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CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR A POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH GRANT (BIPD)

Ref^a C4RPACK_ BIPD

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A call for tenders is now open for the attribution of one post-doctoral research grant (BIPD) within the scope of the Project “C4RPACK - Cork Coated Cardboard for Compostable and Recyclable Food PACKaging” financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) through the Innovation and Digital Transition Programme, Operation No. COMPETE2030-FEDER-02975200, under the following conditions, set out below.

Scientific area: Materials and Packaging Systems

Admission requirements:

General requirements:

The postdoctoral research grant can be awarded only if the following requirements are cumulatively met:

- a) PhD degree obtained in the three years before the start date of the grant.
- b) The post-doctoral research will be carried out in a host entity other than the one in which the research work leading to the award of the PhD degree was carried out.
- c) The grant holder does not exceed, with the celebration of the grant contract in question, including possible renewals, an accumulated period of three years in this fellowship type, followed or interpolated.

In addition to the requirements mentioned above, candidates for the research grant must have a PhD in the scientific area of Science and/or Engineering in Materials, Chemical, Polymers, Cellulose and Paper, Food, or related areas.



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Specific requirements:

Candidates must also have knowledge/research experience in the following areas:

Development of coatings for materials and packaging, and techniques for laboratory evaluation and characterisation of coatings, physical, surface and barrier to gases and fat barrier.

Preferred Factors:

Will be considered preferred factors:

Laboratorial experience in coating application

Experience with materials based in cork and/or cellulose

Work Plan:

1. Selection of raw-materials for coating development
2. Proposal and optimization of formulations
3. Application and optimization of coating application
4. Properties application
5. Pilot testing and scale-up

Applicable legislation and regulations:

- Statute of the Scientific Research Fellow: <https://dre.pt/web/guest/legislacao-consolidada/-/lc/58216179/view?w=2019-08-28>;
- Regulation of Research Scholarships of the Science and Technology Foundation, I.P: <https://dre.pt/application/conteudo/127238533>;
- Regulation of Research Scholarships of the Portuguese Catholic University: http://www.porto.ucp.pt/sites/default/files/files/DRH/RegBolsasInvestigacao_Cientifica_UCP2020.pdf

Workplace:

The work will be developed at the CBQF - Centro de Biotecnologia e Química Fina. of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Portugal, in Porto, under the scientific supervision of Doutora Fátima Poças.



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Duration of the scholarship:

The scholarship granted on an exclusive basis, shall have an initial duration of 12. months, with an expected start date of May 15, 2026. Any renewals may not exceed the maximum duration limit of 36 months, nor go beyond the project's completion date (scheduled for 31/03/2029). The scholarship will automatically terminate upon the effective closure of the project, should this occur before the maximum duration period has elapsed.

Monthly maintenance allowance amount:

The amount of the research grant corresponds to 1901,00€ per month, free of tax, according to the research scholarship values awarded directly by FCT, I.P. in the Country (<https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM-2026.pdf>) and will be paid by bank transfer.

Selection methods:

The selection methods to be used will be the following: i) curriculum evaluation (40%); ii) previous experience (60%). If necessary, the 3 best positioned candidates may be interviewed, and in this situation, the weighting will be curricular evaluation (30%); ii) previous experience (50%) and selection interview (20%).

Only candidates with a final classification equal to or greater than 75, on a scale of 0 to 100, will be selected for this position.

Applications that do not meet the admission requirements, delivered on time and incomplete applications will be considered ineligible.

Composition of the Selection Jury: President of the Jury: Doutora Fátima Poças, Effective Members: Doutora Lisete Moutinho and Dr. Tiago Vieira. Substitute Jury: Dra Céu Selbourne.

Form of advertising/notification of results: The jury deliberates in accordance with the selection criteria adopted and disclosed. The jury meetings minutes will contain a summary



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of the meeting content. After completing the application of the selection criteria, the jury proceeds with the elaboration of the ordered list, with the ranking of the approved candidates. The ranking list of eligible candidates will be published on the premises of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa, in Porto, located at Rua de Diogo Botelho, 1327, 4169-005 Porto - Portugal, with each candidate being notified of his/her position on the list ranking of candidates via email. Ineligible applicants will be notified by email, with details of the missing eligibility elements.

Complaint and appeal procedures: Candidates have a period of ten working days, after the disclosure referred to in the previous number, to give their opinion at a prior hearing.

Deadline for acceptance of the scholarship: Within ten working days following notification of the grant award, the selected candidate must confirm in writing his/her availability to start the scholarship on the proposed date. Failing to do so or not having availability, the candidate placed in the next position will be called.

Application deadline and form of submission:

Candidates submit their application under the terms mentioned in the previous point, from April 1, 2026. until April 16, 2026. (until 5 pm, Lisbon time).

Applications are formalized by completing the **Application Form** <https://hr-ucpporto.inqueritos.porto.ucp.pt/753887?lang=en>.

It will be necessary to submit the following documents:

- 1) Cover letter, identifying the title and reference of the project, describe the motivation and professional objectives of the candidate.
- 2) Detailed Curriculum Vitae (should contain all the elements to assess the admission requirements, including language knowledge and research experience).
- 3) Copy of the certificate(s) of qualifications conferring academic degree in the terms requested in the notice.
- 4) Registration of recognition of the academic degree awarded by a foreign higher education institution, preferably with the registration of the conversion of the



respective final classification to the Portuguese classification scale to guarantee eligibility in this call for application¹.

- 5) Copy of scientific publications and other works that the candidate may consider relevant.
- 6) Up to three reference letters (optional).

Only applications received during the opening period of the above-mentioned call shall be considered. Candidates who incorrectly formalize their application or who do not prove the requirements of this call are excluded. False statements made by applicants will be punished under the law.

Privacy Policy:

Universidade Católica Portuguesa is the controller responsible for the processing of Personal Data in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 – General Regulation on Data Protection.

The personal data processed in the scope of this tender procedure is processed within the framework of said tender procedure only and will be processed by Universidade Católica Portuguesa with the purpose of verifying the fulfilment, by the candidates, of the assumptions established in the applicable legislation for their contracting. Opposition to the processing of data by the candidates will make it impossible to accept the application and, therefore, to analyse and evaluate it.

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The data retention period shall correspond to the legally defined period of five years.

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¹If the required academic degree has been conferred by a foreign higher education institution, it must comply with the Portuguese legislation on the recognition of foreign degrees, regulated by DL no. 66/2018 of 16 August.

Applicants are advised to consult the website of the Directorate-General for Higher Education (DGES) for additional information on this matter: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/reconhecimento>



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The Data Subject is always entitled to contact and file a complaint with the Comissão Nacional de Proteção de Dados (Portuguese Supervisory Authority for Personal Data).

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If you have any questions about this position, please contact:

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