

Faculty of Pharmacy Research and Development Association
Call for the award of 1 (one) Research Grant for PhD students

Notice No. BID/2/FARM-ID/2024

Under the Regulation of Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, IP, (FCT, I.P.) Regulation No. 950/2019, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, n. º 241, of December 16th 2019, of the Regulation of Research Grants of the University of Lisbon, Dispatch No. 6238/2020, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, n. º 113, of 12 June 2020, republished by Dispatch No. 8061/2022, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, n. º 126, of July 1st 2022, and of the Statute of the Research Fellowship (EBI), Decree-Law no. 123/2019, published in the *Diário da República*, 1st Series, n. º 164, of 28 August 2019, it is made known that a call for the award of **1 (one) Research Grant for PhD students** within the scope of the project **2022.07857.PTDC**, intitulado: “*Ferrous Iron-Activable Drug Conjugates: Targeting Iron Metabolism in the Era of Precision Oncology*”, funded by Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P. is open under the following conditions:

I. **Scientific Area:** Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Chemistry

II. **Admission Requirements (*):**

- Masters in Medicinal and Biopharmaceutical Chemistry
- Enrolment in a doctoral program in Pharmacy

(*): During the application stage, if the candidates do not have in their possession the documents proving their Master’s degree and/or enrolment in the doctoral program, those documents may be replaced by a declaration of honour. Proof of obtaining the degree and/or enrolment through the presentation of certificated 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:

- Experience in the synthesis of enzyme inhibitors and activity-based probes;

III. **Research Grant Duration:** The research will have a duration of **12 months** possibly renewable, up to a maximum of **18 months**, starting in February of 2024, 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:** Synthesis of enzymatic inhibitor and activity-based-probes.

V. **Workplace and Scientific Guidance:** The work will be carried out in Building F, Laboratory of Medicinal Chemistry, at the premises of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Lisbon,

under the scientific guidance of Rui Ferreira Alves Moreira, Full Professor, Faculty of Pharmacy of 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/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM_2023.pdf). 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, 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 **January 24th to February 6th 2024** (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, with a maximum weighting of 100%.

- **Adequacy of the Scientific Training Area (AACF):** Maximum weighting of 20%:
 - Master's Degree in Medicinal and Biopharmaceutical Chemistry (**M**) – 0 to 20 points.
- **Training and Experience (FE):** Maximum weighting of 30%:
 - Experience in using synthetic, purification, and structural elucidation methods to prepare bioactive complex molecules – 0 a 20 points.
- **Specific competencies for the proposed work plan (CEPTP):** Maximum weighting of 50%:
 - Experience in drug design – 0 a 20 points.

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 being out for each candidate.

X. Instruction of Application:

- a) 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 Master's degree in Medicinal and Biopharmaceutical Chemistry, or substitution by presenting a declaration of honour (*available on the institutional website*);
- d) Proof of enrolment in a doctoral program or substitution by presenting a declaration of honour (*available on the institutional website*);
- e) Declaration on honour stating that there is no professional activity that violates the exclusivity regime (*available on the institutional website*);
- f) Letter of motivation;
- g) Contact of two references (optional);
- h) Other supporting documents considered relevant.

All the documents necessary for the correct application are available on the institutional website through the link: <https://www.ff.ulisboa.pt/faculdade/recursos-humanos/recrutamento/anuncio-para-atribuicao-de-1-uma-bolsa-de-investigacao-para-estudantes-inscritos-em-doutoramento-aviso-n-o-bid-2-farm-id-2024>

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:
- President – Rui Ferreira Alves Moreira, Full Professor, Faculty of Pharmacy of University of Lisbon;
 - 1st Member of the Jury – Ana Sofia Marques da Ressurreição, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Pharmacy of University of Lisbon.
 - 2nd Member of the Jury – Francisca da Conceição Lopes, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Pharmacy of University of Lisbon;
 - 1st Alternate Member of the Jury – Maria de Jesus de Almeida Rainha Perry da Câmara Saldanha Rocha, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Pharmacy of University of Lisbon;

- 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. IP, (FCT, I.P.) Regulation No. 950/2019, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, n. º 241, of December 16th 2019, of the Regulation of Research Grants of the University of Lisbon, Dispatch No. 6238/2020, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, n. º 113, of 12 June 2020, republished by Dispatch No. 8061/2022, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, n. º 126, of July 1st 2022, and of the Statute of the Research Fellowship (EBI), Decree-Law no. 123/2019, published in the *Diário da República*, 1st Series, n. º 164, of 28 August 2019.

Faculty of Pharmacy Research and Development Association, January 23rd 2024.

The Vice-Presidente of FARM-ID,

(Maria do Rosário Beja de Figueiredo Gonzaga Bronze, PhD, Associate Professor)