



Universidade de Lisboa (ULisboa)
Faculdade de Medicina Veterinária

**ANNOUNCEMENT
CALL FOR THE ATTRIBUTION OF A RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATES**

The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Lisbon (FMV-ULisboa) opens a call for one research scholarship (BI) under the subject of Anatomo-Physiology and Metabolism of the Rumen, according to the Regulation of Research Grants of ULisboa, in the terms defined in the *Despacho* n.º 6238/2020, from 12 June and of the Statute of the Research Grant Holders ("*Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação - EBI*"), within the scope of the research project "**GENE2RUMEN – New insights into the variability of rumen lipid metabolism in lambs**" (Ref. PTDC/CAL-ZOO/4515/2021), funded by FCT/MCTES and coordinated by Professor Doctor Rui José Branquinho de Bessa, of the FMV-ULisboa, under the following conditions:

1. APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

The call is open between 11 of July of 2022 and 25 of July of 2022 (Lisbon time-GMT). Applications and its supporting documents must be sent by electronic mail for the following e-mail addresses: expediente@fmv.ulisboa.pt e rjbbessa@fmv.ulisboa.pt.

2. TYPE AND DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP:

Research grants are intended to finance research activities carried out by the grantee at FMV-ULisboa, which will be the host institution, without prejudice to the work being carried out in collaboration between more than one institutions. The duration of the scholarship is 6 months, renewable, for an equal period of time and with a maximum duration of 1 year (12 months).

3. RECIPIENTS:

Graduates who are enrolled in courses that do not award an academic degree, or graduates enrolled in master course.



4. ADMISSIBILITY:

4.1. Applicants' Admissibility Requirements:

The following citizens may apply to this call:

- National citizens or citizens from other member states of the European Union;
- Third-country citizens;
- Stateless individuals;
- Citizens holding a political refugee status.

To apply to the Research Scholarship, applicants should meet the following criteria:

- To hold a graduation degree on Animal Science or related fields;
- Enrollment either at a Master course or at a course that does not award an academic degree but it is integrated in the educational project of a higher education institution, performed in association or cooperation with one or several R&D units. The presentation of proof of the enrollment of is mandatory for signing of the contract.

4.2 Applications' Admissibility Requirements

Applications must be accompanied, under penalty of non-admissibility, by the following supporting documents:

- Motivation letter;
- Applicant's detailed Curriculum vitae mention the complementary formation and the professional experience and other relevant information.
- Certificates of the academic degrees held by the applicant, compulsorily specifying the final classification and, if possible, the classifications obtained in all subjects taken, or, in alternative, the applicant's declaration of honour, confirming that the master's degree was completed by the end of the application deadline
- Record of recognition of the academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions and record of the conversion of the respective final classification to the Portuguese classification scale. Alternatively, the applicant must submit a declaration of



honour confirming that he/she obtained recognition of the foreign degree equivalent to that of bachelor's by the end of the application period

- Declaration of enrollment in a Master Course or alternatively in a non-academic degree course integrated in the educational project of a higher education institution. This declaration can be replaced by a declaration of commitment on the part of the candidate, this condition being verified only during the contracting of the scholarship.
- The application and all related documents (except for the recommendation letters and certificate of the academic degree) should be written in Portuguese or English.

The granting of the scholarship is always dependent on the presentation of proof of ownership of the academic qualifications necessary for the granting of the scholarship. Failure to comply with these requirements determines the preliminary rejection of the application.

5. WORK PLAN AND SCIENTIFIC SUPERVISION :

The experimental work will be carried out at the Laboratories of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Lisbon, under the scientific supervision of Professor Rui José Branquinho de Bessa. The grant holder will be involved on the sampling of lamb rumens, and its morphometric and histological evaluation. The grant holder will also participate in the elaboration of indicators for the implementation of the project, in the dissemination of research results, through scientific publications and participation in conferences, as well as in other tasks related to the implementation of the project.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND BONUSES

6.1. Evaluation Criteria:

Applications considered admissible will be scored on a scale from 0 to 20 on each of the following evaluation criteria:



- **Criterion A:** Curricular evaluation (0-20), with a weight of 50%;
 - Graduation grade, with a weight of 25%;
 - Scientific publications in the area of the work plan, with a weight of 15% (only journals indexed in Scopus or Web of Science databases will be considered).
 - Laboratory experience in the methodologies mentioned in point 5 in the last 3 years, with a weight of 10%.
- **Criterion B:** Letter of motivation (0-20), with a weight of 10%;
- **Criterion C:** Other factors considered relevant, namely additional academic training, participation in specialist congresses and involvement in activities considered relevant within the scope of the project – 0-20, with a weight of 10%
- **Criterion D:** Interview – 0-20, with a weight of 20% (limited to the three candidates with the best classification resulting from the application of criteria A, B and C). In justified cases, the interview may be carried out remotely.

For the purpose of deciding on the award of the research grant, candidates will be ranked according to the weighted average of the classification obtained in each of the four criteria, translated by the following formula:

$$\text{Final Classification} = (0.5 \times A) + (0.1 \times B) + (0.1 \times C) + (0.2 \times D)$$

For the purposes of breaking the tie, candidates will be ranked based on the classifications given to each of the evaluation criteria in the following order of precedence: criterion A, criterion B, criterion C, criterion D.

