

MED – Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development

MASTER RESEARCH SCHOLAR- ONE VACANCY

12nd of May of 2023

A call for tenders is open for one Scholarship master within the scope of the project LIFE MERCURY-FREE - Complex Awareness Raising and Behaviour Change for the Mercury-Free City Environment, with reference 101074412, financed by national funds through LIFE, under the following conditions:

Scientific area: Life Sciences

Admission requirements:

- Master's degree or higher;
- Knowledge in chemistry, biochemistry and environment;
- Experience in data processing and statistical treatment of data;
- Ability to design and organize tasks;
- Autonomy in carrying out tasks;
- Laboratory work experience;
- Ability to work as part of a team;
- Experience writing scientific papers;
- To have a driving license;
- Portuguese and English language 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:

- To collect information about sources of mercury and people and the environment mercury contamination.
- To collect information on the effect of mercury on the environment and on the health of animals and humans.
- To collect information on household equipment containing mercury.



- To collect information on the news presented by the media (foreign and domestic) related to mercury.
- Collaborate in the design of surveys to assess knowledge on mercury-related topics.
- Conduct surveys to assess knowledge on mercury-related topics.
- Processing and handling survey data.
- To organize seminars on topics related to the presence and effects of mercury.
- Perform laboratory work to evaluate the presence of mercury.
- As co-author, to write technical and scientific papers related to the presence and effects of mercury.

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 <u>former.fct.pt/apoios/Minuta_Contrato_Bolsa.docx</u>, 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: <u>https://files.dre.pt/2s/2019/12/241000000/0009100105.pdf</u> and other applicable rules.

Place of work: The work will be developed at MED – Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development of the University of Évora, under the scientific guidance of the Professor Miguel Nuno Geraldo Viegas dos Santos Elias.

Duration of the scholarship(s): The scholarship will have a duration of 12 months, starting on July, 2023. The scholarship contract may be renewed up to a maximum of 27 months or until the end of the funding project's budget allocation.

Amount of monthly maintenance allowance: The amount of the scholarship corresponds to €1 199,64, according to the table of scholarships awarded directly by FCT, I.P. in Portugal (<u>https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM_2023.pdf</u>), payments being made monthly, by check or bank transfer.

Selection methods: The selection methods to be used will be the following: curriculum evaluation and interview, with the respective valuation of 80% and 20% respectively.

Composition of the Selection Jury:

President: Professor Miguel Nuno Geraldo Viegas dos Santos Elias 1st Member – Professor Marta Sofia Serrano Valente Casimiro Ferreira Laranjo 2nd Member – Professor Ana Cristina Pinto Agulheiro Santos 1st Substitute - Professor Maria Eduarda Marques Madeira Silva Potes 2nd Substitute - Professor Ricardo Joaquim Murteira de Carvalho Freixial

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, in Polo da Mitra, University of Évora, 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 May 24^{nd} to June 9^{th} , 2023 and the results of the selection will be published by June 26^{th} , 2023.

Applications must be formalized, obligatorily, by sending an application letter with the following documents: Curriculum Vitae; Certificates of Degree; Other supporting documents deemed relevant.

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: <u>https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/recognition?plid=374</u>

Applications must be sent by email to:

Prof. Miguel Elias Plant Science Department of the University of Évora email: <u>elias@uevora.pt</u>



