Biodiversity Research Chair

Research assistant fellowship (technician) position announcement
Project Network of Leading European AQUAtic MesoCOSM Facilities Connecting
Mountains to Oceans from the Artic to the Mediterranean (AQUACOSM) – Grant
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Rui Nabeiro Biodiversity Chair

Scientific Area: Aquatic Ecology, Biology, Biogeography

Required background and skills: Master in Biology or related area.

- Experience with identification and quantification of freshwater macroinvertebrates, particularly, insect larvae, crustaceans and molluscs.
- Experience with field surveys of aquatic systems, particularly in freshwater ponds, small lakes, rivers and/or experimental mesocosms.
- Basic experience with the collection of environmental variables (e.g. temperature, dissolved oxygen, etc.).
- Basic experience with the storage and preparation of samples for molecular analyses.
- Basic knowledge of data storage, handling and analysis (e.g. Excel, R, etc.)
- Driving license

Working Plan: Field surveys of natural freshwater ponds (or small lakes) and experimental mesocosms across the Iberian peninsula. Systematic identification and quantification of freshwater macroinvertebrates and preparation of voucher specimens for molecular analysis. Updating faunal and floristic records in a GIS database.

Research environment: The research assistant will be associated with Miguel Matias and Miguel Araújo, while being physically located at the Rui Nabeiro Biodiversity Chair.

Legislation framework: A fellowship contract will be celebrated according to the regulations defined by FCT "Regulations for Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources", in accordance with Law 40/2004, of 18 August, as amended and republished by Decree-Law No. 202/2012 of 27 August, and as amended by Decree-Law No. 233/2012 of 29 October and by Law No. 12/2013, of 29 January, and Decree-Law No. 89/2013 of 9 July, to Fellowships Regulation of FCT (www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/RegulamentoBolsasFCT2015.pdf).

Place of work: Biodiversity Research Chair – University of Évora

Duration and Starting date: 6 months, starting in March 2020 (starting date flexible)

Stipend: Salary: Monthly stipend is €752,38 according to the stipends established by FCT, I.P. in Portugal (https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores) plus social security. Payment will be made by bank transfer on a monthly basis.

Other subsidies: EUR 300-600 for inbound and outbound travelling, in accordance with Fellowships Regulation of FCT (www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/RegulamentoBolsasFCT2015.pdf).

Evaluation Methods: Evaluation will be based on academic qualifications (25%), motivation and interest in the project (25%), demonstrated experience and skills in relevant areas (50%). There may be resorting to interviews. The jury reserves the right to not select any candidate, if submitted applications do not meet the required profile.

Evaluation Panel: Dr. Miguel Bastos Araújo, Prof. Jorge Araújo, Dr. Diogo Alagador, Dr. Carla Cruz.

Results: The final results will be affixed in a visible and public place at Biodiversity Research Chair -University of Évora and candidates will be notified by email.

Application: the competition is open from November 25 to December 6, 2019. Applications should be sent by email to Ana Rita Ferreira (catedrabio@uevora.pt). The application must include a cover letter (in English) explaining why you think you are an adequate candidate for the post, a short CV (please no more than 5 pages), external links to five of your most relevant papers, certificates of qualifications, and the names and contacts of two academics that can provide a reference for you.

NOTE: Academic degrees obtained in foreign countries need to be recognized by a Portuguese Institution, according to Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of 16 August, and Ordinance no. 33/2019, of 25 January. The presentation of the certificate is mandatory before the signing of the contract. More information can be obtained at: https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/reconhecimento?plid=374