

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

Notice No. BICNCG/6/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-degree seeking course within the scope of the project PTDC/MED-FAR/3492/2021, titled "*Translating RIPK3 signalling into application in metabolic liver disease*", funded by Foundation for Science and Technology, IP. (FCT), is open under the following conditions:

I. **Scientific Area:** Biopharmaceutical sciences, or related areas

II. **Admission Requirements:**

- Integrated Master's degree or Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences or related areas;<sup>1</sup>
- Be enrolled in a non-degree seeking course at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Academic 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](https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/Reconhecimento-de-Graus-e-Diplomas-Estrangeiros-de-Ensino-Superior).

<sup>2</sup> During the application stage, if the candidates do not have in their possession the document proving that they are 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:**

- Research on the discovery of biomarkers, targets, and therapeutic strategies in experimental models of disease and translation for patients;
- Proven expertise in molecular and cellular biology techniques, gene expression and protein production, and culture of both monolayer and co-culture systems of mammalian cells.

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- Preferably, the candidate must have good command of the English language; motivation for interdisciplinary scientific research; and immediate availability to join the project.
- III. **Research Grant Duration:** The research will have a duration of **6 months**, not renewable, previous starting in April 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:** The objective of this work is the characterization of *Ripk3<sup>-/-</sup>* model systems, as well as the identification and validation of new RIPK3 ligands, followed by the exploitation of their therapeutic and toxicological effects.
- V. **Workplace and Scientific Guidance:** The work will be carried out in iMed.Ulisboa, Laboratory of Cellular Function and Therapeutic Targeting (Building Carlos da Silveira), at the premises of the Faculty of Pharmacy of Universidade de Lisboa, under the scientific guidance of Cecília Maria Pereira Rodrigues, Full Professor, at the Faculty of Pharmacy of 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](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](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 March 13<sup>th</sup> to March 26<sup>th</sup> 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 on the basis of the final grades on the academic degree certificates submitted, namely Integrated Master's degree or Master's degree, with a maximum weighting of 20%.



- Integrated Master's degree or Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences, or related areas (MEST)– 0 to 20 values
- **Training and Experience (FE):** Candidates will be ranked on the basis of their experience in technical and scientific skills relevant to the work plan, with a maximum weighting of 40%.
  - Research on the discovery of biomarkers, targets, and therapeutic strategies in experimental models of disease and translation for patients (INVD BIO) – 0 to 20 values.
- **Specific competencies for the proposed work plan (CEPTP):** Maximum weighting of 40%.
  - Proven expertise in molecular and cellular biology techniques, gene expression and protein production, and culture of both monolayer and co-culture systems of mammalian cells (EXPT BMC) – 0 to 20 values.

**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 FARM-ID's website);
- b) Curriculum Vitae containing the information necessary for the evaluation of the application;
- c) Proof of obtaining a Integrated Master's degree or Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences or related areas;
- d) Proof of enrolment in non-degree seeking course at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon, or substitution by presenting a declaration of honour;
- e) Declaration on honour stating that there is no professional activity that violates the exclusivity regime (available on the FARM-ID's website);
- f) Letter of motivation indicating their experience and adaptation to the proposed work plan, namely the preferential factors and interest of the grant for their future perspectives, as well as the immediate possibility of joining the project;
- g) 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/reclutamento/anuncio-para-atribuicao-de-1-uma-bolsa-de-investigacao-para-mestres-inscritos-num-curso-nao-conferente-de-grau-academico-aviso-n-o-bicnccg-6-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.

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- XI. **Composition of the Jury:** The Jury responsible for the selection will be constituted by:
- President – Cecília Maria Pereira Rodrigues, Full Professor;
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Member of the Jury – Elsa Margarida Teixeira Rodrigues, Associate Professor;
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Member of the Jury – Marta Bento Afonso, Assistant Professor;
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Member of the Jury – Rui Ferreira Alves Moreira, Full Professor;
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Member of the Jury – André Fernando Anastácio dos Santos, Junior Researcher;

All from Faculty of Pharmacy, Universidade de Lisboa

- 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, 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, March 12<sup>nd</sup> 2024.

The Director,

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