

NOTICE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP FOR A MASTER'S DEGREE

Reference PRBI/27/2026

A call for applications is open for the award of a Research Fellowship for a Master's degree within the scope of the project "LIFE.LUDWIGIA: Integrated Action Framework for Prevention of Introduction, Early Detection, Containment and Control of Invasive *Ludwigia* sp.", with operation code LIFE25-NAT-PT-LIFE LUDWIGIA (101294011), at the Polytechnic University of Coimbra, funded by the European Union through the LIFE Programme, under the following conditions:

The fellowship is intended for the implementation, development and/or collaboration in the following project activities (work packages – WPs):

WP2 – Preparatory work, including: a) updating cartographic information on the distribution of *Ludwigia grandiflora* and *Ludwigia peploides* within the CIMRC territory; b) preparation of operational control plans;

WP4 – Monitoring and assessment of the impact of control actions targeting *Ludwigia grandiflora* and *Ludwigia peploides* and of restoration actions;

WP5 – Engagement of different audiences in project activities, namely through citizen science;

WP7 – Participation in science dissemination and communication activities within the scope of the project;

Participation in other WPs in collaboration with Project partners;

General scientific field: Biological and/or Environmental Sciences;

Specific scientific field: Biological Invasions;



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Requirements:

- Higher education qualification in Biology, Ecology, Environmental Sciences, Natural and/or Forestry Resources, Nature Conservation, Science Communication or related fields;
- Students enrolled in a PhD programme or in a non-degree programme (proof of enrolment must be provided by the time the fellowship is contracted).
- Preferably with experience in:
 - a) Work with invasive plant species (at a technical, scientific and/or public-sector stakeholder interaction level);
 - b) Science communication and/or citizen science activities, preferably involving invasive species;
 - c) Data analysis and writing of scientific and/or outreach articles in English.

Work plan:

The work plan will include collaboration in the project activities described above.

Fellowship period:

The fellowship will last for 12 months, potentially renewable, on an exclusive basis, in accordance with the UPCoimbra Fellowship Regulations, and the Research Fellowship Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. both currently in force, with a planned start in January 2027.

Monthly maintenance allowance:

EUR 1,359.64, in accordance with the table of values for Research Fellowships in Portugal awarded by FCT, I.P. (<https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM-2026.pdf>), with payment made monthly by bank transfer.

This amount is supplemented by voluntary social insurance corresponding to the first contribution bracket, should the candidate opt to enrol, as well as personal accident insurance.



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Place of work:

The work will be carried out at the Escola Superior Agrária de Coimbra (ESAC) of UPCoimbra, under the scientific supervision of Professor Hélia Marchante.

Selection criteria:

The criteria for evaluating applications are as follows:

- Curriculum assessment (70%), taking into consideration: overall merit of the curriculum vitae (30%); and experience in the areas listed in the requirements (40%);
- Interview (30%), taking into consideration: knowledge demonstrated during the interview and suitability of the profile for the functions to be performed (15%); motivation and demonstrated interest (15%).

Composition of the Selection Panel:

The selection panel responsible for the recruitment process will comprise:

Full members:

Professor Hélia Marchante;

Professor Manuela Abelho;

Professor Elizabete Marchante.

Alternate members:

PhD Researcher Ana Rita Lopes;

Professor Elisabete Freitas

Documents to be submitted:

Applications must include the following documents:

- Application form available on the internet page for this competition at https://www.ipc.pt/bupc/concursos/form/concursos_bolseiros



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- Identification details, identification document number and tax identification number;
- Candidate's motivation letter;
- Curriculum vitae;
- Proof of enrolment in a PhD programme or non-degree programme (proof of enrolment may be provided by the time the fellowship is contracted).

Application deadline:

10 working days, from **29/09/2026 to 13/10/2026**.

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), except for 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 only the necessary data, according to this notice, and must hide personal data present in the documentation, as these data may be freely accessed by other candidates during the process consultation.

Applicable legislation and regulations:

The award of the fellowship is based on the following legal instruments:

- Law No. 40/2004 of 18 August (Scientific Research Fellowship Statute), as amended and republished by Decree-Law No. 202/2012 of 27 August, as subsequently updated by Decree-Law No. 233/2012, Law No. 12/2013 and Decree-Law No. 89/2013;



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- Order No. 5963/2020, published in the Official Gazette, Series II, on 1 June 2020, of the Polytechnic University of Coimbra, concerning the UPCoimbra Fellowship Regulations, as amended by Rectification Declaration No. 742/2020 of 30 October.

- Research Fellowship Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology currently in force (www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/RegulamentoBolsasFCT2015.pdf);

The fellowship agreement template and the final reports to be prepared by the fellow and the coordinator are those contained in the annexes to the Scientific Research Fellowship Statute referred to above.

Publication/notification of results:

The evaluation results will be published in an alphabetical list ordered by final score, displayed in a visible and public place at the Escola Superior Agrária de Coimbra (notice board reserved for this type of publication, in Block B), and all candidates will be notified by email for the purposes of prior hearing of interested parties. Following the announcement of the results, candidates will be notified of the opportunity to submit comments—should they wish to do so—within a maximum of 10 business days from that date. Upon the expiration of this period, selected candidates must declare their acceptance in writing and communicate the effective start date of the scholarship. Unless a valid justification is provided, failure to submit the declaration within the specified timeframe will be deemed a declination of the scholarship. In the event that a selected candidate declines or withdraws, the next highest-ranked candidate will be notified.

For further information, please contact:

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