

Notice of Call for Research Scholarship

The School of Agriculture (ISA) of the University of Lisbon opens a call for applications for the award of one Research Scholarship, for the level of Ms.D. holders, within the project **MALMON - Mangrove, mangrove rice and mangrove people - sustainably improving rice production, ecosystems and livelihoods (FOOD/2019/412-700)**, funded by the European Commission **within the DeSIRA_GB initiative**, under the conditions specified below.

1. Type, duration and expected beginning of the scholarship

The call is open for one research scholarship for holders of master's degree enrolled in courses that do not confer an academic degree, for a period of 12 months, scheduled to start on April 1st, 2023.

2. Work plan, work place and supervision

The successful candidate will participate in the activities of the project "MALMON - Mangrove, mangrove rice and mangrove people - sustainably improving rice production, ecosystems and livelihoods", with the aim of identifying the impact of diverse land use practices on mangrove conservation.

The main tasks are: a) Field sampling of selected plants from the two main species of mangroves in Guiné-Bissau, including sampling plot characterization and preparation of plant stem (wood and bark) and leaf samples for further analysis; b) anatomical characterization and chemical analysis of the mangrove samples; c) evaluation of the use of mangrove plants by the local communities, including quantification of removals and characterization of uses. Tasks a) and c) will be carried out in Guiné-Bissau, in the project's study areas, and task b) will be carried out in the laboratories of Centro de Estudos Florestais (ISA). The period in Guinea-Bissau is estimated to a maximum of 3 months, where the candidate will live in rural villages with the other project researchers.

The research work will be supervised by the project coordinator Marina Temudo and by prof. Helena Pereira.

3. Scholarship beneficiaries

This call is open to national citizens or citizens of other EU Member States, and to 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.

The call is open to holders of a master degree in academic fields in agricultural, environmental or natural sciences or equivalent. The applicant should have experience and ease in communicating, and previous experience in laboratory work will be valued.

The applicant must be enrolled in a course that do not confer an academic degree at the time of scholarship contract.

4. Submission of applications

Applications are mandatorily made by sending an application letter, by e-mail, with the reference "**DeSIRA Mangrove**", accompanied by the following documents:

- a) detailed curriculum vitae (CV);
- b) motivation letter; and
- c) copy of qualifications certificate with grades and other supporting documents considered relevant.

In the case of a master's degree carried out abroad, the candidate must attach a copy of its recognition in Portugal.

Proof of enrolment in a course has to be given at the date of the effective contracting;

If the qualification was granted by a foreign higher education institution, it will have to be recognized by a Portuguese higher education institution or by the Directorate-General for Higher Education (DGES, only in case of automatic recognition), under the terms of Decree-Law nr. 341/2007, of 12 October, regulated by Notice nr. 227/2017, of July 25 and updated by Decree-Law Nr. 66/2018, published in Diário da República, 1st series, nr. 157, of August 16, 2018. For more information, see DGES portal (<http://www.dges.gov.pt>). This diploma recognition may be replaced by the applicant's declaration of honour that the candidate has completed the required degree by the deadline for the application. The diploma recognition is required only for the scholarship contracting.

The documentation must be sent to the following e-mail addresses: marinatemudo@gmail.com, anaicabral@isa.ulisboa.pt, hpereira@gmail.com, with the reference DeSIRA Mangrove

5. Application deadline

The application period will run from **01 to 14 March 2023.**

6. Scholarship benefits

The value of the scholarship will be **930,98€** during the research period in Portugal and **1.692,52€** while abroad, according to the table of values of monthly maintenance allowances, fixed in annex I of the Scholarship Regulation of the University of Lisbon in the wording given by Order No.8061/2022, July 1. The scholarship holder 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. All travel and stay expenses in Guiné-Bissau will be covered by the project.

7. Scholarship renewal terms and conditions

The scholarship is set for the period of 12 months without renewal.

8. Evaluation criteria

The selection methods include grading on a scale of 0 to 20 of the following components: curriculum vitae (CV) assessment (70%) and motivation letter (30%). The CV will be evaluated for relevance of the training area (40%), professional experience (40%), and other skills (20%).

By decision of the evaluation committee, the top three pre-selected candidates may be invited to a remote interview. In this final evaluation phase, the first assessment component will weigh 60% and the interview 40%.

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

9. Evaluation committee

President – Marina Padrão Temudo

Effective member – Helena Margarida Nunes Pereira

Effective member – Ana Isabel Rosa Cabral

Additional member – Luís Sanches Goulão

Additional member – Teresa Maria Gonçalves Quilhó Marques dos Santos

10. Disclosure of results

The final results of the evaluation will be communicated to all candidates by e-mail and publicized through an alphabetically ordered list of the final evaluation grades, posted in a visible and public place of the Instituto Superior de Agronomia.

11. Terms and procedures for prior hearing, claim and appeal

After communicating the provisional list of the evaluation results, the candidates with an unfavorable decision project to the scholarship granting have a period of 10 working days to do, if they wish, their statements in the preliminary hearing of interested parties, pursuant to articles 121 and following the Code of Administrative Procedure. The final decision will be taken after the analysis of the statements presented during the prior hearing of interested parties.

12. Scholarship agreement model and final reports

12.1 . The scholarship contract must include:

- a) The identification of the scholarship holder and the scientific advisor or coordinator;
- b) The identification of the host and financial entities;
- c) The applicable legislation, set in the Regulation of Scholarships of the University of Lisbon in the wording given by Order Nr.8061/2022, July 1;
- d) The plan of activities to be developed by the scholarship holder;
- e) Indication of the duration and start date of the grant.

12. 2. The scholarship contract will be made in writing and a copy will be sent to the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) for inclusion in the national register of scholarship holders.

12. 3. The Scholarship Holder Status is automatically granted with the signing of the contract, always referring to the start date of the scholarship.

12.4. The scholarship holder must submit to ISA, within 60 working days after the end of the scholarship, in electronic format, a final report of the activities developed and results obtained, including communications, publications and scientific creations resulting from the developed activity, and respective URL addresses, accompanied by an evaluation report from the supervisors.

13. Non-discrimination and equal access policy

No candidate may be privileged, benefited, harmed or deprived of any right or exempt from any duty due, in particular, to ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family situation, economic situation, education, origin or social condition, genetic heritage, reduced work capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and union membership.

14. Applicable legislation and regulation

Statute of the Scientific Research Fellow, approved by Law nr. 40/2004, published in Diário da República nr. 194/2004, Series I-A, 2004-08-18, in the wording given by Decree-Law nr. 123 / 2019, of August 28, and Regulation of Scholarships of the University of Lisbon in the wording given by Order Nr.8061/2022, July 1.

Authorized on February 27, 2023 by the President of Instituto Superior de Agronomia, Professor António Guerreiro de Brito.