

Research Scholarship (MSc holder) (1 vacancy)
Reference: EXTRATOTECA_Bi-Msc_2019-052

A competition is open for the attribution of a Research Scholarship for M.Sc holders (BI-Mestre) in the framework of the project in co-promotion “Extratoteca- Extratos de Microalgas com Elevado Valor-Acrescentado”, with the reference nº: 634588, financed by Portugal 2020 and FEDER, according to the following conditions:

1. **Scientific area:** Biological Sciences
2. **Admission requirements:** The candidates are required to hold a Master degree in a subject related to Biological Sciences. The candidates should have strong experience in cultivation of cyanobacteria and production of extracts.
3. **Work plan:** The work will involve the isolation and cultivation of cyanobacteria and microalgae, maintenance of LEGE-CC (Blue Biotechnology and Ecotoxicology Culture Collection), and production of extracts. Project management activities, dissemination of the results and communication activities are also included in the working plan.
4. **Legislation and official rules:** Law nº. 40/2004, 18th August (Research Fellowship and Studentship Regulation) amended and republished by Decreto-Lei n.º 202/2012, 27th August; Regulations for Studentships and Fellowships of the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P. and CIIMAR Grants Regulation.
5. **Work place:** The selected candidate will be working under the scientific supervision of Prof Vitor Vasconcelos at the Blue Biotechnology and Ecotoxicology Team, at CIIMAR.
6. **Duration of the grant:** The position has the duration of 12 months, under the regime of exclusive dedication, eventually renewable according to legal terms. The position is anticipated to start in January 2020.
7. **Monthly maintenance stipend:** The monthly maintenance allowance is 989,70 €, in agreement with the monthly maintenance stipend table of the grants directly attributed by FCT, I.P. within the country (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores.phtml.pt>).

8. **Selection methods:** A global assessment of the candidates will be carried out by evaluation of scientific and curricular achievements. The candidates will be ranked (1 to 10 values) according to the following criteria:
- i) Academic performance (overall evaluation taking into account the levels of university degrees, their suitability for the position and performance of the candidate in each of these degrees, and scientific publications) - 20%
 - i) Experience in the field of isolation and cultivation of cyanobacteria and microalgae, and production of extracts - 70%
 - ii) An overall appreciation of the candidate motivation and interest in the research field, taking into consideration the motivation letter, and any other curriculum elements or transcripts that may help in this regard - 10%

The candidate with the highest score will be selected for the position, provided that such score exceeds seven (7) values. In the event of a tie between the scores of the top candidates, and provided such scores are greater than 7, an interview will be conducted with these candidates to allow the selection of a single candidate. The selection will be based on the vote of each member of the jury in relation to the most suitable candidate for the position and, in the event of a tie, the vote of the jury president shall prevail.

The position may not be awarded if the expected candidate quality is not met.

9. **Composition of the jury:**

President of the jury: Mariana Reis, PhD

Vogal: Graciliana Lopes, PhD

Vogal: Rosário Martins, PhD

10. **Form of Advertising/notification of the results:** The final results of the evaluation will be sent through a list sorting the candidates according to their attributed mark, by e-mail and available in CIIMAR website; in case of disagreement, the candidates have a 10-working day term in which to contest the decision, if he/she so wishes, as provided for in the Código do Procedimento Administrativo in a preliminary hearing setting. The jury reserves the right to not assign the contract depending on the quality of the applications.

11. Deadline for application and presentation of applications:

The competition is open from **18th to 29th November 2019**. The applications must be formalized, compulsorily, by sending the following documents:

- Detailed Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of the eligibility certificates
- Letter of motivation emphasising past research activities and its relevance to the current project
- Any other document that the applicant may recognize as relevant.

by e-mail addressed to Mariana Reis (mreis@ciimar.up.pt) with CC to mgalvao@ciimar.up.pt with **EXTRATOTECA_Bi-Msc_2019-052** in the subject line. The applications that do not include all the elements previously indicated will not be considered.