RESEARCH GRANT FOR PHD HOLDER (BPD) (1 vacancy)

Reference: VALORMAR/BPD/2019-040

A competition is open for the attribution of 1 Research Grant in the framework of the project “VALORMAR - Valorização integral dos recursos marinhos: potencial, inovação tecnológica e novas aplicações”, contract n.º 2018/024517 with reference POCI-01-0247-FEDER-024517, supported by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) through the I&DT Empresarial - Programas Mobilizadores, and by the European Social Fund (ESF), according to the following conditions:

1. **Scientific area**: Biological Sciences

2. **Admission requirements**
   The candidate must accomplish the following requisites:
   - A PhD in the field of Biological, Biomedical or Animal Sciences, or in a related field;
   - Expertise in fish rearing and sampling, as well as in infection trials.
   - Knowledge of haematological and immunological techniques, autonomous in molecular biology techniques, cell culture and statistics.
   - Candidates should speak and write English fluently and have experience in scientific writing.

   Preferred conditions are previous experience in: analysis of samples for molecular biology, autonomous in cell culture and techniques for assessment immune response in leucocytes, autonomous in statistical methods.

   In the event the doctorate degree was awarded by a foreign higher education institution, said degree must comply with the provisions of Decree-Law no. 341/2007 of 12th October, and all formalities established therein must be complied with at the application deadline.

3. **Work plan**:
   The candidate will be responsible for fish feeding trials, samples collection and lab processing; fish bacterial challenge; in vitro trials with primary cell culture and sample processing; data processing and statistical analysis as well as report writing.
Discussion of the obtained results, production of respective reports and dissemination activities are also included.

4. Legislation and official rules:
Law nº. 40/2004, 18th August (Research Fellowship and Studentship Regulation) and amended 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 work will be carried out at CIIMAR, Nutrition and Immunology group (NUTRIMU), under the scientific supervision of Doutor Benjamin Costas.

6. Duration of the grant:
Duration of six (6) months, starting October 2019, under the regime of exclusive dedication, eventually renewable according to legal terms.

7. Monthly maintenance stipend:
The monthly maintenance allowance is €1509,80 (one thousand five hundred and nine Euros and eighty cents – Tax Free), 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.en).

8. Selection methods:
The ranking of candidates will be performed by a global evaluation based on:
- Evaluation of the Curriculum Vitae -30%;
- Experience in the research field-30%;
- Interview -40% (Only the short-listed candidates will be interviewed).
The jury reserves the right to not assign the research grant if none of the candidates meets all requirements and match the desired profile.

9. Composition of the jury selection:
President of the jury: Doutor Benjamín Costas
Vogal: Doutor Sergio Fernández Boo
Vogal: Doutor Maria Rita Azeredo
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 to contest the decision, if he/she so wishes, as provided for in the Código do Procedimento Administrativo in a preliminary hearing setting.
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Based on the final list, a reserve list will be established, which will be used for the eventual attribution of new research grants under this project.

11. Deadline for application and presentation of applications:
The competition is open from 13th September until 26 September 2019. The applications must be formalized, compulsorily, by sending the following documents:
- detailed Curriculum vitae in English or Portuguese including e-mail address and phone number, and mentioning clearly the academic grades and the relevant research experience;
- copy of the eligibility certificates
- motivation letter
- indication of the reference of the competition (as indicated in this announcement)

The applications must be sent by e-mail to: mgalvao@ciimar.up.pt and bcostas@ciimar.up.pt. The applications that do not include all the elements previously indicated will not be considered.