarding the monitoring of detected taxa.
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.pt>), 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 Center for Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Changes (cE3c) at Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon under the scientific supervision of Professor Fernando Ascensão e Mário Boieiro.
8. **Fellowship duration:** This position is initially opened for 3 months due to start in January 2023. The fellowship contract may be potentially renewed for 3 months.
9. **Monthly allowance:** The fellowship amounts to € 875,98, according to [table values](#) of the FCiências.ID Fellowship Regulation. 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*. The fellowship will be paid monthly by bank transfer.

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10. **Evaluation and selection process:** Candidates will be assessed by a) curricular evaluation (Bachelor's degree average – 30%); b) experience in the scientific area of the project and methodology to be used – 70%. If necessary, an interview will be carried out with the 3 best candidates. If there is an interview, the sum of the evaluations obtained in the evaluation criteria a) and b) will correspond to 70% of the final classification and the interview to 30%. Applicants whose application is scored with a final classification of less than 70 points are not eligible for granting a fellowship.
11. **Selection Committee:** Prof. Dr.^a Cristina Branquinho (Presidente do Júri); Doutor Fernando Ascensão (vogal); Doutora Helena Serrano (vogal); Doutor Sérgio Chozas (vogal suplente) e Prof. Dr. Luis Miguel Rosalino (vogal suplente).
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 01/11/2022 to 20/11/2022 .
14. **Application:** Applications should be sent via e-mail to fjascensao@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. other documents considered relevant.
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>.