

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR RESEARCH FELLOW POSITION

Reference IPC-IIA/ ReRoad /BM

PRBI/29/2026

IPC/ i2A is now accepting applications for a Research Grant within the scope of the project entitled “ReRoad: Transforming Urban Streetscapes into Nature-based Spaces for People and Biodiversity”, with the operating code DUT/0005/2024, funded the Driving Urban Transitions through the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, under the following conditions:

1. The aims of the research fellow position are:

- 1) Support for the implementation and activities of the Coimbra Urban Living Lab (ULL)
- 2) Collection, organization, processing and analysis of environmental, spatial and social data
- 3) Support for the assessment of environmental quality and ecosystem services associated with urban spaces and nature-based solutions
- 4) Support for the development and assessment of integrated street transformation scenarios

Generic Scientific Area: Environmental Sciences

Specific Scientific Area: Environmental Sciences, Environmental Engineering, Urban Planning, Landscape Architecture, Geography, or related fields

2. Requirements:

- Master's degree in Environmental Sciences, Environmental Engineering, Urban Planning, Geography, or related fields;
- With experience in:
 - a) Collection, processing, and analysis of environmental, spatial and/or socio-environmental data;

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b) Participatory processes and stakeholder engagement;

c) Nature-based solutions, ecosystem services, urban biodiversity, green and blue infrastructure, and/or climate change adaptation;

d) Research activities or participation in projects in the fields of environmental sciences, urban sustainability, urban planning, urban ecology, or related areas.

e) Speak Portuguese and English

- Be enrolled in a doctoral degree or in a course that does not lead to an academic degree but is integrated into the educational project of a higher education institution at the time of contract signature.

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.

3. Work Plan:

The work will focus on supporting the implementation and operation of the Coimbra Urban Living Lab, including the preparation and implementation of participatory and co-creation activities with different local stakeholders, as well as the collection, processing, and analysis of the resulting information. The work will also include the collection, organization, and analysis of environmental, spatial, and socio-environmental data to characterize urban streetscapes; the assessment of ecosystem services and identification of nature-based solutions suited to different street archetypes; the characterization of materials and analysis of circularity strategies, including opportunities for reuse, recycling, and valorization; and support for the development and assessment of integrated street transformation scenarios, considering biodiversity, climate resilience, mobility, accessibility, justice and equity, and circular economy principles.

4. Fellowship duration:

The fellowship will have a duration of 6 months, renewable for an equal period when awarded to a Master's degree holder enrolled in a non-degree-granting course, or for at least 16 months in other cases, on an exclusive

dedication basis, in accordance with the Research Fellowship Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. (FCT) currently in force. The fellowship is expected to start on 15 November 2026.

5-Monthly Maintenance Allowance:

The monthly fellowship allowance is €1,359.64, in accordance with the table of monthly maintenance allowances for research fellowships in Portugal awarded by FCT, I.P. Payment will be made monthly by bank transfer.

In addition to this amount, the voluntary social security contribution corresponding to the first contribution level will be covered if the fellowship holder chooses to enrol in the scheme. Personal accident insurance will also be provided.

6. Workplace:

The work will be developed mainly at Escola Superior Agrária de Coimbra, under the supervision of Dr. Carla Sofia Santos Ferreira.

7. Selection Criteria:

- Curriculum assessment (55%);
- Experience in research activities and/or participation in research projects (10%);
- Experience in the collection, processing and analysis of environmental, spatial and/or socio-environmental data (10%);
- Experience in participatory processes and stakeholder engagement (15%);
- Experience in publishing scientific articles and presenting work at scientific events (5%);
- Candidate's motivation to participate in the project (5%).

An interview may be conducted if necessary to break a tie between candidates and/or to request clarifications regarding professional experience.

8. Jury of Selection:

The selection panel responsible for the recruitment process will be composed of Dr Carla Sofia Santos Ferreira (Chair), Professor António José Dinis Ferreira and Dr Sónia Chelinho (full members), and Dr Daniel Ferreira and Dr Paula Ferreira (alternate member).

9. 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
- Copy(ies) of the Qualification Certificate(s);
- Motivation letter;
- Curriculum vitae with date and signature;
- Identification, residence, number of identification document and fiscal number.
- Declaration under commitment of honor, 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

10. Deadline of Applications Submission:

The application period will be of 10 working days, starting on **09/10/2026 and ending on a 22/10/2026**.

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.

11-Legislation and applicable Regulation:

The award of this fellowship is based on:

- Law No. 40/2004, of August 18, in its current wording (Statute of the Scientific Research Grant Holder);
- Order No. 5963/2020, of June 1, in its current wording (Research Grant Holder Regulations of the Polytechnic Institute of Coimbra)

The grant contract template and the final reports to be prepared by the grant holder and the coordinator are those contained in the annexes to the Research Grant Holder Regulations of the Polytechnic Institute of Coimbra, mentioned above.

12. Information of Results:

All candidates will be notified by e-mail. According to the terms of the Administrative Procedure, the applicants will have 10 working days, after the release of the results, to pronounce themselves under the frame of the prior hearing.

For further information please contact:

Dr. Carla Sofia Santos Ferreira (cferreira@esac.pt), indicating the reference of fellowship (mandatory): IPC-IIA/ReRoad /BM.

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