

Announcement Research Grant (PTDC/CTA-AMB/3040/2021)

The Institute of Public Health, University of Porto (hereinafter ISPUP) is opening a call to award a research fellowship for the development of R&D activities within the project EDC(Mind)2 - **“Promoting healthy indoor environments with spotlight on endocrine disruptors: elucidating the links between environmental exposure, neurodevelopment and social behavior in children”** (reference: PTDC/CTA-AMB/3040/2021), financed by national funds through Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT).

Application deadline: 27 February until 10 March 2023

Scientific Area: Biology, Biotechnology, Health.

Admission Requirements:

Applicants must meet the eligibility conditions set out in articles 6 and 9 of the FCT I.P Research Grant Regulation (2019) -

<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/RegulamentoBolsasFCT2019.pdf>

Mandatory

- Degree in Genetics and Biotechnology or Master’s degree in Clinical Laboratory Biology and, in any case and cumulatively, being enrolled in a doctoral program in health sciences at the time of the start of the contract (please see note 1);

OR

- Master’s degree in Clinical Laboratory Biology and being enrolled in a non-academic degree course integrated in the educational project of a higher education institution, developed in association or cooperation with one or more R&D units, a requirement to be duly proven at the time of hiring (please see note 2).

AND,

- Fluent (writing and spoken) in Portuguese and English.

Preferential

- Participation in multidisciplinary teams/working groups in the scientific area of this tender.
- Hands-on experience with databases creation and knowledge in statistical data analysis (e.g. Excel, SPSS).
- Scientific publications, communications in meetings/congresses within the scientific area of this tender.
- Attendance in training courses related to the scientific research area of this tender.

Work plan

The successful candidate will address the following tasks:

1. Conception and development of data collection tools as well as planning the activities foreseen in the project.
2. Technical management of in situ activities and collection of health, environmental and socio-demographic data.
3. Database management and respective statistical analysis.
4. Writing reports, scientific articles and dissemination of results.

Legislation and other applicable regulations

Legal Regime of the Research Scholarship Holder statute (Law n.º 40/2004, of August 18, republished in annex to Decree-Law n.º 202/2012, of August 27 and amended by Decree-Law n.º 123 /2019, of 28 August, which makes the fourth amendment to the Statute of Research Fellows); and Regulation No. 950/2019, of December 16, FCT Research Grants Regulation - 2019 (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/RegulamentoBolsasFCT2019.pdf>).

Length time

The duration of the fellowship is 12 months, eventually renewable; as long as it does not exceed the end date of the project (16 may 2025).

Workplace and scientific orientation

The work will be carried out at the INSA, IP – Instituto Nacional de Saúde Dr. Ricardo Jorge (Porto), Rua Alexandre Herculano, 321, under the scientific supervision of Dr. Joana Madureira.

Amount of the monthly maintenance subsidy:

The amount of the scholarship corresponds to € 1,144.64, according to the table of scholarship values awarded directly by FCT, I.P. in the country (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores>).

Selection method

The selection will be based on the curriculum evaluation and interview, with a final evaluation of 20 points. Interviews will be conducted with a maximum of three candidates, whose grade in the curriculum evaluation (AC) is equal to or greater than ten points. In the event that none of the candidates demonstrates to have the profile indicated for the execution of the mentioned work plan, the jury reserves the right not to award the scholarship.

Evaluation panel

President: João Paulo Teixeira; Members: Joana Madureira, Carla Costa, Solange Costa

Form of publication/notification of results:

The final evaluation result will be sent individually to all candidates via email in accordance with the GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation. After notification, candidates have 10 working days to comment.

Application deadline and form of submission of applications:

The formalization of applications is open from the 27th February until 10th March 2023. Applications must be formally submitted, mandatory, via email to the address candidaturas@ispup.up.pt, with the ref^a “BI-bolsa|EDC(Mind)2” in the subject. It is indispensable, under penalty of non-admission to the tender, the submission of the following documents/declarations:

- 1) *Curriculum Vitae* (detailed and written in English);
- 2) Motivation letter (in English);

- 3) Certificate(s) of qualifications with a final average or the respective recognition (with conversion of the final classification) if awarded by foreign higher education institutions (see Note 3).
- 4) Proof of enrollment in a doctoral program or in a course that does not confer an academic degree (see Notes 1 and 2).
- 5) Updated document proving the professional situation, indicating the nature of the bond and functions, which may be replaced by a declaration under oath, if there is no professional activity or provision of services.

Note 1: Proof of enrollment in a cycle of studies leading to obtaining a degree or in a course that does not confer a degree may be waived during the application phase, being replaced by the candidate's declaration of honor, with verification of this condition only during the contracting phase from the bag. However, granting a scholarship will be conditioned to the delivery of these proofs.

Note 2: In the case of masters who are enrolled in courses that do not confer an academic degree, the scholarship can only be awarded to those who do not exceed, with the conclusion of the scholarship contract in question, including possible renewals, an accumulated period of two years in this type of exchange, followed or interpolated.

Note 3: Documents referring to the ownership of academic degrees and diplomas, or the respective recognition and conversion of the final classification obtained in them to the Portuguese classification scale when they have been awarded by foreign higher education institutions (for more information, see the Directorate-General for Higher Education: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/en /pagina/degree-and-diploma-recognition>), may be waived during the application phase, being replaced by a declaration of honor of the candidate, occurring the verification of this condition only in the grant contracting phase. However, granting a scholarship will be conditioned to the delivery of these documents.

Non-discrimination and equal access policy

ISPUP actively promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, whereby no candidate may be privileged, benefited, harmed or deprived of any right or exempt from any duty due to namely, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family situation, economic situation, education, origin or social condition, genetic heritage, reduced work capacity,

disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, territory origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and trade union affiliation.

Privacy and data protection policy

ISPUP is committed to complying with personal data protection legislation in order to protect the data and privacy of employees, students and partners. As controller, ISPUP undertakes to treat all data collected in the application process in accordance with the procedures defined in the legislation on data protection and in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Policy.