7. Evaluation Committee:

The Evaluation Committee is composed of the following members:

- Rui José Branquinho de Bessa, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Lisbon University, as Evaluation Committee Coordinator
- Susana Paula Almeida Alves, Researcher at Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Lisbon University;
- Luisa Mendes Jorge, Auxiliar Professor Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Lisbon University



The evaluation committee will assess the applications in accordance with the evaluation criteria contained in this call, considering the elements of assessment. A final evaluation form will be produced for each application, where the arguments that led to the classifications attributed to each of the evaluation criteria and sub-criteria will be presented in a clear, coherent and consistent way. Minutes of the Evaluation committee meetings will be produced under the responsibility of all its members.

8. RESULTS DISCLOSURE:

Results will be communicated via email to the email address used by the applicant and indicated in the application.

9. TERMS AND PROCEDURES FOR PRIOR HEARING, CLAIM AND APPEAL:

Once the provisional ranked list of the evaluation results has been communicated, applicants have the right to dispute the results during the preliminary hearing phase, which takes place within 10 working days, according to Articles no. 121 and the following of the Administrative Procedure Code (CPA). The final decision can be claimed within 15 working days or, alternatively, appealed within 30 working days, after the communication of the final results, respectively. Candidates who choose to submit a complaint must address their pronouncement to the Rector of the University of Lisbon. Candidates who choose to appeal must address the same to the funding entity.

10. SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING REQUIREMENTS

The research scholarship (BI) contracts are signed directly with FMV-ULisboa.

The following documents are of mandatory submission, upon conditional granting of the studentship for purposes of contracting thereof:

- a) Copy of the personal identification, tax identification and, if applicable, social security documents;
- b) Copy of the academic degree certificates;
- c) Presentation of the registration of recognition of foreign academic degrees and conversion of the respective final classifications to the Portuguese classification scale, if applicable;



- d) Document proving enrollment in a Master Course or on a non-academic degree course identified in this Notice;
- e) Supervisor(s) statement confirming the coordination of the work plan, as established in Article no. 5-A of the Statute for Research Fellowships;
- f) Updated document proving compliance with the exclusive dedication regime (template will be provided by FMV-ULisboa).

Failure to deliver any of the documents necessary to complete the grant contracting process, within 6 months from the date of communication of the decision to grant the grant conditional, implies the expiry of said grant and the termination of the process.

11. SCHOLARSHIP CONTRACT AND SIGNING TERM

The scholarship contract will be written, and it must necessarily include:

- a) Identification of the scholarship holder and scientific advisor;
- b) Identification of the host and financing entities;
- c) Identification of the applicable regulation;
- d) The activity plan to be developed by the scholarship holder;
- e) Indication of the duration and start date of the fellowship;
- f) The amount of the scholarship.

After receiving all the documents necessary for the conclusion of the contract, the contract will be signed, within 90 working days, suspending the counting of the period whenever the procedure is stopped for reasons that are not attributable to the grantee. Within 15 working days following the date of receipt of the research grant agreement, the grantee must return it duly signed. Scholarship holder status is automatically granted by the contract, always referring to the start date of the scholarship.

Scholarship contracts do not generate relations of a legal-labor nature or provision of services, and the scholarship holder does not acquire the quality of worker in public functions.

12. FUNDING

The scholarship grant awarded under this call is financed by the project "GENE2RUMEN - New insights into the variability of rumen lipid metabolism in lambs", financed by national funds



through the FCT/MCTES, in accordance with the regulatory provisions established for this purpose.

13. SCHOLARSHIP GRANT ALLOWANCE

The grant holder is awarded the monthly maintenance allowance corresponding to €875.98 according to the table of values of grants awarded directly by FCT, I.P. (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores>). All scholarship holders benefit from personal accident insurance in relation to research activities, supported by FMV-ULisboa/financing entity. All grant holders who are not covered by any social protection scheme can ensure the exercise of the right to social security by joining the voluntary social insurance scheme, under the terms of the Code of Contributory Schemes of the Social Security Welfare System, ensuring the FMV-ULisboa/financing entity costs resulting from contributions under the terms and within the limits set out in article 10 of the Research Fellowship Statute.

14. PAYMENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP COMPONENTS

Payments due to the grantee are made by bank transfer to the account identified by the grantee.

15. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL ACCESS POLICY

A FMV-ULisboa promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, whereby no candidate can be privileged, benefited, harmed or deprived of any right or exempt from any duty on grounds, in particular, of ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family situation, economic situation, education, social origin or condition, genetic heritage, reduced work capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic or racial origin, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological beliefs and trade union membership.

16. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

This Call is governed by this Opening Notice, the FCT Regulation of Research Fellowships, approved by the Regulation no. 950/2019, published in the Series II of the DR, of 16th of December, by the Regulation for Research Grants of the University of Lisbon, Order no. 6238/2020, published in the Series II of the DR, of 12 June, by the Research Fellowship Holder



Statute, approved by Law no. 40/2004, of 18th of August, in its current version, and by other applicable national and European legislation.

Lisbon, 5 of July of 2022

O Presidente da Faculdade

Rui Manuel de Vasconcelos e Horta Caldeira

(Professor Catedrático)