

## RESEARCH GRANT FOR MSc HOLDER – (BI-M) (1 vacancy)

Reference: **CVMAR+i/BI-Mestre/2017-038**

A competition is open for the attribution of 1 Research Grant (BM) in the framework of the project ***CVMar+i – Inovação industrial através de colaborações específicas entre empresas e centros de investigação no contexto de valorização biotecnológica marinha*** with the reference **0302\_CVMAR\_I\_1\_P**, financed by **Fundo Europeu de Desenvolvimento Regional, Programa Interreg V – Espanha-Portugal (POCTEP)**, according to the following conditions:

**1. Scientific area:** Pharmacological sciences - pharmacognosy  
Microbiology / Natural Products

**2. Admission requirements:**

The candidates must hold a Master degree in a discipline related to Biological or Chemical Sciences and experience in either microalgae culturing or natural products isolation. Candidates should be fluent in English, written and spoken.

**3. Work plan:**

The work will involve research and communication/outreach activities, namely the preparation of cultures of microorganisms, biomass harvest, preparation of extracts and fractions, isolation and characterization of extracted compounds, writing up results in the form of scientific manuscripts and reports, communication of the project's results to partners and stakeholders, and participation in project meetings.

**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. — 2015 and CIIMAR Grants Regulation.

**5. Work place:**

The work will be carried out at CIIMAR under the scientific supervision of Prof. Vitor Vasconcelos.

**6. Duration of the grant:**

Duration of six (6) months, starting in December, 2017, under the regime of exclusive dedication, eventually renewable according to legal terms.

## **7. Monthly maintenance stipend:**

The monthly maintenance allowance is 980 € (nine-hundred and eighty Euros), in agreement with the monthly maintenance stipend table of the grants directly attributed by FCT, I.P. within the country (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/RegulamentoBolsasFCT2015.pdf>)

## **8. Selection methods:**

The ranking of candidates will be performed by a global evaluation based on the evaluation of the Curriculum Vitae and supporting documents. This evaluation will take into account: i) academic performance (global appreciation taking into account the University-level degrees, their appropriateness to the position as well as the performance of the candidate in each of such degrees), ranked from 0 to 10 with a relative weight of 30% and ii) the experience in the field of study (microalgal biology and/or natural products chemistry), ranked from 0 to 10 and with a relative weight of 50% and iii) a global appreciation of the motivation of the candidate and interest in the field of research, taking into account the motivation letter, the reference letters and any other element in the CV or transcripts that can help in this regard (ranked from 0 to 10 and with a relative weight of 20%).

The candidate with the highest score will be offered the position, provided that such score is above seven (7) values. In the case of a tie between the scores of the top candidates, and provided that such scores are higher than 7 values, an interview will be performed to these candidates to allow for the selection of a single candidate. The selection will be based on the vote of each member of the jury regarding the most adequate candidate for the position, and, in the case of a tie in the vote, the vote of the president of the jury will prevail.

## **9. Composition of the jury:**

President of the jury: Pedro Leão, PhD

Vogal: Ralph Urbatzka, PhD

Vogal: Mariana Reis, PhD

## **10. Form of Advertising/notification of the results:**

The final results of the evaluation will be published through a list sorting the candidates according to their attributed mark, on the CIIMAR website and by e-mail; 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 grant depending on the quality of the applications.

## **11. Deadline for application and presentation of applications:**

The competition is open from **30th October until 13th November 2017**. The applications must be formalized, compulsorily, by sending the following documents:

- detailed Curriculum vitae
- copy of the eligibility certificates
- motivation letter
- contact e-mail address and phone number
- indication of the reference of the competition (as indicated in this announcement)
- Detailed description of the projects or works that the candidate developed that will be important to demonstrate the adequacy to the function (experience in either microalgae culturing or natural products isolation and fluency in English).
- Any other documents that the candidates may recognize as relevant.

The applications must be sent by **postal mail** to Emília Afonso, CIIMAR – Centro Interdisciplinar de Investigação Marinha e Ambiental, Terminal de Cruzeiros do Porto de Leixões, **and simultaneously by e-mail** to: [secretariado@ciimar.up.pt](mailto:secretariado@ciimar.up.pt). The applications that do not include all the elements previously indicated will not be considered.

In case none of the candidates prove to have the profile indicated for carrying out the work plan, the jury reserves the right not to award the grant to the competition.