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RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

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A tender is now open for the attribution of a Research Grant under the project **BioProtect - Desenvolvimento de material de embalagem biodegradável com propriedades ativas para conservação de alimentos (BioProtect – Development of packaging material biodegradable with active properties for food preservation)**, co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (FEDER) through the Competitiveness and Internationalization Operational Program (POCI) under the following conditions:

Scientific Area: Materials and Packaging

Admission requirements:

Applicants for the Research Fellowship must have a master's degree in Technology or Engineering in Food, Packaging or Polymers, or related fields, as well as mastering the English language. They should also have extensive experience in materials chemical characterization, including recycled materials. Applicants for the Research grant must also be enrolled or commit to enrolling in a course that does not confer an academic degree that promotes the consolidation of their scientific training¹.

Work plan:

The activity to be carried out by the scholarship holder integrates a research project whose main objective is to develop a recyclable and biodegradable biomaterial. The material will be produced with specific functional agents to improve gas and moisture barrier properties and mechanical properties compared to current materials, and to give an active role in preserving perishable foods. The Research Fellow will participate in several project tasks, but particularly in the evaluation of recyclability of the materials, in a perspective of assuring safety of the recycled materials.

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



Applicable legislation and regulations:

- Current Scientific Research Fellowship Statute: <https://dre.pt/web/guest/legislacao-consolidada/-/lc/58216179/view?w=2019-08-28> ;
- Regulation of Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. in force: <https://dre.pt/application/conteudo/127238533> ;
- Regulation of Portuguese Catholic University Research Grants in force: http://www.porto.ucp.pt/sites/default/files/files/DRH/RegBolsasInvestigacao_Cientifica_UCP2020.pdf

Workplace:

The work will be developed in the materials and packaging laboratory of CBQF - Centro de Biotecnologia e Química Fina da Universidade Católica Portuguesa – Escola Superior de Biotecnologia, at Porto, under the supervision of Dr. Fátima Poças.

Duration of scholarship(s):

The scholarship scheduled to start on 01-01-2022 will last for 12 months on an exclusive basis.

Amount of monthly maintenance allowance: The amount of the scholarship corresponds to €1104.64 according to the table of values of the scholarships awarded directly by FCT, I.P. in the country (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores.phtml.pt>) and will be paid by bank transfer.

Selection Methods:

The selection methods to be used will be the following: i) curriculum assessment (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 (25%); ii) previous experience (60%) and selection interview (15%).

Composition of the Selection Jury: President of the Jury: Doutora Fátima Poças, Effective Members: Eng^a Maria do Céu Selbourne and Eng^o António Cunha (Co-promotor company).



Form of publicity/notification of results: The jury deliberates according to the selection criteria adopted and disclosed. The jury's meetings are recorded in minutes that contain a summary of what took place in them. After completing the application of the selection criteria, the jury proceeds to prepare the ranked list, in order of ranking of eligible candidates. The ranking list of eligible candidates will be posted on the premises of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa, in Porto, located at Rua de Diogo Botelho, 1327, 4169-005 Porto - Portugal, each candidate being notified of their position on the list classification via email. Ineligible candidates will be notified by email, explaining 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 comment, in the context of a prior hearing.

Deadline for acceptance of the scholarship: Within ten working days following the notification of the scholarship award, the selected candidate must confirm in writing their availability to start the scholarship on the proposed date. Not doing so or not having availability, the candidate placed in the next position will be called.

Form of submission and deadline for applications:

Applications are formalized by completing the [Application Form](#)

<https://inqueritos.porto.ucp.pt/hr/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=165262&lang=en>

You will need to submit the following documents:

1. Motivation letter, identifying the project title and reference, describing the candidate's motivation and professional goals;
2. Detailed Curriculum Vitae (should contain all elements to assess admission requirements, including language skills and research experience);
3. Copy of the Master's certificate, with the final classifications ².

² If the Master Degree has been awarded by a non-Portuguese higher education institution it must comply with the provisions of the Portuguese legislation on the recognition of foreign degrees, regulated by Decree-Law no. 66/2018 of August 16th. The signature of the contract is conditional on the presentation of the formal document.

Applicants are advised to check the website of the Directorate-General for Higher Education (DGES) for further information: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/en/pagina/degree-and-diploma-recognition>



4. Proof of enrollment in a course that does not lead to an academic degree or Declaration of commitment to enroll in a course that does not lead to an academic degree under the terms referred to in the admission requirements.

Candidates present their candidacy under the terms mentioned in the previous point, from 11/15/2021 until 12/08/2021 (until 17:00, Lisbon time).

Candidates who incorrectly formalize their application or who do not prove the requirements of this competition are excluded from admission to the competition. False statements made by candidates will be punished under the law.

Privacy Policy

The Universidade Católica Portuguesa is responsible for the Processing of Personal Data under the terms of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Regulation on Data Protection).

The personal data processed in the scope of this recruitment competition are intended for its instruction, and will be processed by the Portuguese Catholic University for the purpose of verifying the fulfillment, by the candidates, of the conditions established in the applicable legislation for their hiring. Opposition to the processing of data by the candidates will make the admission of the candidacy unfeasible and, therefore, its analysis and evaluation.

The Holder's personal data, if essential for the fulfillment of the obligations of the Portuguese Catholic University, may be transmitted to third parties, namely, to the Financing Entities identified in this Notice.

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 collected data. The exercise of these rights is excepted when your personal data are used to safeguard the public interest, namely in cases of detection and prevention of crimes, or when they are subject to professional secrecy.

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Rights of the Owner of Personal Data: <https://www.ucp.pt/pt-pt/direitos-do-titular-dos-dados>



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Non-discrimination and equal access policy

The Catholic University of Portugal 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 based on, in particular, ancestry, age, gender, 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, home territory, language, religion, political or ideological beliefs, and union membership.

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