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Job Information

Organisation/Company	Centro de Engenharia Biológica da Universidade do Minho
Department	Engenharia Biológica
Research Field	Biological sciences » Biological engineering
Researcher Profile	First Stage Researcher (R1)
Positions	Master Positions
Country	Portugal
Application Deadline	17 Jul 2024 - 23:59 (Europe/Lisbon)

Type of Contract	Temporary
Job Status	Full-time
Hours Per Week	35
Is the job funded through the EU Research Framework Programme?	Horizon Europe (other)
Is the Job related to staff position within a Research Infrastructure?	No

Offer Description

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE AWARD OF A RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Research Fellowship (1 vacancy)

CEB-BI-28-2024

A call for applications is now open for the attribution of 1 research grant within the scope of the R&D project, Microbes-4-Climate: Microbial services addressing climate change risks for biodiversity and for agricultural and forestry ecosystems: enabling curiosity-driven research and advancing frontier knowledge (Grant agreement N° 10113181), financed by Horizon Europe - HORIZON-INFRA-2023-SERV-01, under the following conditions:

Scientific Area: Environmental or sustainability sciences, technology and education

Recipient category: PhD Students

Requirement for granting the fellowship:

- The applicants may apply without prior registration in the course for which the fellowship is open. The requirement to enroll in a degree course will be verified on the date of contracting the fellowship.
- Only fellowships whose selected applicants present a valid proof of enrollment in a degree course will be contracted, according to the type of the fellowship, issued by the academic services of the Higher Education Institution, indicating, respectively, the academic year or its duration (star and term).

Candidates profile:

a) Have a Bachelor's or Master's degree in the scientific area of environmental science or technology or sustainability;

b) Be enrolled in a course leading to a PhD degree at the University of Minho (at the date of contracting), in the area of Engineering, Education or Child Studies with a theme which addresses Sustainable Development, as well as presenting proof of academic qualifications completed by the application deadline, including those resulting from academic degree recognition processes;

c) Additional training is also preferred, such as having a technical or specialization course in environmental resource management and scientific activity presented at conferences and publications within the field of environment and sustainability.

Applicants eligibility: Applicants must comply with the eligibility conditions laid down in article 9 of the Research Grants Regulation of the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology – FCT I.P. (2019).

Workplan and objectives to be achieved: Analyse the offer of access to transnational projects as well as official curriculum programmes and textbook content on climate change, healthy ecosystems and soil biodiversity; Identify the different sustainable development activities carried out; Identify gaps in teaching-learning on the topic of sustainable development; Create didactic proposals to be used in the context of formal or non-formal education for sustainable development; Validate didactic proposals. The expected results will be didactic proposals to be developed in the context of formal or non-formal education for sustainable development.

Applicable legislation and regulations: Research Fellowship Holder Statutes, approved by Law no. 40/2004 of August 18, in its current version published by Decree-Law no. 123/2019 of August 28; Regulation of Scientific Research Fellowships of the University of Minho (RBIC), published in “Diário da República”, 2nd serie, no. 119, through dispatch no. 6524/2020 of 22-06-2020, ratified by ratification declaration no. 447/2021 of 22-06-2021 and Regulation of Research Studentships and Fellowships (RBI) of the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology – FCT I.P. – in force.

Host/Contracting institution and scientific supervision: The workplan will be carried out in the Centre of Biological Engineering of University of Minho, located in the University of Minho, Campus of Gualtar - Braga, under the scientific supervision of the Doctor Nelson Lima, Full Professor.

Fellowship duration: The grant will take place for a period of 6 months, starting in August 2024. The grant can be renewed, as long as the financial availability of the project allows for the maximum of 4 years, within the limits established, for each type of scholarship, in the aforementioned regulations.

Amount of the research grant: The value stipend (Monthly Maintenance Allowance) is 1.259,64 € per month, in accordance with the stipend values published by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT I.P.) in the country (Annex I – Monthly Stipends Values for the maintenance allowances of the [FCT Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships](#)) and Annex II of the Regulation of Scientific Research Fellowships of the University of Minho (RBIC), published in “Diário da República”, 2nd série, no. 119, through dispatch no. 6524/2020 of 22-06-2020, ratified by ratification declaration no. 447/2021 of 22-06-2021, according to the applicable regulation.

