

**Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Lisbon**  
**Call for the award of 1 (one) Research Grant for PhD students**

**Notice no. BI/5/FF/2023**

It is made known that a call for the award of **1 (one) Research Grant for PhD students** within the scope of the project ***More-EUROPA – More Effectively Using Registries to Support Patient-Centered Regulatory and HTA Decision-Making (HORIZON-HLTH-2022-TOOL-11)***, funded by the Horizon Europe – European Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, Grant Agreement no. 101095479, is open under the following conditions:

**I. Scientific Area:** Pharmacoepidemiology

**II. Admission Requirements:**

- Integrated Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences<sup>1</sup>
- Be enrolled in a doctoral programme in Pharmacy<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Education degrees and diplomas awarded by foreign higher education institutions need to be recognized by a Portuguese institution in accordance with Decree-Law no. 66/2018 of 16 august and Ministerial Order no. 33/2019 of 25 January. For more information, please visit Directorate General for Higher Education's website: [Recognition of higher education degrees and diplomas awarded by foreign higher education institutions | DGES](#)

<sup>2</sup>At the application stage, if the candidates do not have in their possession the document proving the enrolment in a doctoral program, it may be replaced by a declaration of honour. The proof of the enrolment must be carried out until the date of the contract signature, under consequence of withdrawal of the candidates' assessment due to error regarding the factual assumptions, and consequent exclusion from the application.

**III. Research Grant Duration:** The research grant will have a duration of **12 months renewable up to a maximum of 48 months**, starting in October, 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:** a) to expand the knowledge of drug efficacy and safety using 'Real World Data' (RWD) and to supplement data from randomized clinical trials (RCTs) using specific 'case' studies supported by developed new analytical tools; b) develop a methodological framework including analytical tools to integrate evidence derived from RCTs and multiple RWD sources; c) create an integrated framework, incorporating methodological tools and ethical considerations, to promote the acceptance and use of evidence based on RWD

throughout the drug life cycle in drug registration and Health Technology Assessment (HTA) guidelines and decision-making.

**V. Workplace and Scientific Guidance:** The work will be carried out at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon, under the supervision of Bruno Miguel Nogueira Sepodes, Full Professor at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon, and Carla de Matos Torre, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon.

**VI. Monthly maintenance stipend:** The monthly maintenance stipend (grant) corresponds to **1.199,64€**, 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 [concursos@ff.ulisboa.pt](mailto:concursos@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 **25<sup>th</sup> September to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023** (10 working days).

**IX. Evaluation and rating criteria:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Phase – 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 specialisation, training and professional experience.

- **Adequacy of the Scientific Training Area (AACF):** With a maximum weighting of 15%
  - Integrated Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences and attendance of curricular units and/or training courses at higher institutions in the area if Pharmacoepidemiology – 0 to 20 values
- **Training and Experience (FE):** With a maximum weighting of 20%
  - Evidence of knowledge in the area of Pharmacoepidemiology, specially in the field of studies on the use of medicines and other health products through the submission of scientific articles and presentation of posters at international scientific conferences – 0 to 20 values
- **Specific competencies for the proposed work plan (CEPTP):** With a maximum weighting of 15%



- Evidence of handling large population databases on the consumption of medicines and health products – 0 to 20 values

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase – Individual Selection Interview:

The five candidates with the highest score in the “Candidate Merit” parameter will be invited to conduct a mandatory and eliminatory Interview lasting 30 minutes. The Interview will have a maximum weighting of 50% and aims to objectively evaluate the following criteria: ability to express and verbal fluency in the English language (CEFV), motivation and responsibility (MR), critical sense and proactivity (SCP), and knowledge in the scientific area of Pharmacoepidemiology (CA).

The classification of the Individual Selection Interview will be obtained by the simple arithmetic average of the classifications of the evaluation criteria (CEFC, MR, SCP, CA), which will be made according to the following parameters: Excellent (20 values), Very Good (18 values), Good (16 values), Sufficient (12 values) and Insufficient (8 values).

**Final classification:** The score obtained in the final classification results from the sum of the points obtained in the Candidate's Merit and in the Individual Selection Interview. An individual form will be filled out 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. Certificate of Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences;
- d. Proof of enrolment in a doctoral program, 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.

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/reclutamento/bolsadeinvestigacaodoutoramento-more-europa/>.

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 of the candidates will be constituted by:

President: Bruno Miguel Nogueira Sepodes, PhD, Full Professor, FFUL;

1<sup>st</sup> Member of the Jury: Carla de Matos Torre, PhD, Assistant Professor, FFUL;

2<sup>nd</sup> Member of the Jury: João Pedro Fidalgo Rocha, PhD, Assistant Professor, FFUL;

1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Member of the Jury: Adelaide Maria Afonso Fernandes Borralho, PhD, Assistant Professor, FFUL;

2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Member of the Jury: Maria Beatriz da Silva Lima, PhD, Full Professor and Dean, FFUL

**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.

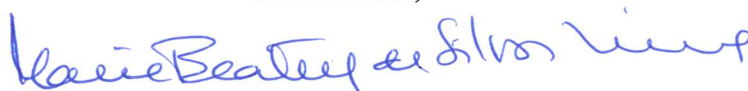
After this notification, and in case there are no claims, the results will become final. In case of claims, and after the allegation is analysed and accepted or rejected, the results will become final after 10 working days.

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, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022.

The Director,



Maria Beatriz da Silva Lima, PhD, Full Professor