

RESEARCH GRANT (BI) (1 vacancy)

Reference: 2023_092_BI_AFRICoV

A competition is open for the attribution of 1 Research Grant in the framework of the project "AFRICoV - Genomic surveillance of SARS-CoV-2(-like) viruses in African bushmeat markets, and perceptions of health risks related to COVID-19 and bushmeat consumption", within the R&D Institution CIIMAR (Interdisciplinary Centre of Marine and Environmental Research), with the reference ANRS COV06 AFRICoV (agreement n° 20423), supported by the French Research Agency ANRS, according to the following conditions:

- 1. Scientific area:** Biological Sciences
- 2. Admission requirements:**

We seek a master's student presently enrolled in a master's Program, preferably in Genetics, Molecular Biology, Biotechnology, Bioinformatics or similar.

The candidate will aim to write it Master's Thesis in a subject relating to the referred project above.

The candidate can also have already a degree and be enrolled in a non-degree course integrated in the educational project of a higher education institution, developed in association or cooperation with one or several R&D units. If the applicant is not yet enrolled, she/he must meet the requirements to register; enrolment will be mandatory and proof necessary only at the moment of scholarship contracting.

Note: In the case of enrolment in courses that do not confer academic degree, the research grant can only be awarded to those who do not exceed, with the signing of the research grant contract in question, including possible renewals, an accumulated period of two years in this type of grant, consecutive or interpolated.

Academic degrees awarded by a foreign higher education institution must comply with the provisions of Decree-Law no. 66/2018 of 16th August, which approves the legal regime of recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of Higher Education, attributed by foreign higher education institutions, being any formalities established therein fulfilled only by the date of the contracting act.

3. Work plan:

A working plan is anticipated for a period of approximately 4 months which is summarized as follows:

- i. Genomic and bioinformatic analyses of SARS-CoV-2(-like) viruses in African bushmeat markets, and related inferences assisting the perception of health risks related to COVID-19 and bushmeat consumption.

4. Legislation and official rules:

Law n.º. 40/2004, 18th August (Research Fellowship and Studentship Regulation); Regulations for Studentships and Fellowships of the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P. and CIIMAR Grants Regulation.

5. Work place:

The work will be carried out at CIIMAR/FCUP under the scientific supervision of Prof. Agostinho Antunes.

6. Duration of the grant:

Duration of 4 months, starting September 2023, under the regime of exclusive dedication, eventually renewable according to legal terms, up to the end of the project.

7. Monthly maintenance stipend:

The monthly maintenance allowance is €930,98 (Tax Free), in agreement with the monthly maintenance stipend table of the grants directly attributed by FCT, I.P. (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM_2023.pdf).

8. Selection methods:

The ranking of candidates will be performed by a global evaluation based on:

- Evaluation of the Curriculum Vitae - merit of the academic curriculum and performance: global appreciation considering the BSc degree, further enrolled studies, and its appropriateness to the position as well as the performance of the candidate in such degree(s) - 50%;
 - Relevant experience and qualification for the proposed research area - 50%;
- The jury reserves the right to not assign the research grant if none of the candidates meets all requirements and matches the desired profile.

9. Composition of the jury selection:

President of the jury: Prof. Agostinho Antunes

Vogal: Prof. Miguel Santos

Vogal: Dr. Guillermin Aguero-Chapin

10. Form of Advertising/notification of 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 **10 until 24 august 2023**. The applications must be formalized, compulsorily, by sending the following documents:

- detailed Curriculum vitae
- copy of the eligibility certificates
- motivation letter
- reference contact information of current and past supervisors
- contact e-mail address and phone number
- indication of the reference of the competition (as indicated in this announcement)

The applications must be sent by e-mail to: rh@ciimar.up.pt , with the reference **2023_092_BI_AFRICoV** in the subject line. The applications that do not include all the elements previously indicated will not be considered.

12. Non-discrimination and equal access policy: CIIMAR actively promotes a non-discrimination and equal access policy, wherefore no candidate can be privileged, benefited, impaired or deprived of any rights whatsoever, or be exempt of any duties based on their ancestry, age, sex, sexual preference, marital status, family and economic conditions, instruction, origin or social conditions, genetic heritage, reduced work capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, origin territory, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and union membership.

Pursuant to Decree-Law no. 29/2001 of 3 February, disabled candidates shall be preferred in a situation of equal classification, and said preference supersedes any legal preferences. Candidates must declare, on their honour, their respective disability degree, type of disability and communication/expression means to be used during selection period on their application form, under the regulations above.