Payment is made on the 23rd of each month, through bank transfer to the Bank Identification Number of the fellow identified in the contract.

Other components of the research grant: In accordance with the article 21º of the Regulation of Research Fellowships of the University of Minho (RBIC), and if applicable and there is financial provision, there will be a single travel allowance of 300.00€ and a single installation allowance of €1000.00 (only for grant holders who are not leaving in Portugal).

Other benefits: Reimbursement of Voluntary Social Security (Social Security contributions), corresponding to the 1st level of discounts and personal accident insurance.

Exclusivity regime: The grantee will perform the activities under exclusivity, as foreseen in article 5º of the Research Fellow Statutes and applicable regulations.

Selection panel: The selection panel shall consist of three effective members and two substitute members.

President: Doctor Nelson Manuel Viana da Silva Lima, Full Professor at the University of Minho.

Effective members: Doctor José António Couto Teixeira, Full Professor at the University of Minho and Doctor Armando Albino Dias Venâncio, Associate Professor at the University of Minho.

Substitute members: Doctor Célia Maria Gonçalves Soares, Junior Researcher at the University of Minho and Doctor Ivone Marisa Pereira Martins, Junior Researcher at the University of Minho.

The first effective member will substitute the President of the selection panel in case of impediment, being nominate the first substitute member in the place of the first effective member.

Criteria and procedures for applications assessment and selection: The applications assessment will focus on the candidate's Merit, following evaluation criteria, valued on a scale of 1 to 5 points and will include an interview for the first 3 classified candidates, who obtain a minimum classification of 3 points in the AM:

Applicant Merit - AM (80%):

A1 - Academic path (considering the classifications of academic degrees), with a weighting of 35%;

A2 - Personal curriculum (considering professional and scientific background), with a weighting of 50%

A3 - Motivation letter, with a weighting of 15%.

Interview – I (20%):

I1 - Interpersonal competences, with a weighting of 20%;

I2 - Demonstrated knowledge in the area of the competition, with a weighting of 40%

I3 – Motivation, with a weighting of 30%

I4 – Language skills, with a weighting of 10%

The final classification (FC) of the applicant's merit will be achieved through the following formula:

$$FC = (A1 \times 0.35 + A2 \times 0.50 + A3 \times 0.15) \times 0.8 + (I1 \times 0.20 + I2 \times 0.40 + I3 \times 0.30 + I4 \times 0.10) \times 0.2$$

Candidates with a score of less than 3,5 points in the FC criterion will be excluded.

The academic degrees and diplomas documents, or their respective recognition when awarded by foreign higher education institutions are not mandatory in the application phase, being replaced by a declaration of honour of the candidate (**annex I or annex III**) with the contents of academic results. The documents of academic qualification or respective recognition will be required in the contracting phase and must attest facts that occurred on a date prior to the application. In situations of divergence between the information contained in the declaration and the documentation submitted for contracting the grant, only the information contained in the latter will be considered. If the documents proving the ownership of the academic degree and diploma, or the respective recognition under the terms of Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of August 16, do not correspond to the classifications awarded in the evaluation of the academic path, which can change the candidate's ranking, the fellowship won't be contracted.

Notes: Applicants with degrees obtained abroad must present proof of recognition of qualifications in Portugal and conversion of the final classification obtained in them to the Portuguese classification scale or declaration (**annex III**) under the terms indicated in the previous

point. Candidates who do not comply with one of these provisions, the selection panel will assign "0" in the grade of the graduation and/or master course. Candidates will be evaluated on the remaining parameters.

Disclosure of results: The provisional results of applications, based in the selection panel minutes, will be send to the applicants by email until 90 working days from the applications deadline.

In case of unfavourable results, the candidates have a period of 10 working days to comment, if desired, in a prior hearing to interested parties, pursuant to articles 121 and 122 of the Code of Administrative Procedure (DL no. 4 / 2015 of January 7th).

Complaint and appeal procedures: The final results of the evaluation will be published through an ordered list by final grade obtained on the site of the Centre of Biological Engineering of UMinho (<https://empregoceb.wordpress.com/>), as well as by email to all applicants, enclosing for that purpose, the minutes of the jury deliberations.

