

**Faculty of Pharmacy Research and Development Association  
Call for the award of a Research Grant (Bolsa de Investigação Pós-Doutoral)**

**Notice No. BIPD/3/FARM-ID/2020**

Under the Regulation of Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, IP, Regulation No. 950/2019, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, No. 241, of December 16, 2019, of the Regulation of Research Grants of the University of Lisbon, Dispatch No. 6238/2020, of 12 June, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, no. 113, of 12 June 2020, and of the Statute of the Research Fellowship (EBI), Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of 28 August, published in the *Diário da República*, 1st Series, no. 164, of 28 August 2019, it is made known that a call for the award of a Research Grant within the scope of the project "Development of a translational COVID-19 Vaccine", funded by "La Caixa" (Short Name: CoVax, FARM-ID 200015), is open under the following conditions:

**I. Scientific Area:** Health Sciences – Pharmaceutical Sciences

**II. Admission Requirements:**

- PhD in Pharmacy or related areas;
- PhD degree awarded up to three years prior to this application;
- PhD-related research work performed in a host institution different from the host institution of the current application.

**Preferred Requirements:**

- Experience in polymer synthesis, nanotechnology and immune-oncology;
- Highly proficient in spoken and written English.

Research grants may not be awarded to those who have already benefited from research grants directly or indirectly financed by FCT, awarded under the terms of the Research Fellow's Statute, or who are in a situation of unjustified breach of the grant holder's duties during the previous contract (no. 3 of article 13 of Regulation no. 950/2019).

**III. Research Grant Duration:** The research will have a duration of 12 months, eventually renewable for the same period, starting in December 2020, on an exclusivity regime, in accordance with the terms of the Regulation of Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, IP.

**IV. Work plan:** The main goals of the research work are related to the synthesis of polymeric nano-conjugates based on biodegradable and biocompatible materials, as modulators of the immune response against SARS-CoV-2 infection. It also encompasses the identification of SARS-CoV-2 epitopes, and the characterization of the humoral and cellular immune response triggered following its administration.

**V. Workplace and Scientific Guidance:** The work will be carried out in FARM-ID - Associação da Faculdade de Farmácia da Universidade de Lisboa, at the premises of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Lisbon, under the scientific guidance of Professor Helena Florindo, Professora Associada with Habilitation from this institution.

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**VI. Monthly maintenance stipend:** The monthly maintenance stipend (grant) corresponds to € 1.600,00, according to the table of values directly attributed by FCT, I.P. in Portugal (<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores>). Payment will be made via bank transfer.

In addition to the monthly maintenance stipend the grant holder will also be awarded with the value correspondent to the payment of the first step of Seguro Social Voluntário (voluntary payment of Social Security), in case he/she chooses to be included in this regime.

**VII. Formalization of applications:** Applications must be sent in non-editable format (PDF), to the address [concursos@farm-id.pt](mailto:concursos@farm-id.pt), containing the identification of the above mentioned notice. Applications in paper format will not be accepted.

**VIII. Application deadline:** The deadline for applications is from **19<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October (10 working days)**.

**IX. Evaluation and rating criteria:**

**Candidate's Merit:**

- **Adequacy of the Scientific Training Area (AACF):** Candidates will be ranked based on the background and PhD scientific area, with a maximum weighting of 15%;
- **Specific skills for the proposed work plan (CEPTP):** Candidates will be ranked based on their experience on the development of nanosystems for immune modulation, with a maximum weighting of 35%;
- **Education and Experience (FE):** Candidates will be ranked based on their experience on their experience in projects focused on nanotechnology-based tools to regulate the frequency and function of immune cells, with a maximum weighting of 50%;

In case it proves necessary, an individual interview may be held to the 4 best candidates, in which case the interview will have a weight of 30%.

**Final Classification:** The score obtained in the final classification results from the sum of the points obtained in the Candidate's Merit, in which an individual form will be filled for each candidate.

In case an Interview is made, AACF will be worth 10%, CEPTP will be worth 20%, and FE will be worth 40%. The Interview will have a weight of 30% (or without weight).

**X. Instruction of Application:**

- a) Application form containing the candidate's identification (made available through the link [https://www.ff.ulisboa.pt/farm-id/#tab\\_recrutamento](https://www.ff.ulisboa.pt/farm-id/#tab_recrutamento));
- b) Curriculum Vitae containing the information necessary for the evaluation of the application;
- c) Certificate proving enrollment in a cycle of studies or course not conferring a degree;
- d) Work Plan to be developed;
- e) Declaration on honour stating that there is no professional activity that violates the exclusivity regime (available through the link [https://www.ff.ulisboa.pt/farm-id/#tab\\_recrutamento](https://www.ff.ulisboa.pt/farm-id/#tab_recrutamento));
- f) Letter of motivation (optional);
- g) Contact of two references (optional);
- h) Other supporting documents considered relevant.

The documents that instruct the application must be submitted in Portuguese or English language.

No document that should have been submitted in the application phase can be submitted after the deadline set in the opening notice. Failure to comply with the deadline set for the submission of the application, as well as the lack or late submission of documents referred to in this point will determine the exclusion from the competition.

- XI. Composition of the Jury:** The Jury responsible for the selection will be constituted by the President, Professor Helena Florindo, and the jury members Professor Rita Guedes and Professor Luísa Corvo. Alternative jury members are Professor João Lopes and Professor Helena Cabral Marques.
- XII. Form of notification of results:** All candidates will be notified of the final results of the evaluation by email, and will have 10 working days after the aforementioned notification to say something, in accordance with the terms of the Code of Administrative Procedure.

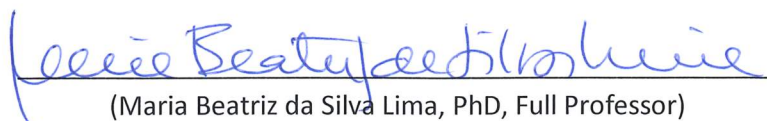
After this notification, and in case there are no claims, the results will become final. In case of claims, and after the allegation is analysed and accepted or rejected, the results will become final after 10 business days.

After the final decision is made, a complaint/appeal can be filed to the Director of the FARM-ID - Faculty of Pharmacy Research and Development Association, Maria Beatriz da Silva Lima, PhD, Full Professor, within 10 working days from the date of notification.

- XIII. Applicable legislation and regulations:** Regulation of Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P. (FCT, IP), Regulation no. 950/2019, published in the Diário da República, 2nd Series, no. 241, of December 16, 2019, of the Regulation of Research Grants of the University of Lisbon, Order no. 6238/2020, of 12 June, published in the Diário da República, 2nd Series, no. 113, of 12 June 2020, and of the Research Fellowship Statute (EBI), Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of 28 August, published in Diário da República, 1st Series, no. 164, of 28 August 2019.

Faculty of Pharmacy Research and Development Association, 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2020.

The Director,



(Maria Beatriz da Silva Lima, PhD, Full Professor)