



Department of Landscape, Environment and Planning

MASTER SCHOLARSHIP, 1 VACANCY

2nd of May of 2022

A call for tenders is open for one Scholarship for master, within the scope of the project **LIFE INVASAQUA, (LIFE17 GIE/ES/000515)**, co-financed by the European Commission, program LIFE, under the following conditions:

Scientific area: Environmental Sciences and Ecology

Admission requirements:

Candidates must have:

Fluency writing and speaking Portuguese and understanding Spanish are mandatory since a lot of the work involves surveys in the Iberian Peninsula.

Fluency in written and spoken English is necessary for discussing, reporting and publishing project results.

A degree in Environmental Sciences, Biology or related or related fields or knowledge.

A MSc degree related to Biological Conservation, Ecology, or related fields or knowledge.

Permanent residence in the region of Évora during the scholarship.

Availability to engage in a PhD program, by applying for a PhD grant during the scholarship. The PhD should involve the study of freshwater or estuarine invasive species.

Preference will be given to candidates showing:

Previous participation in at least one publication in a scientific journal, as first author or co-author.

Research experience with freshwater or estuarine ecosystems.

Research involving surveys.

High level of organization in the work, personal initiative and good communication skills.

As set forth FCT Research Scholarship Regulation No. 950/2019 of December 16, 2019, article 3 and 6, candidates for “**BI**” (Research Grants) must comply as a rule condition for the award of the scholarship, the effective inclusion in study cycles leading to the attribution of academic degrees or in courses not leading to an academic degree. Courses that do not confer an academic

degree correspond to the courses provided for in subparagraph e) of paragraph 3 of article 4 of Decree-Law No. 74/2006 of 24 March and must be developed in a higher education institution in association with at least one R&D unit, including a course plan in one or several research areas of the unit.

Work plan: The work includes technical and scientific tasks related to the project LIFE INVASAQUA in the University of Évora. As examples we can mention, the implementation of surveys about freshwater and estuarine invasive species and analysis of survey results, the preparation of reports, the preparation of technical documents such as leaflets and codes of conduct, the organization and participation in workshops, the organization and participation in training courses for target groups, and the collaboration in the organization of the LIFE INVASAQUA exhibitions regarding invasive species. These tasks should set the foundation for the start of a PhD thesis work regarding invasive species. The main objectives of the work are the completion of the LIFE INVASAQUA project goals. LIFE INVASAQUA project details are available in the webpage <http://www.lifeinvasaqua.com/pt-pt/>

Applicable legislation and regulations: The granting of the Research Scholarship will be carried out upon the signing of a contract between the University of Évora and the scholarship holder, as set in the template https://www.fct.pt/apoios/Minuta_Contrato_Bolsa.docx, pursuant to the Research Scholarship Statute (Law No. 40/2004 of August 18 and Decree-Law No. 123/2019 of August 28) and in accordance with the legislation and Regulation of Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, IP in force, regulation nº950/2019 of December 16, 2019: <https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.pt> and other applicable rules.

Place of work: The work will be developed at MARE – Marine and Environmental Research Centre pole of the University of Évora, in the Department of Landscape, Environment and Planning, under the scientific guidance of the Professor Pedro Anastácio.

Duration of the scholarship: The scholarship will have a duration of 6 months, starting on July of 2022. The scholarship contract may be renewed up to a maximum of 16 months or until the end of the funding project's budget allocation.

Amount of monthly maintenance allowance: The amount of the scholarship corresponds to €1144,64, according to the table of scholarships awarded directly by FCT, I.P. in Portugal (<http://fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores>), payments being made monthly, by check or bank transfer.

Selection methods: The selection methods to be used will be the following: curriculum evaluation and previous experience, with the respective valuation of 50% and 50%. In case of doubts regarding the classification of the top 5 applicants, or in case of a tie, an interview may be used.

Composition of the Selection Jury:

President: Prof. Doutor Pedro Manuel Silva Gentil Anastácio

1st effective member – Doutor Filipe Miguel Santos Banha

2nd effective member – Prof. Doutor António Pedro Santos

1st alternate member – Prof. Doutor Carlos Pinto Gomes

2nd alternate member – Prof. Doutor Maria Antónia Pacheco Ilhéu

Advertising/notification of results: The final results of the evaluation will be publicized, through an ordered list by final grade obtained posted in a visible and public place Department of Landscape, Environment and Planning, being the candidate approved notified through email.

To ensure the right of prior hearing of interested parties, the Final Classification project will be announced by any written means to all interested parties.

After communicating the provisional list of the results of the evaluation, candidates have a period of 10 working days to express their opinion in a preliminary hearing of interested parties.

Application deadline and submission of applications: The tender is open from 4 to 18 of May of 2022 and the results of the selection will be published by 27 of May of 2022.

Applications must be formalized, obligatorily, by sending an application letter with the following documents: Letter of motivation explaining why you think this grant would be perfect for your skills and motivations, *Curriculum Vitae*, *certificate of qualifications*, *2 recommendation letters*.

For the purposes of application, the evidence may be replaced by a declaration of honor signed by the candidate, but the failure to demonstrate that evidence, in the contracting phase, possession of the required degree on the deadline for application or the non-presentation of proof of enrollment in the study cycle or non-degree course, for scholarships with this component, imply the cancellation of the candidate's application.

Academic degrees obtained in foreign countries require registration by a Portuguese Institution in accordance with Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16 and Ordinance No. 33/2019, of January 25th.

The presentation of the certificate is mandatory for the signing of the contract. More information can be obtained at: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/recognition?plid=374>

Applications must be sent by email to:

Prof. Pedro Anastácio

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