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CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR A RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

Refª VIIAFOOD – VIEIRA DE CASTRO – BI_2

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A call for tenders is now open for the attribution of one Research Scholarship within the scope of the Project Agenda VIIAFOOD – Plataforma de Valorização, Industrialização e Inovação comercial para o Agroalimentar”, financed 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", under the following conditions, set out below.

Scientific area: Food Engineering and Technology, and Biological Sciences

Admission requirements:

General requirements:

Candidates must have a master's degree in the areas of Food Biotechnology, Human Nutrition, and related fields. Candidates must present their master's degree certificate with the respective final grades.

Specific requirements:

Candidates for the research grant must be proficient in English.

Preferred Factors:

Knowledge and experience in formulation, particularly of plant-based snacks, including skills in developing methodologies for analysing and controlling the quality of these products, will be considered preferential factors.

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 in the areas of Biological Sciences, Food Biotechnology, or related areas.

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



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Work Plan:

The activity to be carried out by the grant holder is part of the VIIAFOOD research project, which aims to guarantee the quality of raw materials and/or finished bakery, pastry and/or confectionery products throughout the different production processes. The Research Fellow will participate in the following tasks: 1) Definition of product formulations for healthy plant-based snacks; 2) definition of control parameters for raw materials such as flours, from a concerted perspective of quality and health benefits; 2) development of strategies to reduce compounds used as auxiliaries during biscuit processing below the established legal limits.

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_UCP_2020.pdf

Workplace:

The work will be developed at the CBQF-Centre for Biotechnology and Fine Chemistry of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Portugal, in Porto, under the scientific supervision Prof. Doctor Ana Maria Gomes.

Duration of the scholarship:

The scholarship, which is scheduled to start on 1 August 2025, will have an initial duration of 6 months on an exclusive basis. The grant can be renewed as long as it does not exceed the project's end date, currently scheduled for 31-12-2025, and the duration of the grant type (12 months).

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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Monthly maintenance allowance amount:

The amount of the scholarship corresponds to 1309,64€ according to the research scholarship values awarded directly by FCT, I.P. in the Country (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Tabela_valores_SMM_2025.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, delivered on time and incomplete applications will be considered ineligible.

Composition of the Selection Jury: President of the Jury: Manuela Pintado, Effective Members: Ana Maria Gomes and Catarina Vila Real Substitute Jury: Joana Cristina Barbosa.

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 Universidade Católica Portuguesa, in Porto, located at Rua de Diogo Botelho, 1327, 4169-005 Porto - Portugal, with



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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 from June 6, 2025 until June 25, 2025 (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(s) of qualifications conferring academic 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.

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.



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- 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 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.

The personal data of the Data Subject, if it be indispensable for the fulfilment of the obligations of Universidade Católica Portuguesa, may be conveyed to third parties, namely to the Financing Entities identified in this announcement.

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

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

Rights of Personal Data Subjects: <https://www.ucp.pt/rights-data-subjects>.

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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Non-discrimination and equal access policy:

Universidade Católica Portuguesa actively promotes a non-discrimination and equal access policy, wherefore no candidate can be privileged, benefited, impaired or deprived of any rights whatsoever, or be exempt of any duties based on their ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, family and economic conditions, instruction, social origin or 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.

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

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