

NOTICE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP FOR LICENCE DEGREE (BI) Reference IPC-IIA/Carb2Soil/BI_Lic.2 CONTEST CODE – PRBI/6/2023

A contest is open for the award of a Research Scholarship (BI) within the scope of the project “Carb2Soil: Reinforcing Complementarity between agriculture and livestock to increase soil fertility and its carbon sequestration capacity”, from the Institute Polytechnic of Coimbra, with the operation code PRR-C05-i03-I-000030, of Notice no. 3/C05-i03 - IE 3 “Mitigation of Climate Change” of the national application program PRR (Recovery and Resilience Plan) and financed by IFAP through the PRR Program.

The purpose of the scholarship will be to implement and develop the following activities:

1. Collaboration in evaluating the use of additives in the diet of ruminant animals, contributing to increasing their efficiency and potentially capable of reducing enteric methane emission in ruminants.
2. Assessment of the potential for reducing methane emissions in various agricultural systems with the application of biochar and waste of agricultural and industrial origin.
3. Support in writing technical activity reports.
4. Support in dissemination activities for the project and its results.

Generic scientific area: Agriculture and Environment.

Specific scientific area: Agriculture.

Requirements

The candidate must:

- Have a degree in Agriculture, Environment and similar areas;
- Be enrolled in a master's or in an integrated master's degree, or enrolled in non-conferring courses of academic degree integrated in the educational project of a higher education institution;

If enrolled in a non-academic course, the applicant may not exceed, with the conclusion of the scholarship contract in question, including possible renewals, an accumulated period of two years in that type of scholarship, followed or interpolated, in accordance with Article 6(5) of the FCT Regulation.

With experience in:

- a) Reduction of methane emissions;
- b) Carrying out laboratory work;
- c) Carrying out field work;
- d) Teamwork.

Work plan

The work plan will be developed at the Escola Superior Agrária de Coimbra, of the Instituto Politécnico de Coimbra, within the scope of the Carb2Soil LA3.1 project, including its agricultural area. Field work will be carried out in the agricultural area of Baixo Mondego.

The scholarship holder will develop

1. Evaluation of the use of additives in the diet of ruminant animals, contributing to increasing the efficiency of use of traditional diets
2. Identification and scaling of products potentially capable of reducing enteric methane emissions in ruminants.
3. Assessment of the potential for reducing methane emissions in rice fields and other types of crops (corn, vegetables and orchards) with the application of biochar and waste of agricultural and industrial origin:
 - 3.1. Assessment with tests measured using lysimeters, specially designed to replicate prevailing field conditions.
 - 3.2. In situ assessment through tests in experimental fields of the potential to reduce methane emissions and improve soil quality and crop productivity in various agricultural systems.
4. Support for the development of project dissemination and dissemination tasks
5. Support for the production of publications, including scientific articles.

Scholarship period

The scholarship will last for 12 (twelve) months, starting on November 1, 2023, possibly renewable for 6 months more, on an exclusive basis, in accordance with the IPC Fellow Regulation, approved by Order No. 5963/2020, published in the 2nd series of the DR of June 1st, and Regulation No. 950/2019, of December 16th (FCT Research Grant Regulations, I.P.).

Monthly Maintenance Allowance

It will be 930.98 euros, according to the table of values for Research Grants in the country awarded by FCT, I.P. (www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores) with payment made monthly by bank transfer.

In addition to this amount, voluntary social insurance corresponding to the first level is added, if the candidate chooses to register, and personal accident insurance is also available.

Workplace

The work will be developed at the Escola Superior Agrária de Coimbra, of the Polytechnic Institute of Coimbra, under the scientific guidance of Doctor Maria Alexandra Oliveira.

Selection Criteria

The criteria for evaluating applications are as follows:

- Curriculum assessment (40%);
- Experience in field work (25%);
- Experience in laboratory work (15%);
- Experience working in a team (5%);
- Motivation of the candidate to participate in the project (15%);

There may be an assessment through an interview if it is necessary to break a tie between candidates.

