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Research grant

Refª VIIAFOOD VIEIRA DE CASTRO – BI_1

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It is open a call for the award of one Research Grant under the project Agenda VIIAFOOD – Plataforma de Valorização, Industrialização e Inovação comercial para o Agroalimentar”, funded by the Program for Recovery and Resilience (PRR), in its component C5 (Capacitação e Inovação Empresarial), framed in the Regulation of the Incentive System "Agendas para a Inovação Empresarial".

Scientific Area(s): Food Engineering and Technology

Admission requirements:

General requirements:

Candidates for the Research grant must hold master's degree in the areas of Food Engineering, Food Technology, Human Nutrition or related areas.

Specific requirements:

Candidates must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, as well as great teamwork abilities, strong organizational and time management capacities, initiative, rigor, autonomy and a strong sense of responsibility and work capacity, and they should also have a good level of English (spoken and written).

Preferred Factors:

Preference will be given to those candidates who have knowledge and experience in food technology, particularly in bakery, pastry and confectionery, including expertise in developing methodologies for product analysis and quality control.



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Candidates for the Research scholarship must also be enrolled or commit to enrolling in a course that does not lead to an academic degree that promotes the consolidation of their scientific training¹.

Workplan:

The tasks to be developed by the Research Fellow are within the scope of the VIIAFOOD project, that aims to ensure the quality of raw materials and/or finished bakery, pastry and/or confectionery products throughout various production processes. The Research Fellow will take part in the following tasks: 1) defining control parameters for raw materials, such as flours, with a focus on coordinated quality; 2) developing strategies to reduce food processing-derived compounds with potential carcinogenic and mutagenic effects, as well as compounds used as processing aids in cookies, to levels below the legally established limits.

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

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 Prof. Doctor Ana Maria Gomes.

¹ Candidates are given the possibility, at the application stage, to submit only a declaration of commitment to enroll in a course that does not confer an academic degree under the terms mentioned above. If the candidate is selected, the delivery failure of the effective enrollment document for the course, within ten working days, following the date of communication of the selection, will be considered as withdrawal of the candidate for the scholarship investigation for which you were selected



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Duration of the scholarship:

The scholarship, starting on December 1, 2024 will have the initial duration of 12 months, on an exclusive basis.

Amount of the monthly maintenance allowance:

The value of the scholarship corresponds to € 1 259.64 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 (60%); ii) previous experience (40%). The final decision, if necessary, may involve interviews with the highest positioned candidates, and in this situation the weighting will be: i) curricular evaluation (50%); ii) previous experience (30%); and iii) selection interview (20%).

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.

Applications that do not meet the admission requirements, are not submitted on time and incomplete applications will be considered illegible.

Composition of the Selection Jury:

Prof. Manuela Pintado (President)

Prof. Ana Maria Gomes (Effective member)

Dr. Catarina Vila Real (Effective member)

Dr. Joana Cristina Barbosa (Substitute member)

Form of publicity / notification of results:





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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.

Application deadline and form of submission:

Candidates submit their application from October 18, 2024, until November 4, 2024 (until 5 pm, Lisbon time).

Applications are formalized by completing the **Application Form** <https://hr-ucpporto.inqueritos.porto.ucp.pt/139929?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 of qualifications conferring academic master degree in the terms requested in the notice, which contain the final classifications.
- 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 application².
- 5) Proof of enrollment in a course that does not award an academic degree or declaration of commitment to enroll in a course that does not award an academic degree as set out in the admission requirements.

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 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 fulfilment, 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.

²If 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 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 particular 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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