

Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Lisbon
Call for the award of 3 (three) Research Grants for PhD students

Notice no. BID/3/FF/2022

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 16 December, of the Regulation of Research Grants of the University of Lisbon, Dispatch No. 6238/2020, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, no. 113, of 12 June, and of the Statute of the Research Fellowship (EBI), Decree-Law no. 123/2019, published in *Diário da República*, 1st Series, no. 164, of 28 August, it is made known that a call for the award of 3 (three) Research Grants for PhD students within the scope of the project “*SkanABility - Proof of concept for biological activity of cannabinoids and terpenes - cosmeceutical applications*”, funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) through the Operational Program NORTE-01-0247-FEDER-047213, and by the System of Incentives for Technological Research and Development (SI I&DT) of Portugal 2020, Notice no. 17/SI/2019 - “*Projetos em Co-promoção*”, is open under the following conditions:

- I. **Scientific Area:** Pharmaceutical Sciences or related fields.
- II. **Admission Requirements:**
 - Masters in Pharmaceutical Sciences or related areas*;
 - Enrolment in a postgraduate course or/in a doctoral program of the University of Lisbon (Health area)*.

*During the application stage, if the candidates do not have in their possession the documents proving their Masters degree and/or enrolment in the doctoral program and/or in a postgraduate course, those documents may be replaced by a declaration of honour. Proof of obtaining the degree and/or enrolment through the presentation of certificates must be carried out until the hiring, under penalty of annulment of the candidate's assessment due to error on the assumptions of fact, and consequent exclusion from this competition.

Preferred Requirements:

- Domain in Pharmaceutical Sciences or related areas;
- Motivation for interdisciplinary scientific research;
- Immediate availability to join the project.

- III. **Research Grant Duration:** The research grant will have a duration of 3 months, eventually renewable up to a maximum of 9 months, starting in December 2022, 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 objective of this work is to evaluate the efficacy and safety of extracts and/or isolated compounds, dermatological and cosmetic formulations using cellular models.

- V. **Workplace and Scientific Guidance:** The work will be carried out in the Pharmaceutical Technology laboratories, at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon, under the supervision of Maria Manuela de Jesus Guilherme Gaspar, PhD.
- VI. **Monthly maintenance stipend:** The monthly maintenance stipend (grant) corresponds to 1.144,64€, 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 email nrhgd@ff.ulisboa.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 October 24th until November 7th 2022 (10 working days).
- IX. **Evaluation and rating criteria:**

Candidate's Merit: Aims to assess compliance with the formal requirements requested in the opening notice, but also to consider the suitability of the scientific area of training and/or specialization, training and professional experience.

- **Adequacy of the Scientific Training Area (AACF):** Weighting of 20%
 - Final grade of the Masters degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences or related areas (M) – 0 to 20 points
- **Training and Experience (FE):** Weighting of 40%
 - Experience in cell culture (EXPCC) - 0 to 20 points
- **Specific competencies for the proposed work plan (CEPTP):** Weighting of 40%
 - Author or co-author of publications in the field of Pharmaceutical Technology and/or Chemistry and/or Cell Biology and/or Biochemistry, in journals indexed in Scopus or Web of Science (PUB) – maximum weighting of 15%
 - Experience in analytical methods, formulations and cell cultures (EXPMAFCC) - maximum weighting of 15%
 - Good command of the English language, spoken and written (ING) – maximum weighting of 10%

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

X. Instruction of Application:

- a. Application form containing the candidate's identification (*available on the institutional website*);
- b. *Curriculum Vitae* containing the information necessary for the evaluation of the application;
- c. Proof of obtaining a Masters degree or substitution by presenting a declaration of honour (*available on the institutional website*);
- d. Proof of enrolment in a postgraduate course or in the 3rd cycle of studies or substitution by presenting a declaration of honour (*available on the institutional website*);
- e. Declaration of honour stating that there is no professional activity that violates the exclusivity regime (*available on the institutional website*);
- 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.

All the documents necessary for the submission of the application are available on the institutional website, through the link: <https://www.ff.ulisboa.pt/faculdade/recursos-humanos/anuncio-para-atribuicao-de-3-tres-bolsas-de-investigacao-para-estudantes-de-doutoramento-aviso-bid-3-ff-2022/?lang=en>

- XI. Composition of the Jury: The Jury responsible for the selection of the candidates will be constituted by the President, Maria Manuela de Jesus Guilherme Gaspar, PhD, Assistant Researcher, and by the effective members, Professor Ana Catarina Beco Pinto Reis, Assistant Professor, and Professor António José Leitão das Neves Almeida, Full Professor, all from the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Lisbon.

Professor Maria Adília Januário Charmier, Associate Professor, and Professor Susana Isabel Rodrigues dos Santos, Assistant Professor, both from the Lusophone University of Humanities and Technologies, were appointed as alternate members.

- 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 make a statement, in accordance with 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 analyzed and accepted or rejected, the results will become final after 10 working days.

After the final decision is made, a complaint/appeal can be filed to the Director of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Lisbon, Maria Beatriz da Silva Lima, PhD, Full Professor, within 10 working days from the date of notification.

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

Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Lisbon, October 21st 2022.

The Director,

Maria Beatriz da Silva Lima, PhD, Full Professor

