



**Faculty of Veterinary Medicine**

*Academic and Human Resources Division*

**OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR A MASTER RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP**

The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Lisbon (FMV-ULisboa) opens a call for applications of 1 (one) Master Research Scholarship, hereinafter referred to as Research Scholarship, in the area of Immunology and Microbiology, under the Regulation of Research Scholarships of the University of Lisbon, pursuant to Despacho No. 6238/2020, published in the Diário da República, 2º série, n.º 113, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and its update through Despacho No. 8061/2022, published in the Diário da República, 2º série, No. 126, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and the Statute of the Research Grantee (EBI), under the project "TRIFECTA - Development of a new trispecific antibody for the antitumor immunological targeting of non-Hodgkin lymphoma" (EXPL/CVT-CVT/1285/202) financed by national funds through the State Budget/FCT and coordinated by Dr. Joana Dias, PhD Researcher of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Lisbon, under the following conditions:

**1. APPLICATION PRESENTATION:**

The call is open from **15 December 2022 until 23:59 (GMT) of 28 December 2022**.

Applications and application support documents requested in this announcement must be submitted by email to: [expediente@fmv.ulisboa.pt](mailto:expediente@fmv.ulisboa.pt) and [joananrdias@fmv.ulisboa.pt](mailto:joananrdias@fmv.ulisboa.pt).

**2. TYPE AND DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP:**

The research grant is intended to finance the realization, by the grantee, of research activities taking place at FMV-ULisboa, which will be the host institution and contracting entity, which without compromising the work can be carried out in collaboration between more than one institution. The duration of the scholarship is 10 months.

**3. RECIPIENTS OF SCHOLARSHIPS:**

The research grant is intended for the performance of R&D activities to be carried out by PhD students or graduates and masters enrolled in courses non-conferring academic degree.



#### **4. ADMISSIBILITY:**

##### **4.1 Applicant's Admissibility Requirements:**

You may apply for this call:

- Nationals or citizens of other Member States of the European Union;
- Citizens of third states;
- Stateless persons;
- Citizens receiving political refugee status.

To apply for Research Scholarships, it is also necessary to:

- Hold a Master's degree in Biology, Molecular Biology, Biochemistry or related areas;
- PhD enrolment or non-conferring academic degree course in the 2022 or 2023 school year (this registration may be replaced by a declaration of commitment of honour submitted by the candidate, with verification of this condition only in the scholarship process of contractualization).

##### **4.2 Application Admissibility Requirements**

It is essential, under penalty of non-admission to the Call, to attach to the application the following documents:

- Letter of motivation;
- Detailed *curriculum vitae*, complementary training and professional experience, and other supporting documents considered relevant;
- Academic degrees certifications held, specifying the final classification and, if possible, the classifications obtained in all subjects taken, or, alternatively, declaration of honor of the candidate in how he completed the master's degree by the end of the application period;
- Registration of recognition of the academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions and registration of the final classification conversion to the Portuguese classification scale for those degrees, or, alternatively, the candidate's declaration of honor on how (s)he obtained the recognition of the foreign degree equivalent to a graduate or master's degree until the end of the application period;
- Declaration of enrolment in PhD or other course non-conferring academic degree, in the school year 2022 or 2023. This declaration may be replaced by a commitment of honour declaration submitted by the applicant, with verification of this condition only in the scholarship process of contractualization;





- Write the application and all documents associated with it, including the letter of motivation, in Portuguese or English;

The attribution of the scholarship is always dependent on the presentation of the evidence of the ownership of the academic qualifications necessary for the scholarship granting.

Failure to comply with these requirements determines the preliminary rejection of the application.

### **5. WORK PLANS AND SCIENTIFIC ORIENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIP:**

The experimental work will be developed in the Immunology and Microbiology Laboratory of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Lisbon, under the scientific guidance of Dr. Joana Dias, PhD Researcher. The grantee will participate in research activities, in particular in the design, synthesis and cloning of the various antibody constructs; in the production and purification of recombinant antibodies; characterization of antibody-induced immune responses and antitumor response against canine non-Hodgkin lymphoma through cellular assays.

### **6. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND BONUSES**

Two selection methods are used in a phased way: in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase the overall assessment based on the Curricular Assessment (CA) is carried out, in accordance with point 4, accounting for 70% of the final classification, and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase based on the Interview (E) to the 5 best candidates classified in the previous phase, accounting for 30% of the final classification. The final ordering of the candidates who complete the selection methods is performed according to the classification scale from 0 to 20 values, as a result of the weighted arithmetic mean of the quantitative classifications obtained in each selection method. In case of equal classification, the tiebreaker criteria to be adopted are the appreciation of the interview. The candidates have access to the minutes of the jury, which contain the evaluation parameters and their weighting of each of the selection methods to be used, the classification grid and the final valuation system of the method, provided as requested.



