

**NOTICE
COMPETITION TO AWARD A SCHOLARSHIP OF RESEARCH (BI)
FOR MASTER STUDENT**

**Research Scholarship (BI) in the area of Agricultural Science or similar areas – 1 vacancy
Within the scope of the 0066_BGREENER_4_E project
Reference IPP/Project 0066_BGREENER_4_E/0001/2023**

The competition is open for the attribution of one Research Scholarship (BI) for a master's student, within the scope of project 0066_BGREENER_4_E, entitled "Biodiversidad y Cáñamo, Nuevos Enclaves en la Zona Euroace", taking place at the Portalegre Polytechnic University, co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), through the Spain-Portugal Cross-Border Cooperation Operational Program (POCTEP) 2021-2027, under the following conditions:

Scientific Area(s): Agricultural Science or similar areas.

Admission requirements:

- a) Be a student enrolled in a Master in the area of Agricultural Sciences or similar areas, with active enrollment and regularized status, under the terms of the Research Fellowship Statute, approved by the Law no. 40/2004, of 18 August, in its current wording, in the Regulation 950/2019, of December 16, 2019, in its current wording, which approves the Regulation for Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P, and the Regulation for Research Grants of the Portalegre Polytechnic University, approved by the Dispatch 7148/2020, of 2 July, published in Diário da República n.º 135, 2nd series, of 14 July;
- b) Hold a bachelor's degree.
- c) Have Portuguese as their mother tongue or dominate the Portuguese at the language proficiency level of a proficient user (advanced) C2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – Learning, Teaching, Assessment (CEFR).

The following are identified as preferential requirements:

- a) Degree in Agricultural Sciences or similar areas;
- b) Curricular training in research methodologies;
- c) Have training in Organic Agriculture, Food and AgroBio Health;
- d) Have training in Plant Propagation;
- e) Proficiency in spoken and written Spanish, independent user language proficiency level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – Learning, teaching, assessment (CEFR);

- f) Sufficient knowledge of spoken and written English;
- g) Participation in research projects;
- h) Knowledge and experience of processing quantitative data;
- i) Knowledge and experience of processing qualitative data;
- j) Good communication skills;
- k) Experience in field work and team spirit;
- l) Publications in indexed scientific journals and in minutes of scientific congresses;
- m) Have a driving license, for travel including Spain.

If the qualification has been granted by a foreign higher education institution, it will have to be recognized by a Portuguese higher education institution, under article 25 of Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of August 16th, which approves the legal regime for the recognition of academic degrees and diplomas in Higher Education, attributed by foreign higher education institutions, and paragraph e) of no. 2, of article 4 of Decree-Law no. 60/2018, of August 03rd, and any formalities established therein must be completed by the date of the contracting act.

Are eligible candidates who comply with the provisions of paragraph a), no. 1 of article 2 of the Research Scholarship Statute, in its current wording, as well as no. 1 and no. 2 of article 6 and article 9 of the Research Scholarships Regulation of the Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P, and the Regulation for Research Grants of the Portalegre Polytechnic University.

Work plan: The work plan to be developed during the fellowship reflects the scope of the project and consists of the following:

- a) Carrying out field trials for seed production (and all activities before and after them), in Elvas.
- b) Carrying out the respective laboratory activities;
- c) Logistic support for all project activities;
- d) Support for project elements;
- e) Support and organization of presentation, dissemination and promotion (training) sessions of the activities and results obtained throughout the project;
- f) Collection and analysis of results;
- g) Collection of information and bibliographical updating.

Applicable legislation and regulations: Law no. 40/2004 of 18 August, in its current wording, which approves the Research Scholarship Statute; Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of 16 August, in its current wording, which approves the Legal Regime for the recognition of academic degrees and higher education diplomas awarded by foreign higher education institutions; Decree-Law No. 60/2018, of August 3rd, which simplifies administrative procedures necessary for the pursuit of research and development activities; Regulation

No. 950/2019, of December 16, 2019, in its current wording, which approves the Regulation for Research Scholarships of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P; and Order n.º 7148/2020, of 2 July, published in Diário da República n.º 135, 2nd series, of 14 July, approving the Regulation of Research Scholarships of the Portalegre Polytechnic University.

Workplace: The work will be carried out at the Portalegre Polytechnic University, in particularly in the Elvas School of Biosciences (ESBE), under the scientific guidance of Professor Doctor Ana Isabel Sardinha Rodrigues Cordeiro.

Type and duration of the scholarship: The Research Scholarship (BI) is intended to finance R&D activities to be carried out within the scope of the project. The scholarship will last for 12 months, starting until – at the latest – May of 2024 (including). The scholarship contract will eventually be renewable, for the same period, or until the end of the project, if there is financial availability for this purpose. Under no circumstances may the scholarship exceed the maximum duration of the project and/or applicable legislation.

Amount of monthly maintenance allowance and personal accident insurance: The amount of the Research Scholarship (BI) corresponds to 990,98€ (nine hundred and ninety euros and ninety eight cents), according to the table of values of scholarships awarded by FCT, I.P. in Portugal, established in Annex I of Regulation No. 950/2019, 16 of December of 2019, in its current wording, which approves the Regulation for Research Scholarships of the Foundation for Science and Technology, IP (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM_atualizacao-2024.pdf), updated in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of article 18 of that Regulation and the Deliberation n.º 178/2023, of 17 of February, of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Science and Technology, with effects from 1st of January 2024. The maintenance allowance will be paid monthly by bank transfer. Scholarship holders will be covered by personal accident insurance.

Selection and Assessment Criteria: The selection method to be used is: Curriculum Assessment (100%).

