

ICAAM (Institute for Mediterranean Agrarian and Environmental Sciences) University of Évora

Announcement of one Master Research Fellowship within the framework of the project: "Small Farms, Small Food Businesses and Sustainable Food Security (SALSA)", H2020 grant agreement No 677363

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A call is open to award 1 Master Research Fellowship under the project "Small Farms, Small Food Businesses and Sustainable Food Security (SALSA)", ref. nº 677363, funded by the European Union in the scope of the H2020 Program, call H2020-SFS-2015-2, under the following conditions:

<u>Scientific domain</u>: Functioning and governance of regional food systems and the role of small family farms

<u>Admission requirements</u>: Candidates will be admitted to the call when demonstrating: (i) a master degree in social sciences, preferably sociology or related subjects; (ii) knowledge in food systems functioning and governance; (iii) demonstrated qualitative and quantitative research skills.

Preferential factors for admission:

- Experience in analyzing food systems at regional level;
- Proven international experience and proficiency in English.
- Experience in organizing group activities as seminars, meetings, etc., and in contacting with small farmers and organizing farmers collaborations.

<u>Work Plan</u>: SALSA has been designed to meet the significant intellectual and practical challenge of developing a better understanding of the current and potential contribution of small farms and food businesses to Food and Nutrition Security (FNS) in an increasingly globalised and uncertain world. The project will pay particular attention to: capturing the diversity of food systems and small farm situations in Europe and Africa; looking beyond production capacity to include all four dimensions of FNS; fully considering the gradient of socio-economic conditions in different regions of Europe and Africa, and; fully and effectively engaging with stakeholders to cut across classical boundaries in food system structures and situations, Europe-Africa relations, research, policy and practice.

The Research Fellow will be focused on the Work Packages WP3, WP4 and WP5 "In depth assessment of food systems in 30 regions", and "Analysis of governance of small farmer organizations and food chains. WP3 aims at carrying out field work and data collection in the 30 reference regions selected in WP2, an

in-depth assessment of local and regional food systems paying particular attention to the diversity, complexity and context-specificity of local and regional food systems and FNS. WP5 seeks to identify and assess, within the reference regions, those governance arrangements that influence, positively or negatively, the contribution of small farms to the several dimensions of sustainable FNS. Specifically the research fellow will support the development and implementation the following tasks:

- Development and Improvement of the analysis and reporting in the first Reference Region in Portugal (Central Alentejo).
- Gathering of specific data on small farms and key features related to crop production through key informants, small farms and small food businesses, focus groups, and respective analysis in the second Reference Region in Portugal.
- Scenario building for foresight analysis of the food system at regional level.
- Analysis of governance issues in the two reference regions in Portugal.

Relevant legislation and regulation: This scholarship will be carried on the basis of a signed contract between the University of Évora and the scholarship recipient, under the terms of the Research Scholarship Regulations of the University of Évora (Ordem de Serviço nº1/2011), the Scientific Research Grant Holder Statute (Law nº40/2004 of the 18 of August and Decree-Law nº202/2012 of the 27 of August) and according to the Regulations and legislation for advanced training and qualifications for human resources of the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT).

Place of work: The work is to be developed at the ICAAM, Polo da Mitra of the University of Évora.

<u>Length of the scholarship:</u> Six months, beginning in April 2018, renewable for periods of 6 months until the end of the project.

<u>Payment:</u> According to the scholarship values applied by the Portuguese Research Foundation (http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores): the monthly payment is of 980, 00 Euros, not subject to taxes, and the contribution to the national social-medical insurance is paid by the project. The payment is done by cheque or bank transfer on a monthly basis.

<u>Selection:</u> The selection is done based on the documentation sent, mainly the analysis of the CV. An interview may be required. The interview will be used to select between candidates equally ranked. When the candidates are not available to come to Évora, the interview may be undertaken using skype.

<u>Selection Comitee</u>: Professor Maria Teresa Amado Pinto Correia; Professor Gottlieb Basch; Professora Doutora Maria Elvira Sales Baptista; Doutora Maria Isabel Ferraz de Oliveira; Doutor José Munoz-Rojas.

<u>Announcement of results:</u> The results will be published through a ranked listed and disposed at the entrance of Colégio de Regentes Agrícolas do Núcleo da Mitra da Universidade de Évora. The candidates receive the information by e-mail.

<u>Period for the call and presentation of application:</u> The call is open from March 8, 2018 to March 21, 2018 and the results will be published on March 23, 2018.

The submissions may be done through a motivation letter, a CV, relevant certificates, sent to Prof.^a

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