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RESEARCH GRANT

Refª Projeto n.º PL23-00053/Therm4skin – BI_1

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It is open a call for the award of a Research Grant within the scope of Project no. PL23-00053, with the name “Therm4Skin – Bem-Estar Sem Pausa”, financed by the “Promove. The future of the interior” of the “La Caixa” Foundation in partnership with the Foundation for Science and Technology, under the conditions mentioned below.

Scientific Area: Biotechnology

Admission requirements:

Candidates for the Research Grant must, at the date of application, be enrolled, or present proof of conditional enrolment, in a master's degree in the areas of Biomedical Engineering, Applied Microbiology. Candidates must have a degree in Bioengineering, Microbiology, or related areas, with a minimum classification of 14 values. Preference will be given to students that already have lab work experience.

Workplan:

The work will involve the exploration of thermal waters from a Portuguese SPA as potential ingredients for dermo-cosmetic applications. It is also expected the development of cosmetic formulations based on thermal waters for skin and hair (and scalp) care, as well their physicochemical and biological characterization. The evaluation of the biological properties will be made in vitro but also in clinical studies.

Applicable laws and regulations:

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



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Workplace:

The work will be developed at the CBQF-Centre for Biotechnology and Fine Chemistry integrated in the School of Biotechnology, in Porto, under the scientific guidance of Doutora Raquel Madureira.

Duration of the scholarship:

The scholarship, starting on January 1, 2024, will have an initial duration of 12 months, on an exclusive basis. This scholarship may be renewed for an additional period of 11 months, not exceeding the end of the project, scheduled for 10/31/2026.

Amount of the monthly maintenance allowance:

The value of the scholarship corresponds to € 930.98 according to the values of the research grants awarded directly by FCT, I.P. in the Country (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM_2023.pdf) and will be paid by bank transfer.

Selection methods:

The selection methods to be used will be the following: i) curricular evaluation (40%); ii) previous experience (60%). The final decision, if necessary, may involve interviews with the highest positioned candidates, and in this situation the weighting will be: i) curricular evaluation (35%); ii) previous experience (50%); and iii) selection interview (15%).

Applications that do not meet the admission requirements, are not submitted on time and incomplete applications will be considered illegible. It is mandatory to present the degree certificate with the respective final classifications.

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

Composition of the Selection Jury:

Dra. Raquel Madureira (President)

Prof. Manuela Pintado (Effective member)

Dra. Ana Lúcia Oliveira (Effective member)



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Form of publicity / notification of results:

The jury deliberates according to the selection criteria adopted and disclosed. The report of the jury meetings shall contain a summary of the content of the meeting. After the application of the selection criteria, the jury proceeds to the preparation of the ordered list, with the ordering of the successful candidates. The ranking list of eligible candidates will be published at the premises of the Portuguese Catholic University in Porto, located at Rua de Diogo Botelho, 1327, 4169-005 Porto - Portugal, and each candidate will be notified of their position in the list of candidates via e-mail. Ineligible applicants will be notified by email, with details of the missing eligibility elements.

Complaint and redress procedures:

Candidates have a period of ten working days, after the disclosure referred to in the previous paragraph, to manifest themselves in a prior hearing.

Deadline for acceptance of the scholarship:

Within ten working days after notification of the award of the scholarship, the selected candidate must confirm in writing his availability to start the scholarship on the proposed date. If you do not do so or do not have availability, the candidate placed in the next position will be called.

Deadline for registration and form of submission:

Applications will be accepted from **November 15th, 2023, until November 29th, 2023, 23:59, (Lisbon time)**.

Applications must be made through the Application Form available at:

<https://hr-ucpporto.inqueritos.porto.ucp.pt/365517?lang=en>, through which the following documents must be submitted:

1. Cover letter, identifying the title and reference of the project, describing the motivation and professional goals of the candidate.
2. Detailed Curriculum Vitae (should contain all elements to assess admission requirements, including language skills and research experience).
3. Copy of the certificate(s) of qualifications that confer an academic degree under the terms requested in the notice, which contain 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 enrollment/enrollment in a Higher Education Institution in study cycles leading to an academic degree.

Only applications received during the opening period of the said competition will be considered. Candidates who incorrectly formalize their application or who do not prove the requirements of this competition are excluded. False statements made by candidates will be punished under the law.

Contract:

The contract model to be used will be in accordance with the draft FCT grant contract available at

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

Reports to be presented by the scholarship holder and advisor:

The final report model to be prepared by the scholarship holder is available at the following link:

https://ucppt-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/ccabral_ucp_pt/ESnbf2LTfxFGj8NsKVEAe3IBi00sddFg238I4P7ziYmXTw?e=DV2Vqx

The report model to be prepared by the supervisor and the respective evaluation criteria are available at the following link:

https://ucppt-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/ccabral_ucp_pt/ERYDFMVUybtPicVlzJ8VHGoBs1g7VaULFKW_H9Aq2tSDSw?e=ROWDHS

Privacy Policy

Universidade Católica Portuguesa is the Data Controller pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation).

The personal data processed in the scope of this recruitment competition are intended for the instruction of the same and will be processed by the Portuguese Catholic University for the purpose of verifying the fulfillment, by the candidates, of the assumptions established in the applicable legislation for their hiring. Opposition to the processing of data by candidates will make it impossible to admit the application and, therefore, to analyse and evaluate it.

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 personal data of the Holder, if this is indispensable for the fulfilment of the obligations of the Portuguese Catholic University, may be transmitted to third parties, namely, to the Funding Entities identified in this Notice.

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

The Data Subject has the right to object to the collection and processing, to verify, correct, delete and limit the use of the data collected. The exercise of these rights is exceptional when your personal data are used to safeguard the public interest, in cases of detection and prevention of crimes, or when they are subject to professional secrecy.

The Data Subject has the right of access and portability of the data.

Rights of the Holder of the Personal Data: <https://www.ucp.pt/pt-pt/direitos-do-titular-dos-dados>.

For the exercise of their rights, contact the University through the e-mail address compliance.rgpd@ucp.pt or to the address identified at the end of this Notice in "Contacts for clarification". The Data Subject always has the right to contact and address a complaint to the National Data Protection Commission.

Non-discrimination and equal access policy

The Portuguese Catholic University actively promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, so that no candidate may be privileged, benefited, harmed or deprived of any right or exempt from any duty due to, in particular, ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, family situation, economic situation, education, origin or social condition, genetic heritage, reduced working capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and trade union membership.

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