

**Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Lisbon**  
**Call for the award of 1 (one) Research Initiation Scholarships for students enrolled in an Integrated Master's degree**

**Notice no. BII/3/FF/2024**

It is made known that a call for the award of **1 (one) Research Initiation Scholarships for students enrolled in an Integrated Master's degree** within the scope of the project "**Bilirrubina e Ácidos Biliares do Núcleo de Prestação de Serviços**", funded by Setor D do Núcleo de Prestação de Serviços da Faculdade de Farmácia da Universidade de Lisboa, is open under the following conditions:

**I. Scientific Area:** Biochemistry

**II. Admission Requirements:**

- Be enrolled in an Integrated Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences, or related areas.

**Preferred Requirements:**

- Laboratory experience in high pressure liquid chromatography and separation and extraction by alkaline methanolysis and Sep-pak columns;
- Taste for Clinical Analyses.

**III. Research Grant Duration:** The research grant will have a duration of **3 months eventually renewable for an equal period, up to a maximum of 1 year**, starting in July 2024, on an exclusivity regime in accordance with the Regulation of Research Grants of the University of Lisbon.

**IV. Work Plan:** The aim of the work consists in the dosage of bile acids by HPLC and determination of the metabolic profile of bilirubin.

**V. Workplace and Scientific Guidance:** The work will be carried out at the Carlos da Silveira Building, in the Bilirubin and Bile Acids Sector, on the premises of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon, under the supervision of Dora Maria Tuna de Oliveira Brites, PhD, Emeritus Researcher, from the Faculty of Pharmacy of ULisboa.

**VI. Monthly maintenance stipend:** The monthly maintenance stipend (grant) corresponds to **601,12€** and will be paid by banks transfer. The amounts set out in the Regulation of Research Grants of the University of Lisbon are allocated and altered in accordance with the annual alteration of maintenance grants made by the FCT, I.P.

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 **May 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (10 working days)**.

**IX. Evaluation and rating criteria:**

### Candidate's Merit:

- **Adequacy of the Scientific Training Area (AACF):** Candidates will be ranked base on their performance as students of the Integrated Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences or related areas, and in the discipline of Histology and Embryology, with a maximum weighting of 20%;
- **Training and Experience (FE):** Candidates will be ranked on the basis of experience in extractive methods and HPLC separation, namely in High Pressure Liquid Chromatography and separation and extraction by alkaline methanolysis and Sep-pak columns, with a maximum weighting of 50%;
- **Specific competencies for the proposed work plan (CEPTP):** Candidates must have laboratory experience in clinical analysis related to liver diseases, namely in the area of jaundice and cholestasis, with a maximum weighting of 30%.

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

### X. Instruction of Application:

- i. Application form containing the candidate's identification (*available on the institutional website*);
- ii. Proposed Work Plan to be developed;
- iii. *Curriculum Vitae* containing the information necessary for the evaluation of the application;
- iv. Certificate proving enrolment in an Integrated Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences, or related areas (*available on the institutional website*);
- v. Declaration of honour stating that there is no professional activity that violates the exclusivity regime (*available on the institutional website*);
- vi. Copy of the civil identification document and, whenever applicable, a copy of the proof of residence permit or other legally equivalent document, and in the event that the identification document corresponds to the citizen card, the delivery of a copy may be replaced by the presentation of the same, prior to the conclusion of the contract if the scholarship is awarded;
- vii. 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/bolsa-de-iniciacao-a-investigacao-projeto-bilirrubina-e-acidos-biliares>.

### XI. Composition of the Jury:

The Jury responsible for the selection of the candidates will be constituted by:

President – Rui Fernando Marques da Silva, PhD, Assistant Professor, FFUL;

1<sup>st</sup> Member of the Jury – Dora Maria Tuna de Oliveira Brites, PhD, Emeritus Researcher, FFUL;

2<sup>nd</sup> Member of the Jury – Ana Rita Mendonça Vaz Botelho, PhD, Assistant Professor, FFUL

1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Member of the Jury – Cristina Luzia Dias de Mello Sampayo, PhD, Assistant Professor, 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 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 of Research Grants of the University of Lisbon, Order no. 6238/2020, published in *Diário da República*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Series, no. 113, of 12 June, republished by Order no. 8061/2022, published in *Diário da República*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Series, no. 126, of 1 July, and Research Fellowship Statute (EBI), Decree-Law no. 123/2019, published in *Diário da República*, 1<sup>st</sup> Series, no. 164, of 28 August.

Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Lisbon, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

The Director,

Maria Beatriz da Silva Lima, PhD, Full Professor