The selection methods to be used are based on the following parameters:

- Criterion A – Academic Path (which reflects the classifications of academic degrees) – 50%;
- Criterion B – Scientific and professional component (which reflects the scientific and professional path, and academic, when applicable) – 40%;
 - Sub-criterion B1 – Proven scientific and professional experience in the area of Agricultural Sciences – 30%;
 - Sub-criterion B2 – Publications and participation in R&D activities – 25%;

- Sub-criterion B3 – “Independent User” level skills in spoken and written Spanish (level B2 according to the CEFR) – 25%;
- Sub-criterion B4 – Skills in ICT and database management – 20%;
- Criterion C – Motivation letter – 10%.

Candidates who score less than 9.50 in the selection method(s) are considered excluded from the final assessment.

Candidates will be ranked according to their final classification, resulting from the application of the single selection method used.

The jury reserves the right not to award the scholarship if candidates with the appropriate profile do not apply for the competition.

Application documents: Applications must be formalized, obligatorily, by sending the following documents:

- a) Application form, available on the Portalegre Polytechnic University website at <https://pae.ipportalegre.pt/repositoryInterface/infoinstitucional/recursos humanos/recrutamento> menu investigation, duly signed by the candidate;
- b) Letter of motivation, duly signed by the candidate;
- c) Documents proving that the candidate meets the conditions required for the type of scholarship for which he is applying, namely, the certificate of qualifications;
- d) Curriculum Vitae of the candidate (a) detailed indicating the date of birth, citizen card number / passport number, tax identification number, tax address and email address, initialed and signed by the candidate;
- e) Proof of enrollment in a Master in the area in which the competition is open, with active enrollment and regularized status;
- f) Other documentation that the candidate considers relevant for the consideration of the application;
- g) Document proving the country of residence, residence permit or other legally equivalent document, valid on the date of commencement of the fellowship, under the terms set out in paragraph b) of No. 1 of article 14, Regulation of 950/2019, of December 16, 2019, in its current wording, in the case of third-party citizens.

The lack of any of the documents required in the application or sending/delivering it to a location other than the one indicated in this notice, may imply its exclusion.

Candidates who incorrectly formalize their application or who do not prove the requirements of this competition are excluded from admission to the competition. The jury has the power to demand from any

candidate, in case of doubt, the presentation of documents proving their statements.

Deadline for application and form of submission of applications: The deadline for submission of applications will run from the 07th of March of 2024 to 17:00 (Lisbon time) on the 20th of March of 2024.

Applications must be sent, obligatorily, by e-mail to the address candidaturas.gii@ipportalegre.pt, attaching all the requested documents, in digital format, in PDF format, indicating the reference of this notice in the subject.

Composition of the selection jury: the jury is composed by:

President of the Jury: Professor Doctor Ana Isabel Sardinha Rodrigues Cordeiro

Effective Vowels:

1st Effective Vowel – Professor Doctor Orlanda Póvoa;

2nd Effective Vowel – Professor Doctor Noémia Farinha;

Substitute Vowels: Professor Doctor Ana Carvalho and Professor Doctor Noémia do Céu Machado Farinha.

If there is a need to replace the President of the Jury, it is ensured that she is replaced by the first effective member, becoming the 1st substitute vowel the effective member, in these situations.

Form of publication/notification of results: The draft decision on the evaluation results will be sent to candidates by the email indicated in the application, within 90 working days after the deadline for submission of applications.

If the result is unfavorable to the granting of the requested scholarship, the candidates have a period of 10 working days to comment, if desired, in the context of a prior hearing of interested parties, under the Code of Administrative Procedure, approved by Decree-Law no. 4/2015 of January 7th. At the end of the period established for hearing interested parties and, in the absence of any response from them, the list of candidates will become definitive.

The final results of the evaluation will be published through an ordered list, by final grade obtained, on the website of the IPP and GII website, as well as by email, to all candidates. Candidates may consult the minutes of the deliberations of the jury.

A complaint may be filed against the final decision, within 15 working days, addressed to the president of the jury.

Interested parties may also submit an optional hierarchical appeal, addressed to the President of IPP, within 30 working days after notification of the final decision, in accordance with the provisions of article 12 of the FCT Research Scholarship Regulation and of article 13 of the IPP Research Scholarship Regulation.

Scholarship acceptance: The selected candidate must express in writing, by e-mail, to candidaturas.gii@ipportalegre.pt, the intention to accept the scholarship. In case of non-acceptance, the scholarship will be awarded to the serial candidate in the position immediately following in the final ranking order.

The candidate who accepts the scholarship, to sign the respective scholarship contract must present written proof that he/she is enrolled in the Master in the area in which the competition is open, with active registration and regularized situation.

Policy of non-discrimination and equal access: The Portalegre Polytechnic University actively promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, whereby no candidate may be privileged, benefited or 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, home territory, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and union membership.

Data protection: Once the application is submitted, the Portalegre Polytechnic University will legitimately process the applicant's personal data, provided by it, under the personal data protection legislation in force, foreseen in Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the Parliament European and Council, of 27 April 2016, on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data and in Law no. 58/2019, of August 8th. In order to comply with the legal obligations of financing the project, the Portalegre Polytechnic University is subject to the competition process being made available to the financing entity.

Publication of the Notice: Under no. 2 of article 8 of the Regulation for Research Scholarships of the Portalegre Polytechnic University, this notice will be published on the website, <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>, and on the website of the Portalegre Polytechnic University.

Portalegre, 05th of March of 2024

The President of the Portalegre Polytechnic University



(Luís Carlos Loures)