



## **Call for Applications to PhD Scholarships In the framework of the PhD Programme BioSys – Biological Systems - Functional & Integrative Genomics**

The PhD Program in Biological Systems - Functional & Integrative Genomics (BioSys) was selected in the framework of the FCT PhD Programmes Call opened by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology IP (FCT, IP). It was awarded with 11 PhD scholarships for each edition of the Programme.

In the framework of this call, it is up to the Supervisory Committee of the Programme to select the students to whom these scholarships funded by FCT, IP will be awarded. The scholarships contracts will be concluded directly with FCT.

Thus in accordance with the Research Grant Holder Statute, approved by Law no. 40/2004 of August 18, in its current wording, and the Regulations for Fellowships and Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, the BioSys Supervisory Committee opens a call for:

### **11 INDIVIDUAL PhD SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **CANDIDATES**

PhD Scholarships are intended for individuals who meet the requirements set forth in Article 30, paragraph 1, of [Decree Law nº 74/2006](#), of March 24, as amended by Decree-Law No. 107/2008 of June 25, and 230/2009 of September 14. These grants have the duration of one year, renewable for up to a maximum of four years, and cannot be awarded for periods of less than six consecutive months.

The following individuals may apply for this program:

- Portuguese citizens, or citizens of other European Union member states;
- Citizens of other countries who hold permanent residence permits in Portugal or who hold the status of long-term resident, under the terms of [Law 23/2007](#) of July 4, amended by Law No. 29/2012 of August 9;
- Citizens of other European Union member states or other countries, whose applications are made in the framework of agreements or international partnerships in which the Portuguese state is a part or has committed itself to abide;
- Citizens of other European Union member states or other countries, through a preliminary personal interview;
- For grants in which the work program is to be totally or partially carried out in foreign institutions, only Portuguese citizens or individuals who hold the permanent resident status in Portugal are eligible to apply.

#### **PERIOD OF APPLICATIONS**

The call is open between August 7<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup> 2017.



## APPLICATION PROCESS

The applications should be sent to [biosysapply@fc.ul.pt](mailto:biosysapply@fc.ul.pt), using the application form available at website BioSys.

Candidates have to hold their academic degree by the deadline of this call. **If these conditions are not fulfilled the grant will not be awarded.**

## EVALUATION

The evaluation of proposals is carried out in three phases, by assessing the merit of each candidate and producing a ranked list of candidates.

**First phase:** After the reception of the applications, a pre-assessment will be made to check whether each application conforms to the eligibility taking into account the admission criteria.

**Second phase:** After a positive pre-evaluation, the Selection Committee will evaluate and rank the applications (using a scale of min mark – 1 and max – 5), based on the following 3 main criteria:

- A. **Academic qualifications (weight - 4)**
- B. **Research experience (weight - 4)**
- C. **Scientific potential (weight - 2)**

The Selection Committee may decide to implement sub criteria within the above three criteria to account for issues that the Committee should consider in the assessment of the relevant criterion. After each student is evaluated against the above evaluation criteria, the candidates will be ordered in a graded list. The outcome of the selection process will be communicated to the successful candidates and will also be displayed in the BioFIG/FCUL websites.

**Third phase:** The best 24 candidates or top 25% ones (whichever is a lower number) will be invited for an interview (face-to-face or through video conference).

The interview has two parts. Firstly, each candidate will be interviewed during an initial admission assessment (IAA) interview by at least 3 members of the Selection Committee. This is a 15 min interview which invited candidates must successfully pass in order to be eligible to join the BioSys programme.

Everybody who passes this interview is, in principle, eligible to enter the Biosys PhD programme, and will be interviewed further in one-on-one interviews with PIs/supervisors from the chosen units/topics, which constitutes part 2 of the interview. Each PI/supervisor will be responsible for selecting the successful candidate(s) for the position(s) that he/she has proposed among those who have received a Pass in the IAA.

The studentships that become available through renunciation or other reasons may be assigned to the next candidates on the reserve list, following the priority order.

## PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

The results of the selection process will be published at website BioSys. In the case of an unfavorable award decision, the applicant has a period of 10 working days after disclosure, to contest the decision, as provided for in the Portuguese *Código do Procedimento Administrativo*. The final decision may be appealed to the Steering Committee within 15 working days after the notification.



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Any cases not addressed in the present call are covered by the Regulations for Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, available at:

<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento2012.phtml.en>.

Detailed information is available at website BioSys. Any inquiries should be addressed to:

[biosysinfo@fc.ul.pt](mailto:biosysinfo@fc.ul.pt).

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