**CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR A RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP**

**Refª REGENSMART+_ BI_1**

Portuguese version

A call for tenders is now open for the attribution of one Research Scholarship within the scope of the Project "REGENSMART+: Soluções inteligentes de agricultura regenerativa para a transição ecológica e digital da viticultura" financed by the FEDER through the Programa COMPETE2030 (Programa Temático Inovação e Transição Digital), under the following conditions, set out below.

**Scientific area:** Biotechnology

**Admission requirements:**

General requirements:

Candidates for the Research grant must, at the date of application, be enrolled, or present a commitment to enroll in a study cycle conferring an ( Doctoral degree) in in the field of Biotechnology or related areas. After selection and in order to being the contracting process, candidates for the Research Scholarship must enroll in the Biotechnology Doctoral programme at the Faculty of Biotechnology, in accordance with the theme and work plan of the scholarchip to be carried out within the scope of the aforementioned project. This Doctoral programme must be carried out at the Faculty of Biotechnology of Universidade Católica Portuguesa and supervised by the team identified for the implementation of the work plan.

Candidates for the research fellowship must hold a master's degree in Biotechnology, Bioengineering, or related fields, and comply with the admission requirements established in the General Doctoral Regulations of Universidade Católica Portuguesa.

Specific requirements:

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

- Production and characterization of delivery systems.
- Experience with extraction and encapsulation of bioactive ingredients.
- Good command of English both spoken and writen.

Preferred Factors:

Will be considered preferred factors:

- Experience in production of nanodelivery systems.
- Experience in nanoparticle characterization via DLS and FTIR.
- Experience in microscopy.
- Experience with laboratory techniques, experimental design, data analysis and statistical analysis.
- Previous participation in research projects and/or experience in scientific communication, dissemination activities or organization of scientific events.

**Work Plan:**

The scholarship holder will carry out research activities within the REGENSMART+ project, which aims to create inteligent solutions for winery regenerative agriculture. The work will include (i) characterization and valorization of winery lignocellulosic byproducts (ii) development and optimization of cellulose, polymer and lipids based nanodelivery solutions; (iii) physicochemical, structural and biological characterization of the developed solutions; (iv) validation of developed solutions in situ; (v) statistical analysis of experimental data, preparation of technical reports, scientific manuscripts, and dissemination of research outcomes.

**Applicable legislation and regulations:**

- Research Fellow Statute (*Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação* - EBI), approved by Law No. 40/2004 of 18 August, as amended: dre.pt
- Research Grants Regulation of Universidade Católica Portuguesa in force: ucp.pt;
- Research Grants Regulation of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. (Regulation No. 950/2019 of 16 December, as amended), applicable on a subsidiary basis whenever grants are directly or indirectly funded by FCT: dre.pt;
- Rules and other guidelines stemming from mandates of the funding agency for the position open for application.

**Workplace:**

The work will be developed at the CBQF - Centre for Biotechnoogy and Fine Chemistry. of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Portugal, in Porto, under the scientific supervision of Eduardo Costa, Manuela Machado, and Manuela Pintado.

**Duration of the scholarship:**

The research scholarship, on an exclusive basis, will have an initial duration of 29 months, scheduled to begin on January 1, 2027. The scholarship may be renewed up to a maximum total funded duration of 33 months, as long as it does not, under any circumstances, exceed the actual completion date of the project (currently scheduled for September 20, 2029), at which time it will automatically terminate.

**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 evaluation (70%); ii) previous experience (30%). If necessary, the 3 best positioned candidates may be interviewed, and in this situation, the weighting will be curricular evaluation (50%).; ii) previous experience (30%) and selection interview (20%).

Only candidates with a final classification equal to or greater than 75 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: Eduardo Costa and Manuela Machado. Substitute Jury: Sara Silva

**Form of advertising/notification of results:** The selection panel deliberates in accordance with the adopted and disclosed selection criteria. Minutes are drawn up from the selection panel meetings, containing a summary of what transpired therein. Upon completion of the application of the selection

criteria, the selection panel proceeds to prepare a ranked list of eligible candidates, ordered by merit. The ranked list of eligible candidates will be posted at the premises of Universidade Católica Portuguesa, in Porto, located at Rua de Diogo Botelho, 1327, 4169-005 Porto – Portugal, and each candidate will be notified of their position on the ranking list via email. Candidates deemed ineligible will also be notified via email, including the respective technical justification.

**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 November 17, 2026. until November 30, 2026. (until 5 pm, Lisbon time).

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 grade to the Portuguese grading scale, to guarantee eligibility in this call for applications (if applicable).[1]

[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.*

5) Proof of registration or letter with the commitment to register/enroll in a degree-awarding study cycle under the terms already described in this notice [2].

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.

The Data Subject is entitled to oppose to the collection and processing of data, has the right to verification, the right to rectification, the right to deletion, and the right to restriction of processing of the data collected. However, the exercise of such rights may be excluded when the personal data is used to protect public interest, namely in the detection and prevention of crimes or when subject to professional rules of confidentiality.

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.

For purposes of exercising the respective rights, contact the University through the e-mail address compliance.rgpd@ucp.pt or by using the address found at the end of this announcement, through the means set out in "Contacts for clarification".

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*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*

[2] *The contracting of the research scholarship requires the candidate to provide enrollment in the degree-awarding course required in this notice. If the document is not presented within a maximum period of 30 days (in a row), counting from the date of communication of the selection to the candidate, the Jury Panel will have the power to disqualify the application due to failure to present the registration within the aforementioned period.*

The Data Subject is always entitled to contact and file a complaint with the Comissão Nacional de Proteção de Dados (Portuguese Supervisory Authority for Personal Data).

**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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