Jury Composition

The jury responsible for the selection process will be made up of Professor Maria Alexandra Oliveira (President), Doctor Carla Ferreira and Doctor Anne Karine Boulet (Effective Members) and Professor António Ferreira and Doctor Verónica Oliveira (Substitute Members).

Documents to be presented

Applications must include the following documents:

- Duly completed application form, available on the website dedicated to this competition procedure at https://www.ipc.pt/bupc/concursos/form/concursos_bolseiros , duly completed;
 - Degree certificate;
 - Proof of registration in a course;
 - Letter of motivation from the candidate addressed to the President of the jury;
 - Dated and signed CV;
 - Identification, residence, identification document number and tax identification number.
 - Declaration under commitment of honour, in which, if enrolled in an ongoing not conferring academic degree, the applicant does not exceed, with the conclusion of the scholarship contract in question, including possible renewals, an accumulated period of two years in that type of scholarship, followed or interpolated, in accordance with Article 6(5) of the FCT Regulation
- None of the previously referred documents can be submitted after the deadline presented in this scholarship offer.

Deadline for receiving applications

It will last 10 working days, between 20/09/2023 and 03/10/2023.

Candidates must access and register on the website

https://www.ipc.pt/bupc/concursos/form/concursos_bolseiros to submit the application, selecting the procedure for which they intend to apply.

Applications must be delivered exclusively in digital format, in portable document format (pdf), with the exception of documents whose delivery is scheduled in other digital formats.

Application instructions are completed by filling in the sections available at the aforementioned email address.

When formalizing the application, if it contains a classified document that reveals commercial or industrial secrets, or secrets relating to literary, artistic or scientific property, the candidate must expressly indicate such reservation, under penalty of the work in question being freely accessed by any one of the other candidates, in consultation with the process.

When submitting the application, the candidate must provide the data strictly necessary for the purpose, under the terms of this public notice, and must hide personal data that may exist in the documentation submitted, otherwise these data may be freely accessed by any of the other candidates, in the process query.

Applicable legislation and regulations

The grant award is based on 1) Law No. 40/2004, of August 18 (Scientific Research Fellow Statute), amended and republished by Decree-Law No. 202/2012, of August 27, updated by Decree-Law No. 233/2012, Law No. 12/2013 and Decree-Law No. 89/2013; 2) the Regulation of Scholarships and Research of the Foundation for Science and Technology in force (www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/RegulamentoBolsasFCT2015.pdf); 3) Order no. 12709/2016, published in the DR, IIth series of 10/21/2016, of the Polytechnic Institute of Coimbra, respecting the IPC Scholarship Holder Regulations.

The model for the scholarship contract and the final reports to be prepared by the scholarship holder and the coordinator are those set out in the annexes to the Scientific Research Scholarship Holder Statute referred to above.

Method of notifying results

The final results of the evaluation will be published, through an alphabetically ordered list, by final grade obtained, posted in a visible and public place at the Escola Superior Agrária de Coimbra of the

Instituto Politécnico de Coimbra, a showcase allocated to ESAC Human Resources, in Block B, being all candidates notified, for the purposes of prior hearing of interested parties, via email.

If the result is unfavorable to the granting of the requested scholarship, candidates have a period of 10 working days, after the publication of the results, to comment, if they wish, in a prior hearing of interested parties, under the terms set out in the Code of Administrative Procedure.

Whenever the number of interested parties to be heard is so high that the prior hearing of interested parties becomes impracticable, this is replaced by a public consultation, carried out under the terms and within the deadlines set out in paragraph 2 of article 37 of the Decree- Law No. 63/2019, of May 16th. The final decision must be taken within a maximum period of 60 working days after the conclusion of the prior hearing of interested parties or the public consultation.

A complaint may be filed against the final decision within 10 working days after notification.

For more information, contact Doctor Maria Alexandra Oliveira, via email: xana@esac.pt

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