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Superior de Agronomia (ISA)

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## 1. Job description

## Job:

PhD Scholarship

**Job/Fellowship Reference:** DeSIRA\_Soils - PhD Scholarship

**Main research field:** Agricultural sciences

**Sub research field:**

**Job summary:**

## Notice

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## Scientific area

Agronomy; Plant science; Crop science

## Eligibility criteria

- A MSc degree in Agronomy, Plant Science, Crop Science or related area
- Experience in using software to conduct statistical analyses

## Specific requirements

- Good expertise in English
- Good communication skills with peers and local farmers
- Willingness to undertake long-term fieldwork in Guinea-Bissau
- Willingness to learn Guinea Bissau kriol

- Preference will be given to applicants who have previous experience in rural Africa

#### **Work Plan**

After the PhD academic year at ISA, the successful candidate will participate in the activities of the project "Mangrove, mangrove rice and mangrove people - sustainably improving rice production, ecosystems and livelihoods", namely: a) Soil samples collection at Guinea-Bissau for fertility and toxicity analyses at ISA (possibly some in Guinea-Bissau), development of compost production techniques for soil fertility and aquaculture, and participatory trials in farmers' fields and ProGB experimentation fields in Guinea-Bissau; b) Team work with other PhD students of the project; c) Writing up agronomic and interdisciplinary articles with other PhD students of the project. The final year will be spent at ISA concluding data analysis and writing the final version of the articles and thesis.

#### **Applicable law and regulation**

Research Fellowship Holder Statute, approved by Law no. 40/2004, of 18 August, subsequently amended and republished by Decree-law no. 202/2012, of 27 August, later updated by Decree-Law no. 233/2012, of 29 October, by Law no. 12/2013, 29 January, and by Decree-Law no. 89/2013, of 9 July, and by Decree-Law n.º 123/2019, of 28 August.

#### **Workplace and scientific supervision**

Notwithstanding any displacements that may be required within the scope of the tasks to be performed, the first 9 months will be spent at ISA, Portugal (dedicated to the academic training and PhD experimental work program elaboration). The second and third years will be carried out in Guinea-Bissau (field trials and sample and data collection), but some time may be spent at ISA-ULisboa and/or Wageningen University (WUR, The Netherlands). The final writing of the thesis will take place at ISA during the fourth year.

The PhD will be conducted under the supervision of Professors Nuno Cortez (ISA) and Luis Goulão (ISA), with informal collaboration of the PI of the project (Dr. Marina Padrão Temudo of ISA).

**Beneficiaries:** Who can apply to this call:

- National citizens or citizens of other EU Member States.
- Citizens of third-party states, holders of a valid residence permit or beneficiaries of a long-term VISA in any EU Member States at the time of the signature of the contract.

#### **Duration of the scholarship:**

The duration of the scholarship is annual, renewable to a maximum of four years, and will start at the beginning of the academic year 2020-2021.

#### **Benefits**

The amount paid will be in accordance with the scholarship values' table awarded directly by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) Research Fellowship Regulation, published in the Regulamento N° 950/2019, Diário da República No. 241, Series II, 16 Dezembro. The value of the scholarship will be € 1 074,64 (one thousand, seventy-four euros and sixty-four cents) during the research period in Portugal and € 1 883,65 (one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-three euros and sixty-five cents) while abroad. The tuition fees will also be covered by the project budget.

While in Portugal or Guinea-Bissau the doctoral candidate will be entitled to personal accident insurance and, if not covered by any social protection scheme, can ensure the exercise of the right to social security by joining the voluntary social insurance scheme, under the terms of Code of Contributory Regimes of the Social Security System.

The cost of one travel to Europe per year will be supported during the fieldwork period in Guinea-Bissau.

#### **Selection methods and their valuation**

The selection methods to be used will include grading on a scale of 0 to 20 based on the following components: curriculum assessment (70%) and motivation letter (30%).

The candidates' CV will be evaluated considering the following parameters: Relevance of the training area, including the preferential criteria (40%), relevance of professional experience (40%), scientific publications (20%).

By decision of the jury, the top three pre-selected candidates may be invited to a skype interview. In this final evaluation phase, the first assessment component will weigh 70% and the interview will weigh 30%.

The jury may not award the scholarship if no candidate with the appropriate profile is found.

#### **Jury Composition of the call**

President – Nuno Renato da Silva Cortez (Assistant Professor at the School of Agriculture of the University of Lisbon)

Effective Member – Luís Filipe Sanches Goulão (Assistant Professor at the School of Agriculture of the University of Lisbon)

Effective Member – Davide Figueiro (Assistant Professor at the School of Agriculture of the

University of Lisbon)

Substitute Member – Ana Cabral (Senior Researcher at the School of Agriculture of the University of Lisbon)

Substitute Member - Marina Padrão Temudo (Senior Researcher at the School of Agriculture of the University of Lisbon)

#### **Form of publicity / notification of results**

The results will be communicated to all candidates by email.

#### **Application Deadline**

The call is open from 25.05.2020 to 12.06.2020.

#### **Documentation to be submitted**

- Detailed curriculum vitae;
- Motivation letter;
- Copy of the certificate (s) of academic qualifications with the final grade and grade obtained.

The omission of any of the elements will be reason for exclusion of the contest.

The documentation must be sent by email to the e-mail addresses: [nunocortez@isa.ulisboa.pt](mailto:nunocortez@isa.ulisboa.pt) and [filipazacarias@isa.ulisboa.pt](mailto:filipazacarias@isa.ulisboa.pt), indicating the reference DeSIRA\_Soils

21th May 2020 – The President of Instituto Superior de Agronomia, Professor Doutor António Guerreiro de Brito

**Vacant posts:** 1

**Type of contract:** Other

**Job country:** Portugal

**Job city:** Lisboa

**Job company/institute:** Instituto Superior de Agronomia

**Application deadline:** 12 Junho 2020

*(The Application's deadline must be confirmed on the Job Description)*

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## **2. Dados de contactos da organização**

### **2. Organization contact data**

**Organization/institute:** Universidade de Lisboa - Instituto Superior de Agronomia (ISA)

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Lisboa - 1349 – 017 LISBOA  
Portugal

**Email:** [filipazacarias@isa.ulisboa.pt](mailto:filipazacarias@isa.ulisboa.pt)

**Website:** <http://www.isa.ulisboa.pt>

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