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CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR A RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

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Portuguese version

A call for tenders is now open for the attribution of one Research Scholarship within the scope of the Project “project 'VineTo-Pack - VineToPack - From Vineyard to Food Packaging - Innovative bioactive materials from lignocellulosic vine residues towards circular food packaging', funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), under the Innovation and Digital Transition Programme (COMPETE2030-FEDER-00915700), under the following conditions:

Scientific area: Agricultural sciences .

Admission requirements:

General requirements:

andidates for the research grant must hold a master’s degree in Microbiology, Biotechnology, Food Engineering, Biological Engineering, or related areas."

Specific requirements:

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

- Participation in scientific research activities and/or research projects;
- Experience in the valorization of agro-food by-products or residues, namely vineyard lignocellulosic residues, for the development of bioactive and sustainable materials applied to circular food packaging;
- Laboratory experience in the characterisation and functional evaluation of bioactive compounds, materials, and/or ingredients of natural origin;
- Ability to process, analyse, and interpret experimental data and results;
- Fluency in English, both spoken and written;
- Scientific output with evidence of international publications (preferred).

Preferred Factors:

Will be considered preferred factors:

- Experience in techniques for the extraction and characterisation of bioactive compounds;
- Knowledge and use of instrumental analytical techniques (e.g., HPLC, FTIR, SEM, X-ray, DSC or similar);
- Experience in digestibility, bioaccessibility, intestinal fermentation, or functional evaluation studies of food ingredients;
- Experience in the development and characterisation of biomaterials or bio-based materials, particularly cellulose-based materials;
- Knowledge of the valorisation of agri-food by-products, including lignocellulosic residues;
- Experience in the development or evaluation of materials food packaging applications;
- Previous participation in scientific research projects.

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 training[1].

Work Plan:

The work to be carried out forms part of the VineToPack project and includes:

- Valorisation of lignocellulosic waste from vineyards;
- Extraction and characterisation of bioactive compounds;
- Development of innovative materials for food packaging;
- Functional and performance evaluation of the materials developed;
- Support for the drafting of scientific reports and publications.

Objective:

Development of innovative biofunctional materials, based on cellulose derived from vineyard waste, with potential application in sustainable food packaging, contributing to the valorisation of by-products and the circular economy.

[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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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 Dr Maria Manuela Estevez Pintado.

Duration of the scholarship:

The scholarship, which is expected to begin on August 1, 2026, will have a duration of 12 months on an exclusive basis.

Monthly maintenance allowance amount:

The amount of the scholarship corresponds to 1359,64€. 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 (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 (35%).; ii) previous experience (50%) and selection interview (15%).

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: Professor Dr Maria Manuela Estevez Pintado , Effective Members: Dr Adriana Machado and Dr Ana Amaro

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 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 25, 2026 until July 9, 2026 (until 5 pm, Lisbon time).

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Applications are formalized by completing the **Application Form** https://hr-ucpporto.inqueritos.porto.ucp.pt/588151?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 application[2].
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.

[2]*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.

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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