

CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR A RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

Reference: PROBIOCARE

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A call for tenders is now open for the attribution of one Research Scholarship within the scope of the project ***PROBIOCARE - Next generation probiotics as live biotherapeutics for oro-gastrointestinal infections*** (EXPL/BIA-MIC/0258/2021) funded by national funds through the Foundation for Science and Technology through the 2021 Call for R&D projects in all scientific domains, set out below.

Scientific Area: Biological Sciences - *Microbiology*

Admission requirements: Applicants for the Research grant must, at the time of application, have a degree on Microbiology and be registered, or present proof of conditional enrollment in a Master's degree in the scientific area of Microbiology or related. Candidates must have command of the English language (written and spoken) and knowledge and previous research experience in the probiotics strains, anaerobes cultivation and in vitro models of gastrointestinal system. Candidates must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, as well as teamwork, a strong capacity for organization, initiative and time management, a high degree of rigor and a sense of responsibility and a strong capacity for work, autonomy and responsibility.

Work Plan: The activity to be developed by the scholarship holder is part of a research project that aims to develop novel delivery systems tailored to next generation probiotic strains with potential in treatment/prevention of oro-gastrointestinal infections. The fellow will participate in tasks involving 1) assessment of in vitro inhibitory effect of next generation probiotic strains against oro-gastrointestinal pathogens; 2) development and characterisation of delivery system containing next generation probiotics and 3) evaluation of impact of developed next generation probiotic delivery system on in vitro faecal model.

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 - Center for Biotechnology and Fine Chemistry of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Portugal, integrated into the *School of Biotechnology*, in Porto, under the scientific supervision of Researcher Daniela Machado and Professora Ana Maria Gomes.

Duration of the scholarship: The scholarship scheduled to start on 04/07/2022 will last for approximately 15 months on an exclusive basis.

Monthly maintenance allowance amount: The amount of the scholarship corresponds to 875,98€ according to the research scholarship values awarded directly by FCT, I.P. in the Country (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores.phtml.pt>) and will be paid by bank transfer.

Selection methods: The selection methods to be used will be as follows:

- i) Curricular evaluation (50%);
- ii) Previous experience (50%);

The final decision, if necessary, may involve an interview with the 3 best-placed candidates, in which case the weighting will be curricular assessment (40%); ii) previous experience (40%) and selection interview (20%). Applications that do not meet the admission requirements, those submitted after the deadline, and those that are incomplete will be considered ineligible.

Composition of the Selection Jury:

Professora Doutora Maria Manuela Estevez Pintado (President)

Professora Doutora Ana Maria Gomes (Effective member)

Professora Doutora Daniela Machado (Effective member)

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 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 Portuguese Catholic University, 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. In this email, candidate will be identified according to the reference used in the published ranking list. 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: Applications will be accepted from 02-28-2022 until 03-15-2022 at 23:59.

Applications should be made through the [application Form](#) available at:

<https://inqueritos.porto.ucp.pt/hr/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=653295&lang=en>

, through which the following documents should be submitted:

- 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, which contains the final classifications;

- 4) Record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions and record of the conversion of the corresponding final classification to the Portuguese classification scale;¹
- 5) Proof of enrolment/registration in a Higher Education Institution in study cycles conferring an academic degree

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.

Contract

The contract template will follow the template for fellowship holdervof FTT available in the follow link:

https://ucppt-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/ccabral_ucp_pt/EZcpJcEQtpCqvGaCIVKTS0BBcsZvXYjf2YroODpHafSow?e=0kpEd7

Reports deliver by the fellowship holder and supervisor:

The template for the final report prepared by the fellowship holder is available in the follow link:

https://ucppt-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/ccabral_ucp_pt/ESnbf2LTfxFGj8NsKVEAe3iBi00sddFg238l4P7ziYmXTw?e=DV2Vqx

The template for the final report prepared by the supervisor and respective evaluation criteria are available in the follow link:

https://ucppt-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/ccabral_ucp_pt/ERYDFMVUybtPiCvIzJ8VHGoBs1g7VaULFkW_H9Aq2tSDSw?e=ROWDHS

¹ If 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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condition, genetic heritage, reduced working capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions, and union membership.

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

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