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Faculdade de Medicina Veterinária

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NOTICE

Call for the attribution of one research grants for a Master's degree

A call is open for the attribution of one Master Grant within the scope of the R&D project "Exploring NGF and Its Receptors in Equine Endometrium: Insights into Endometriosis" funded by the Foundation for Science and Technology and coordinated by Dr. Ana Amaral at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine – University of Lisbon, under the following conditions:

Scientific area: Veterinary Sciences

Admission requirements: To hold a Master's degree in Veterinary Medicine, Biology, Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, or related areas;

Enrollment in a degree-awarding program (this statement may be replaced by a declaration of honor from the candidate, with verification of this condition occurring only at the fellowship contract stage).

Work plan: The fellowship holder will participate in research activities such as:

- Sample collection at the slaughterhouse
- Cell and tissue culture
- RNA and protein extraction
- Performance of laboratory analyses such as qPCR, Western blot, immunohistochemistry, and ELISA

Applicable legislation and regulations:

Statute of the Scientific Research Fellows, approved by Law No. 40/2004, of August 18, in its drafting in force. Regulation of Research Grants of the University of Lisbon, order no. 6238/2020, published in the *Diário da República* (Official Journal), 2nd series, of June 12, 2020 and the Regulation of Research Grants of the *Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FCT)* as well as per applicable National and Community legislation.

Workplace: The work will be developed at Histology and Embryology laboratory of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Animal Health (CIISA), under the scientific guidance of Doctor Ana Amaral, Assistant Professor of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of University of Lisbon.



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Duration of the scholarship(s): The scholarship will last for 12 months, starting in March 2026.

Monthly maintenance allowance amount: It corresponds to € 1309,64, according as defined by FCT, I.P. (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores>).

Selection methods:

Eligible applications will be scored on a scale from 0 to 20 points, taking into account the candidate's merit and performance in each of the following criteria:

Criterion A: Curriculum evaluation – with a weight of **60%**

- Master's degree in the area of the call – weight of **40%**
- Scientific publications in the field – weight of **10%**
- Proven laboratory experience within the last 5 years – weight of **10%**

Criterion B: Motivation letter – with a weight of **10%**

Criterion C: Other relevant factors, namely participation in scientific conferences and involvement in activities considered relevant to the scope of the project – with a weight of **10%**.

Criterion D: Interview – with a weight of **20%** (limited to the four candidates with the highest scores resulting from the application of criteria A, B, and C).

If an interview is not carried out, the 20% weight given to it is added to the weight of the motivation letter.

For the final decision for the research grant attribution, the candidates will be ordered according to the weighted average of the obtained score in each of the four criteria, as follows:

$$\textbf{Final Classification} = (0.6 \times A) + (0.1 \times B) + (0.1 \times C) + (0.2 \times D)$$

For tiebreaker purposes, the ranking of candidates will be based on the scores attributed to each of the evaluation criteria by the following order: criterion A, criterion B, criterion C, criterion D.

Candidates who score less than 9.5 points will be excluded from the procedure, and the next selection methods or stage will not apply to them, as well candidates who do not comply with all the requirements and formalities set out in this notice.



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Composition of the Selection Jury:

President: Doctor Ana Sofia Pires Amaral, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Lisbon

Full Members:

- Doctor Mário António Soares de Pinho, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Lisbon
- Doctor Eva Sofia Gonçalves da Cunha, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Lisbon

Alternate Members:

- Doctor Maria Manuela Oliveira, Full Professor with Habilitation at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Lisbon
- Doctor Gonçalo Pereira, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Lisbon

The president of the Jury will be replaced in his absence or impediment by the member who succeeds him in the order mentioned above.

Notification of results: All candidates will be notified of the Final Assessment Result via the email indicated in the application.

Deadline for application and form of submission of applications: The call is open from 06/01/2026 until 11:59 pm on 19/01/2026.

Applications must be delivered by email, with delivery/receipt notice, to the following email address expediente@fmv.ulisboa.pt, with the Subject/reference: EquiEndoNGF, in the care of Researcher Doctor Ana Amaral of FMV/UL

Applications must be formalized by email, mandatory including the following documents:

1. Application form, fully filled - which is available on the Faculty's website, at www.fmv.ulisboa.pt (Investigação/Bolsas de Investigação/ Formulários/Candidatura);
2. Motivation letter;
3. Detailed *Curriculum Vitae* of the candidate, dated and signed;



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4. Documents proving that the candidate meets the required conditions for awarding the scholarship, namely copies of the qualification certificates for all academic degrees obtained, with final grade;
5. For academic degrees awarded by a foreign higher education institution, it is mandatory to present the record of recognition of the academic degree and the conversion of the final classification to the Portuguese scale (process regulated by Decree-Law no. 341/2007, of 12 October), or alternatively, obtaining equivalence/recognition of academic degrees (process regulated by Decree-Law no. 283/83, of 21 June);
6. Foreign candidates who do not present proof of conversion of the final grade to the Portuguese grading scale will be assessed with the minimum grade;
7. Scholarship contracts will only be concluded with candidates holding diplomas issued by institutions, upon presentation of proof of recognition of academic degrees and conversion of the final grade, as indicated above.
8. Updated declaration proving the candidate's professional situation, indicating the nature of the relationship, functions and teaching hours on average per year, if applicable, and may replace it with a declaration of honor, if not working any professional activity or provision of services;
9. 6. Letters of recommendation (optional).

Scholarship contracts do not generate legal-labor relations or the provision of services, and the grantee does not acquire the status of worker in public functions.

Policy of non-discrimination and equal access: FMV-ULisboa promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, meaning that no candidate may be privileged, benefited, impaired or deprived of any right or exempt from any duty based, in particular, on ancestry, age, sexual orientation, marital status, family situation, economic status, education, origin or social condition, genetic heritage, reduced working capacity, disability, chronic disease, nationality, ethnic origin or breed, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological beliefs and trade union membership.

Deadlines and Procedures for Prior Hearing, Complaints and Appeals: After the provisional list of assessment results has been communicated, candidates have a period of 10 working days to, if they



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wish, make a statement at a prior hearing of interested parties, in accordance with articles 121 et seq. of the Code of Administrative Procedure.

If any statements are submitted, they will be analyzed and a final decision will be made. A complaint may be filed against this final decision within 15 working days, or, alternatively, an appeal may be filed within 30 working days, both counting from the date of notification. Candidates who choose to submit a complaint must address their statement to the Rector of the University of Lisbon. Candidates who choose to appeal must address the appeal to the funding entity.

Note: All documents sent by email must have the .doc or .pdf extension and the subject filled in with the project reference.

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, 05 of january of 2026