The final results of the evaluation will be publicized through a list ordered by the final classification obtained, published on the website of the Centro de Engenharia Biológica da UMinho

The selected candidate must inform its willingness to accept the grant, in writing. In case of rejection, the fellowship will be awarded to the next candidate in the ordered list of applicants.

The final decision can be contested within 15 working days, by sending to the President of the jury the corresponding claim. Interested parties may also submit an optional hierarchical appeal, addressed to Mrs. Pro-Rector for Research and Projects.

Application deadline and submission: The call for applications is open for a minimum period of 10 working days after the notice publication on the European Scientific Mobility Portal Euraxess.

Applications must be formalized by sending an application letter with the following documents:

- curriculum vitae;
- qualifications certificate or declaration of the applicant

(Annex I – academic degrees and diplomas awarded by Portuguese higher education institutions)

(Annex III – academic degrees and diplomas awarded by foreign higher education institutions);

- motivation letter;
- statement proving that meets the conditions for the grant typology, according to the application requirements (**annex II**);
- other documents important to the evaluation process.

Applications must be sent by email to bolsas@ceb.uminho.pt, indicating the **reference of the call (CEB-BI-28-2024)** for applications in Subject. Applications submitted by other means will not be accepted.

Fellowship contract: The fellowship will be attributed by signing a fellowship contract between the University of Minho and the fellow, accordingly with the contract minute (annex IV of the Regulation of Research Fellowships of the University of Minho (RBIC), published in *Diário da República, 2nd Série, no. 119*, through dispatch no. 6524/2020 of 22-06-2020, ratified by ratification declaration no. 447/2021 of 22-06-2021, as indicated in 2.4 of the FCT document: "[Rules for Granting and Management of Grants within the scope of R&D projects, including infrastructure projects, the multi-annual financing program for R&D units and other FCT financing instruments \(Version 2021\)](#)".

The contract may only be concluded after all the documentation required is collected, which must take place within a maximum period of 6 months, including evidences of the academic degrees or

diplomas and enrolment in degree courses or non-conferring courses, depending on the type of scholarship.

Once all the documentation has been received, the contracting entity has a period of 60 working days to conclude the scholarship contract. Once received, the fellow must return the contract duly signed within 15 working days.

The activities under the fellowship contract can only begin after proper authorization by the contracting entity.

Term and cancellation of fellowship contracts: Without prejudice to the other causes provided the fellowship regulations (FCT and UMinho) and in the Statute of the Research Fellow, the fellowship ends with the completion of the work plan, as well as with the expiration date for which it was granted or renewed.

At the end of the fellowship, the grantee is obliged to present a Final Report of the work carried out, in accordance with the objectives and evaluation criteria defined with the scientific advisor, within 30 days after the end of the scholarship.

The **final report** must be prepared in accordance with Annex I of the Scientific Research Fellowships Regulation of the University of Minho (RBIC), published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Série, no. 119, through dispatch no. 6524/2020 of 22-06-2020, ratified by ratification declaration no. 447/2021 of 22-06-2021.

ANNEX I

Declaration of Honour

Academic habilitations

(Full name), carrying ID document number / passport number (XXXX), applicant to the research fellowship vacancy under the R&D project Microbes-4-Climate: Microbial services addressing climate change risks for biodiversity and for agricultural and forestry ecosystems: enabling curiosity-driven research and advancing frontier knowledge (Grant agreement N° 10113181), financed by Horizon Europe - HORIZON-INFRA-2023-SERV-01, and published in the Euraxess portal, reference (CEB-BI-28-2024), hereby declares to have a degree on (name of the course), concluded in the University of (XXXX), on the (conclusion date), with the final grade of (XXXX).

I have submitted my diploma for recognition at the University of XXXXX, according to the Decree-Law n° 66/2018 of August 16th([1]), concluded in the XX/XX/XXXX, with the final grade of XXXXX out of YY.

I also declare that I commit to provide proof of my diploma recognition obtained under the Portuguese Law, until the date of the conclusion of the fellowship contract, in case of being selected for the vacancy in this competition.

As this is true, this declaration will be dated and signed by me.

(Place), (date).

