



UNIVERSIDADE DE LISBOA  
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*Departamento de Sanidade Animal*

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**COMPETITION FOR TWO RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS TO POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES UNDER THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT: "VACDIVA - A SAFE DIVA VACINE FOR AFRICAN SWINE FEVER CONTROL AND ERADICATION", (GRANT AGREEMENT ID: 862874), FINANCED BY EUROPEAN FUNDS THROUGH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION H2020**

The Faculdade de Medicina Veterinária da Universidade de Lisboa (FMV-ULisboa) is calling for applications for a research grant under the subject of the international project "VACDIVA - A SAFE DIVA VACINE FOR AFRICAN SWINE FEVER CONTROL AND ERADICATION", (GRANT AGREEMENT ID: 862874) funded by EU Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme, on the following conditions:

### 1. SCIENTIFIC AREA

Animal Health

### 2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**2.1** National citizens, citizens of other member states of the European Union, citizens of third-countries, stateless persons, beneficiaries of political refugee status and holders of a valid residence permit may apply.

#### **2.2 OBLIGATORY REQUIREMENTS**

PhD in Biological or Veterinary Sciences

Candidates holding a degree abroad must have the degree recognized in Portugal, under the terms of the Decree-Law n.º 66/2018, of 16<sup>th</sup> of August.

### 3. WORK PLAN

The experimental work will be carried out at the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Lisbon, coordinated by Prof. Dr. Fernando Jorge Silvano Boinas and under the scientific supervision of Prof. Dr. Fernando António da Costa Ferreira, where the researchers will participate in obtaining and characterizing mutants of the African swine fever virus (APSF), with the aim of obtaining attenuated vaccine candidates.



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During the fellowship, the Investigators will carry out Cellular and Molecular Biology techniques (e.g., homologous recombination, isolation, expansion and purification of viruses) and techniques that will contribute to the characterization of the morphological aspects and capabilities of the obtained mutants.

#### **4. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS**

Law n.º 40/2004, of August 18 (Statute of Scientific Research Fellows), as amended by Decree-Law n.º 123/2019, of August 28.

Regulation 950/2019 of December 16, 2019 (Regulation of FCT Research Grants, I.P.).

Regulation of Research Grants at the University of Lisbon (Order n.º 3146/2019, of March 21st, updated by Order 6238/2020, of June 1st and Order n.º 8061/2022, of July 1st.

#### **5. WORKPLACE**

The work will be developed at the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases of the Department of Animal Health and at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Animal Health (CIISA) of Faculdade de Medicina Veterinária of Universidade de Lisboa (FMV-ULisboa).

#### **6. GRANT DURATION**

The grants will be awarded for an expected period of 9 months, starting in March 2023 and until the end of the project (31 December 2023).

#### **7. MONTHLY MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE AMOUNT**

The Grant amount is defined as € **1.686,00€** according as defined by FCT, (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/RegulamentoBolsasFCT2019.pdf>) plus social and health insurance under the terms of the Research Fellowship Statute, which will be paid monthly by bank transfer. The selected candidate will perform the duties of a fellow on a full-time basis under the terms of the Research Fellowship Statute.

#### **8. SELECTION AND VALUATION METHODOLOGY**

8.1. Candidates will be evaluated based on the Curriculum Assessment (AC) and the Motivation Letter Assessment (ACM), with the following weightings: Curriculum Assessment (AC) - 80% and Motivation Letter Assessment (ACM) - 20%.





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8.2. The Curriculum Assessment will be expressed on a scale of 0 to 16 values; the Letter of Motivation will be evaluated on a scale of 0 to 4 values.

8.3. In the Curriculum Assessment (AC) of the candidates, their aptitudes will be evaluated, considering Academic Training and Scientific Capacity, being carried out in accordance with the parameters defined in the Jury's minutes, and taking into account the competences expressed by the candidate in the Curriculum Vitae in the following areas:

- Academic Training 60%;
- Scientific Capacity 20%.

8.4. When evaluating the Letter of Motivation, an objective and systematic assessment will be made of the candidate's motivation, the relevance of the scholarship in their personal project, the adequacy of the candidate's profile to the definite work, expression and written fluency.

8.5. The final ranking of the candidates is carried out according to the rating scale from 0 to 20 values, as a result of the sum of the quantitative ratings obtained. In case of equal classification, the tie-breaking criterion to be adopted is the classification obtained in the curricular evaluation (AC).

8.6. Candidates have access to the jury's minutes, which contain the evaluation parameters and respective weighting, the classification grid and the final evaluation system of the method, provided they request them.

## **9. COMPOSITION OF THE SELECTION JURY**

President: Doutor Fernando Jorge Silvano Boinas, Associate Professor with Habilitation of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Lisbon;

Effective vowels:

Doutor Carlos Manuel Lopes Vieira Martins, Emeritus and Full Professor of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Lisbon;

Doutor Fernando António da Costa Ferreira, Assistant Professor of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Lisbon;



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Substitute Members:

Doutor José Alexandre da Costa Perdigão e Cameira Leitão, Assistant Investigator with Habilitation of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Lisbon;

Doutor Virgílio da Silva Almeida, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Lisbon.

The jury will assess the applications in accordance with the selection methods set out in this call for tenders, weighing the assessment elements. 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 are clearly, coherently and consistently presented. Minutes of the jury meetings will be produced by the responsibility of all its members.

#### **10. FORM OF PUBLICATION/NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS**

The final ranking list will be sent by email, ordered by final grade obtained, to the email address indicated in the respective Curriculum Vitae.

The candidates have a period of 10 working days to, if they wish, to make their comments during a prior hearing of interested parties, under the terms of articles 121 and following of the Administrative Procedure Code.

Candidates who choose to submit a complaint must direct their pronouncement to the Rector of the University of Lisbon.

#### **11. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS AND FORM OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

The call is open between **6<sup>th</sup> of January of 2023 and 20<sup>th</sup> of January of 2023.**

As Applications must be formalized, mandatory, by sending an application form along with the following documents:

- Motivation Letter;
- Detailed *Curriculum Vitae*, additional training and professional experience, and other supporting documents considered relevant;
- Certificate proving the required qualification;
- Registration of recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions and registration of the conversion of the respective final classification to the Portuguese classification scale, or, alternatively, declaration of honor from the candidate in



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which he requested the recognition of the foreign degree equivalent to that of doctorate by the end of the application period;

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

- Declaration on honor that the candidate does not exceed, with the conclusion of this contract, an accumulated period of five years in that condition, consecutive or interpolated, in the scientific and technological system, and that the research work that led to the attribution of the degree of doctor were developed in a host entity different from the entity where the research work will be carried out.

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

The submission of supporting documents for the application provided for in this tender opening notice must be submitted, obligatorily, by email to [fboinas@fmv.ulisboa.pt](mailto:fboinas@fmv.ulisboa.pt).

Lisbon, 6<sup>th</sup> of January of 2023

The Dean of FMV-ULisboa

Rui Manuel de Vasconcelos e Horta Caldeira  
(Professor Catedrático)