**PhD Programme “Biology and Ecology of Global Change”**

**Call for PhD Grant applications**

The Doctoral Program in Biology and Ecology of Global Change – BEGC has been selected for financial support within the 2012 call for funding of FCT, IP (Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia,IP) PhD Programmes, being financed with 12 PhD grants (type “bolsa mista”) per programme edition, in a total of 48 grants. Within this call, it is the responsibility of the Board of BEGC to select the grantees, that will receive their PhD grants through contracts signed directly with FCT, IP.

Thus, within the terms of the Portuguese Scientific Research Fellow Statute (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/estatutobolseiro.phtml.en>), approved by Law nº 20/2004 of August 18, in its present formulation, and the terms of the Regulations for Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.en>),

BEGC opens a call for up to 12 PhD grants, for the academic year 2013/14, starting on January 2014.

**Who can apply?**

Applicants are urged to study the available information regarding the BEGC PhD program that is available at <http://begc.biologiaatua.net/>.

BEGC includes a compulsory collaboration between at least one-Portuguese and one non-Portuguese partner during the preparation of the doctorate. Therefore, student mobility and placements of minimum 6 months are foreseen.

Applicants holding a MSc degree must have their degree completed by 31st December 2013; in the case where the MSc was considered for the final individual rank of the applicant, failure to fulfill this will result in the non-award of the grant.

Further information on eligibility requirements may be found at <http://begc.biologiaatua.net/index.php/governance/admission-criteria>

**HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY**

This call is open from August 2, 2013 to 17h00 (Lisbon time) of September 30, 2013.

Applications should be submitted online, via email to begcphd@gmail.com. Only email applications will be accepted.

Only one proposal per applicant is allowed; in the case of multiple submissions only the last registered submission will be considered for the evaluation process.

The email application must be organized bearing in mind the selection and ranking criteria (see <http://begc.biologiaatua.net/index.php/governance/admission-criteria/14-governance/18-selection-and-ranking-criteria>), and thus must contain:

* Applicant’s cv:
  + Peer-reviewed, work, published or that has already been accepted for publication, must be identified by indicating the complete bibliographical reference (all authors, year, title and the journal where the work was published, including volume and page numbers) as well as a link for the publication and, if applicable, the respective DOI. In case you have an equivalent scientific output indicator, widely recognized by both national and international scientific communities in the area, a link to it must also be provided.
  + Candidates that do not clearly indicate the final grades of each of their academic degrees (BSc or equivalent, MSc if applicable) will not be evaluated
* Copies (pdf format) of relevant academic degree certificates, including academic transcripts with an indication of the classifications obtained in each of the academic course units/disciplines.
* Letter of motivation
  + Here applicants must include at least the desired specialization area that they wish to follow during the PhD project work and a statement confirming that they are prepared to spend at least one-semester in one of the non-Portuguese partner institutions, although longer stays abroad are foreseen in order to foster collaboration between the program partner institutions.

Incomplete applications will not be considered for the evaluation process.

**EVALUATION**

Selection and ranking criteria are fully indicated at

<http://begc.biologiaatua.net/index.php/governance/admission-criteria/14-governance/18-selection-and-ranking-criteria>

**WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE GRANT**

Selected applicants will be awarded monthly stipends and supplementary support which may include tuition fees, relocation costs, travel awards and health insurance, when applicable. PhD Studentship stipends and the specific complementary support that is awarded are detailed in the Regulations for Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology (see <http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.en>).

**COMMUNICATION OF THE SELECTION RESULTS**

The results of both phases of the evaluation process will be published in the BEGC web-page and communicated to all candidates via email. If the decision is not favorable for the candidate, the applicant has a period of 10 working days, after the date of sending of the email with the notice of the decision, in which to contest it, if he/she so wishes, as provided for in the “Código do Procedimento Administrativo” (Portuguese public administrative procedures/law) in a preliminary hearing setting.

**OTHER**

In what is not specified in this announcement, applies what is stated in the Regulations for Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.en>) and in the Portuguese Scientific Research Fellow Statute (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/estatutobolseiro.phtml.en>).

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