(name)

ANNEX II

Declaration of Honour

(Full name), carrying ID document number / passport number (_____), applicant to the research fellowship vacancy under the R&D project Microbes-4-Climate: Microbial services addressing climate change risks for biodiversity and for agricultural and forestry ecosystems: enabling curiosity-driven research and advancing frontier knowledge (Grant agreement N° 10113181), financed be Horizon Europe - HORIZON-INFRA-2023-SERV-01, and published in the Euraxess portal, reference (CEB-BI- 28-2024), hereby declares that until now have never received any research grant.

or

hereby declares that have received the following research grants under the research fellowship statutes.

(fill in as appropriate):

Starting date	End date	Fellowship duration (month)	Type of fellowship	Fellowship Reference	Host/Contracting institution
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As this is true, this declaration will be dated and signed by me.

(Place), (date).

(name)

ANNEX III

Declaration of Honour

Academic habilitations

(Full name), carrying ID document number / passport number (XXXX), applicant to the research fellowship vacancy under the R R&D project Microbes-4-Climate: Microbial services addressing climate change risks for biodiversity and for agricultural and forestry ecosystems: enabling curiosity-driven research and advancing frontier knowledge (Grant agreement N° 10113181), financed be Horizon Europe - HORIZON-INFRA-2023-SERV-01, and published in the Euraxess

portal, reference (CEB-BI-28-2024), hereby declares to have a degree on (name of the course), concluded in the University of (XXXX), on the (conclusion date), with the final grade of (XXXX).

I have submitted my diploma for recognition at the University of XXXXX, according to the Decree-Law nº 66/2018 of August 16th, concluded in the XX/XX/XXXX, with the final grade of XXXXX out of YY.

As it is not possible for me to submit proof of qualifications by the end of the competition, I declare that I undertake to submit the said certificate by the contractualisation phase of the fellowship, in case I am selected for the vacancy in the competition.

As this is true, this declaration will be dated and signed by me.

(Place), (date).

(name)

[1] DGES (Foreign Degrees and Diplomas): <https://www.dges.gov.pt/en/pagina/degree-and-diploma-recognition?plid=1536>; University of Minho: Recognition of foreign degrees and diplomas: <https://www.uminho.pt/EN/education/Pages/recognition-of-foreign-qualifications.aspx>

Where to apply

E-mail bolsas@ceb.uminho.pt

Requirements

Research Field Environmental science » Other

Education Level Bachelor Degree or equivalent

Research Field Technology » Environmental technology

Education Level Bachelor Degree or equivalent

Research Field Educational sciences » Education

Education Level Bachelor Degree or equivalent

Skills/Qualifications

Details described in "Offer Description"

Specific Requirements

Details described in "Offer Description"

Internal Application form(s) needed

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Additional Information

Benefits

Details described in "Offer Description"

Eligibility criteria

Details described in "Offer Description"

Selection process

Details described in "Offer Description"

Website for additional job details <https://empregoceb.wordpress.com/>

Work Location(s)

Number of offers available 1

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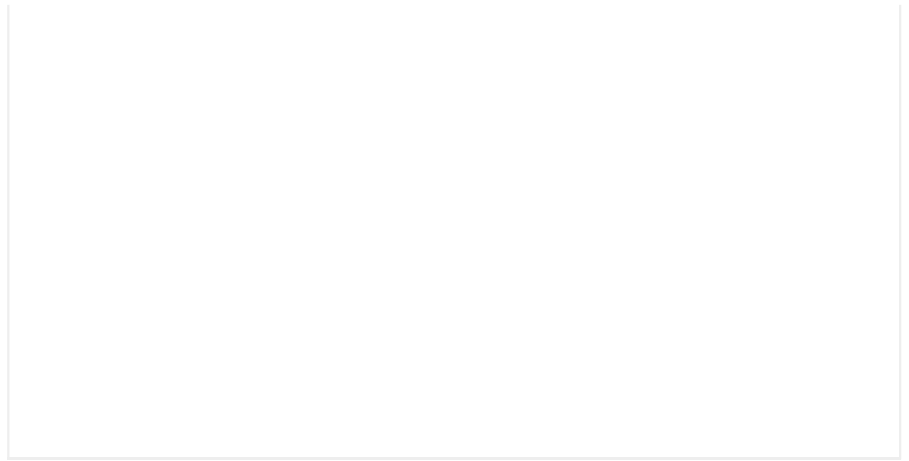
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