

CALL FOR BIODIV SCHOLARSHIPS



The Doctoral Programme in Biodiversity, Genetics and Evolution (BIODIV), is organized by the University of Porto and the University of Lisbon, in partnership with [CIBIO/InBIO](#) (Research Center in Biodiversity and Genetic Resources/Associate laboratory) and [CBA](#) (Center of Environmental Biology).

This programme is funded by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT). According to the [FCT Regulations for Research Grants](#) and the [Research Grant Holder Statute](#), the BIODIV Coordinating Committee opens now a call for:

TWELVE MIXED PhD SCHOLARSHIPS 2013-14

Up to twelve mixed PhD Scholarships are available for applicants who comply with the legal requirements of the Decree-Law nº 74/2006 Artº30 nº1 of the 24th of March (republished attached to the Decree-Law nº115/2013 of the 7th of August).

ELEGIBILITY

The BIODIV Programme accepts candidates:

- from any nationality;
- holding a Master's degree in Biological Sciences*;
- holding a 4 or 5-year degree (pre-Bologna) in Biological Sciences*;
- in the final year of any of the above mentioned degrees if they declare the conclusion of the respective degree until the 31st of December 2013.

*other scientific backgrounds with adequate academic experience and common research interests can be considered.

SCHOLARSHIP DURATION

The duration is, as a rule, annual, renewable up to a maximum of four years and cannot be awarded for periods of less than three consecutive months. These mixed Phd scholarships include the opportunity to spend up to two years abroad. Descriptions of the stipend values can be found [here](#) (please note that BD refers to PhD scholarships).

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The call for applications is open between **1 and 25 of October 2013**.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications should be submitted by email to applications@biodiv.pt, with the following supporting documents (written in Portuguese or English):

- a) *Curriculum Vitae*;
- b) Motivation Letter (*candidates should indicate the preference of registration at the [Faculty of Sciences, University of Porto](#) or at the [Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisbon](#)*);
- c) Referees: the candidate has to send information of three people to act as referees: name, position, affiliation and contact details (at least an email address);
- d) Copy of Official Academic Transcripts referring to all awarded degrees (with the inclusion of the several classifications per course, and the overall final grade);

In case the candidate's degree has not been awarded until the application date, it is also necessary to include:

- e) A letter written and signed by the candidate confirming the conclusion of the academic degree until the 31st of December 2013, and including the expected final grade.
- f) A certificate by the Academic Institution stating the candidate's completed courses, the respective grades per course, credits and the provisional overall grade.

EVALUATION

The jury panel selects the best candidates to integrate the BIODIV Programme based on their merit, through the analysis of:

1st phase:

- Academic Curriculum;
- Professional Experience in research projects, publications and scientific presentations at meetings;
- Motivation Letter.

2nd phase (only for those selected from phase 1):

- Referees;
- Interview: in person or by video conference.

The jury panel will be constituted by members of the Coordinating Committee of the BIODIV Doctoral Programme.

(The evaluation guide will be available on the BIODIV webpage: www.biodiv.pt)

CALL RESULTS

The results of the Call will be announced in the webpage of the BIODIV Programme (www.biodiv.pt), and the selected candidates will be directly informed by email. If the decision is not favourable, the applicant has a period of 10 working days, after receiving notice, to appeal according to the *Código do Procedimento Administrativo* in a preliminary hearing setting. Any appeal to the final decision must be brought to the Coordinating Committee within 15 working days after the notification.

FUNDING

The Scholarships will be financed by the Portuguese Ministry of Education and Science and, when eligible, by funds from the European Social Fund through the Human Potential Operational Programme of the QREN Portugal framework, in accordance with provisions of the Specific Regulation of Intervention Type 4.1.

For more Information: www.biodiv.pt | applications@biodiv.pt