## **7. Jury:**

The Jury consists of the following elements:

President:

- Doctor Joana Dias Gomes, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Lisbon, as President;

Effective vowels:

- Doctor Frederico Aires da Silva, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Lisbon;
- Doctor Luís Tavares, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Lisbon.

Alternate vowels:

- Doctor Pedro Bule, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Lisbon;
- Doctor Solange Gil, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Lisbon;

The jury shall assess the applications in accordance with the evaluation criteria contained in this call for applications announcement, considering the elements of evaluation. For each application, a final evaluation report will be produced where it is stated in a clear, coherent and consistent manner the reasoning that led to the scores assigned to each criterion and subcriterion. Minutes of the jury meetings shall be produced and will be responsibility of all its members.

## **8. DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS:**

The results of the evaluation are communicated via e-mail to the email address used by the applicant for the application or indicated in the application.

## **9. DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES OF PRIOR HEARING, COMPLAINT AND APPEAL:**

After communication of the provisional list of the evaluation results, candidates have a period of 10 working days, if they wish, to give their opinion at a prior hearing of interested parties, in accordance with Articles 121. of the Code of Administrative Procedure. A claim may be lodged within 15 working days or, alternatively, an appeal may be lodged within 30 working days, both counted from their notification. Applicants who choose to submit a complaint must address their





pronunciation to the Rector of the University of Lisbon. Applicants who choose to appeal must address the appeal to the funding entity.

## **10. SCHOLARSHIP CONTRACT AND SIGNATURE TERM**

The scholarship contract will be presented in the writing form and must include:

- a) The identification of the grantee and the scientific advisor;
- b) the identification of the host and funder;
- c) the identification of the applicable regulation;
- d) The plan of activities to be developed by the grantee;
- e) An indication of the duration and start date of the scholarship;
- f) The amount of the scholarship.

After receiving all the documents necessary for the conclusion of the contract, the contract shall be signed within 90 working days, suspending the period counting whenever the procedure is halted because it is not attributable to it. In the 15 working days following the date of the reception of the research grant contract, the grantee must return it duly signed. The Scholarship Statute is automatically granted with the conclusion of the contract, always referring to the start date of the scholarship. The 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.

## **11. FINANCING**

The grant allocated under this call is funded by the project "TRIFECTA - Development of a new trispecific antibody for the antitumor immunological targeting of non-Hodgkin lymphoma" (EXPL/CVT-CVT/1285/202), financed by national funds through the state budget/FCT, in accordance with the regulatory provisions set for this purpose.

## **12. SCHOLARSHIP COMPONENTS**

The grantee is awarded the monthly maintenance allowance corresponding to 1144.64€ according to values of the scholarships awarded directly by FCT, I.P. (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores>). All grantees receive personal accident insurance in relation to research activities, supported by FMV-ULisboa/funding entity. All grantees who are not covered by any social protection regime may ensure the exercise of the right to social security by



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adhering to the voluntary social insurance scheme, in accordance with the Code of Contributory Schemes of the Social Security System, ensuring the FMV-ULisboa/funding entity the charges resulting from the contributions in accordance with and with the limits provided for in Article 10 of the Statute of the Research Grantee.

### **13. PAYMENTS OF EXCHANGE COMPONENTS**

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

### **14. POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL ACCESS**

FMV-ULisboa promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, so that no candidate may be privileged, benefited, impaired 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, origin or social condition, genetic heritage, reduced working capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and trade union membership.

### **15. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS**

The Call is governed by this Call for applications, by the Regulation of Research Scholarships of FCT, approved by Regulation No. 950/2019, published in the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Diário da República of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019, of the Regulamento of Research Scholarships of the University of Lisbon, Despacho No. 6238/2020, published in the Diário da República, 2<sup>o</sup> série, no. 113, of June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and updated through Order No. 8061/2022, published in the Diário da República, 2<sup>o</sup> série, no. 126, of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Statute of the Research Grantee (EBI), approved by the Lei No. 40/2004 of August 18<sup>th</sup>, in the drafting in force and by the other applicable National and Community legislation.

Lisbon, 16 November 2022

The President of the Faculty

Rui Manuel de Vasconcelos e Horta Caldeira

(Professor Catedrático)