

Faculty of Pharmacy Research and Development Association
Call for the award of 1 (One) Research Grant for Masters enrolled in a non-conferring degree course

Notice No. BICNCG/4/FARM-ID/2024

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, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, No. 113, of June 12, 2020, re-published through Dispatch No. 8061/2022, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, No. 126, of July 1, 2022, and of the Statute of the Research Fellowship (EBI), Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of August 28, published in the *Diário da República*, 1st Series, no. 164, of August 28, 2019, it is made known that a call for the award of **1 (One) Research Grant for masters enrolled in a non-conferring degree course** within the scope of the project LCF/PR/HR22/52420016, titled "*Nano-imunoterapia multifuncional para o tratamento de metastases cerebrais de melanoma*", (Short Name: MultiNano@BBM, FARM-ID 200025), funded by "*La Caixa Foundation*", is open under the following conditions:

- I. **Scientific Area:** Health Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences
- II. **Admission Requirements:**
 - Master in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, or related areas¹.
 - Be enrolled in a non-conferring degree course²
 - Master classification of, at least, 16/20.

¹Academic degrees obtained in foreign countries require recognition by a Portuguese Institution in accordance with Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of August 16th and Ordinance No. 33/2019, of January 25th. Presentation of recognition is mandatory for signing the contract. For more information, you should access the Directorate-General for Higher Education page via the link: [Reconhecimento de Graus e Diplomas Estrangeiros de Ensino Superior | DGES](#).

² During the application stage, if the candidates do not have in their possession the documents proving that they hold a Master's degree and/or enrolled in a non-degree seeking course, this document may be replaced by a declaration of honour. The proof of the enrolment through the presentation of the certificate 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 call.

Preferred Requirements:

- Experience in nanotechnology and immune-oncology, and development of 3D co-culture spheroids
- Good knowledge in spoken and written Portuguese and English.

III. **Research Grants Duration:** The research will have a duration of **6 months** eventually renewable, **up to a maximum of 12 months**, expected to start in April 2024, on an **exclusivity regime**, following the terms of the Regulation of Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, IP.

IV. **Work plan:** The main goal of this work is the synthesis of polymeric nano-conjugates based on biodegradable and biocompatible biomaterials for the development of nanoparticles, as immunotherapies against cancer. Identification of new targets in the melanoma microenvironment associated with the response of different classes of immune cells to tumor antigens.

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 Prof. Helena Isabel Flalho Florindo Roque Ferreira, Full Professor at Faculdade de Farmácia da Universidade de Lisboa.

VI. **Monthly maintenance stipend:** The monthly maintenance stipend (grant) corresponds to **€ 1.259,64**, 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 the value corresponding 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 application deadline is from **08th to 21st March 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):** Candidates will be ranked based on their background and scientific area, with a maximum weighting of 15%.
 - Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences, or related areas **(M)** - 0 to 20 points;

- **Training and Experience (FE):** Candidates will be ranked based on their training, as well as experience and participation in projects developed in the field of nanotechnology with a view to modelling the frequency and function of immune cells and the stroma of the tumour microenvironment, with a maximum weighting of 50%.
 - Experience in nanotechnology and immune-oncology (**ESPNIO**) – with a maximum weighting of 25%;
 - Flow cytometry techniques (**TCF**) – with a maximum weighting of 10%;
 - Cell culture techniques (**TCC**) – with a maximum weighting of 10%;
 - Good knowledge of Portuguese and English language (**DOMPEING**) – with a maximum weighting of 5%.
- **Specific competencies for the proposed work plan (CEPTP):** Candidates will be ranked based on experience in developing nanosystems for immune-modelling, with a maximum weighting of 35%.
 - Preference will be given to candidates with experience in the synthesis of lactic acid-derived biodegradable polymers, conjugation of small sugars to these polymers, incorporation of peptides and small molecules, culture of dendritic cells and pre-clinical development studies (**EXP**) – 0 to 20 values.

In the event of a tie, an individual interview will be held with the four (4) best candidates. The interview will not be scored, or be considered in the Final Classification, and will only serve to clarify the information provided.

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.

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) Certificate proving the possession of a Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Therapeutics or related areas;
- d) Proof of enrolment in a non-conferring degree course, 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;
- 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-mestres-que-se-encontrem-inscritos-em-cursos-nao-conferentes-de-grau-academico-aviso-n-o-bicncg-4-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 – Helena Isabel Fialho Florindo Roque Ferreira, Full Professor, Faculty of Pharmacy of University of Lisbon;
 - 1st Member of the Jury – Rita Alexandra do Nascimento Cardoso Guedes, Associated professor, Faculty of Pharmacy of University of Lisbon;
 - 2nd Member of the Jury – Maria Luísa Teixeira de Azevedo Rodrigues Corvo, Principal Researcher, Faculty of Pharmacy of University of Lisbon;
 - 1st Alternate Member of the Jury – João Pedro Martins de Almeida Lopes, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Pharmacy of University of Lisbon;
 - 2nd Alternate Member of the Jury – Helena Maria Cabral Marques, Full 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.

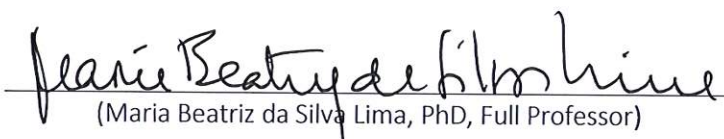


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XIII. **Applicable legislation and regulations:** Regulation of Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, IP, Regulation No. 950/2019, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, No. 241, of December 16, 2019, of the Regulation of Research Grants of the University of Lisbon, Dispatch No. 6238/2020, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, No. 113, of June 12, 2020, re-published through Dispatch No. 8061/2022, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, No. 126, of July 1, 2022, and of the Statute of the Research Fellowship (EBI), Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of August 28, published in the *Diário da República*, 1st Series, no. 164, of August 28, 2019.

Faculty of Pharmacy Research and Development Association, 07 of March 2024.

The Director,


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

