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## CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR A RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

Reference: HSoil4Food – Perfil 9 – 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 **HSoil4Food - Healthy soils for healthy foods** (NORTE-01-0145-FEDER-000066) co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (FEDER) through the Northern Regional Operational Program, under the terms of the Notice of Opening of Application No. NORTE-45-2020-75 - Support System for Scientific and Technological Research - “Structured R&D&I Projects” - Horizon Europe, under the conditions, set out below.

**Scientific Area:** *Life and Health Sciences*

**Admission requirements:** Applicants for the Research grant must, at the time of application, be enrolled or commit to enrolling in a course that does not confer an academic degree *with the purpose of consolidating their scientific training*. 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. At the time of application, candidates must also have completed a degree in Life and Health Sciences or related fields, with a minimum average of **14 values**.

As preference factors, we will consider previous research experience in the following domains:

- Previous participation in research projects;
- Analysis and management of research databases using Qualtrics and/or Google Forms platforms;
- Development and validation of protocols for collecting and analyzing quantitative and qualitative data with humans;
- Preparation and submission of proposals to Ethics Committees;



- Selection, preparation, and implementation of qualitative (e.g., Focus Group) and quantitative (e.g., self-report instruments) research procedures;
- Data encoding and analysis using different tools (e.g., Excel and SPSS);
- Production of digital supports for the dissemination of scientific content;
- Preparation of posters, oral communications, and scientific reports;
- Organization of science promotion events (in-person and online).

We are looking for an enthusiastic candidate who demonstrates excellent communication and interpersonal skills; ability to critically analyze information; initiative and autonomy regarding research tasks; excellent planning and organization skills; and ability to integrate and carry out collaborative work in teams.

**Work Plan:** This call aims to integrate a research fellow in a work plan developed within the scope of Research Line 2, *“Characterization, intervention and education strategies to foster consumers’ and farmers’ engagement in promoting soil health”*, in the WP4: *“Understanding consumers’ and farmers’ self-perception about their behaviours as a driver for the soil sustainability”* to explore pro-environmental attitudes and behaviors of farmers and consumers within the scope of the **HSoil4Food Project**. The scholarship holder to be hired will participate in the following phases:

- Assessment of the farmers’ and consumers’ perceptions about soil weaknesses;
- Assessing the relationship between the consumers’ diet-related choices and pro-environmental concerns;
- Characterization of the farmers’ farming practices and awareness about their impact on soil quality;
- And identifying the factors that influence farmers’ and consumers’ decisions leading to the adoption of sustainable consumption patterns.

The Research Fellow will participate in all project tasks, from literature review to research data collection and analysis and writing articles for peer-reviewed international journals.

**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 - Center for Biotechnology and Fine Chemistry** of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Portugal, integrated into the *School of Biotechnology*, in Porto, under the scientific supervision of **Professor Elisabete Cristina Bastos Pinto** and **Professor Patrícia Oliveira-Silva**.

**Duration of the scholarship:** The scholarship scheduled to start on 01-11-2022 will have an initial duration of 7 months on an exclusive basis. This scholarship may be renewed, and the duration may not exceed the time allowed for this type of scholarship and the project's end date, scheduled for 30/04/2023.

**Monthly maintenance allowance amount:** The amount of the scholarship corresponds to 875,98€ according to the research scholarship values 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 as follows:

- i) Curricular evaluation (35%);
- ii) Previous experience (55%);
- iii) Motivation letter (10%).

The final decision, if necessary, may involve an interview with the 3 best-placed candidates, in which case the weighting will be curricular assessment (35%); ii) previous experience (50%) and selection interview (15%). Applications that do not meet the admission requirements, those submitted after the deadline, and those that are incomplete will be considered ineligible.



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#### **Composition of the Selection Jury:**

Professora Doutora **Maria Manuela Estevez Pintado** (President)

Professora Doutora **Elisabete Cristina Bastos Pinto** (Effective member)

Professora Doutora **Patrícia Oliveira-Silva** (Effective member)

Professora Doutora **Ana Maria Pereira Gomes** (Substitute member)

Professora Doutora **Maria Marta Correia** (Substitute member)

**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 Portuguese Catholic University, 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. In this email, candidate will be identified according to the reference used in the published ranking list. 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:** Applications will be accepted from September 12<sup>th</sup> until September 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 (at 11.59 pm, Lisbon time).



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Applications should be made through the [application Form](#) available at: <https://inqueritos.porto.ucp.pt/hr/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=833457&lang=en>, through which the following documents should be submitted:

- Cover letter, identifying the title and reference of the project, describe the motivation and professional objectives of the candidate;
- Detailed Curriculum Vitae (should contain all the elements to assess the admission requirements, including language knowledge and research experience);
- Copy of the certificate(s) of qualifications conferring academic degree in the terms requested in the notice, which contains the final classifications;
- Record of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions and record of the conversion of the corresponding final classification to the Portuguese classification scale<sup>1</sup>;
- Proof of enrolment in a Higher Education Institution in study cycles leading to an academic degree.

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 fulfillment, 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 analyze and evaluate it.

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<sup>1</sup> 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>



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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>.

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