

CALL FOR A RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
Fellowship Reference IMM/BI/27-2024

Instituto de Medicina Molecular João Lobo Antunes (iMM) opens a call for one research fellowship under the project **LA/P/0082/2020** with the funding support from Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, IP.P. / MCTES through national funds (PIDDAC).

Scientific Area(s): Neuroimmunology

Fellowship recipients / Admission requirements: Any National, foreign and stateless candidate(s) that fulfill the necessary conditions to be enrolled in a MSc academic degree course in area related to the work plan can apply.

Applicants must hold the following requirements:

- BSc degree holder in immunology, neurosciences or related areas;
- Expertise in animal experimentation;
- Expertise in molecular biology and flow cytometry.

Work Plan and Objectives: The project aims to investigate the impact of stress derived neuromodulators on immune cell homeostasis in tissues, following two main objectives:

- a) Identify associated molecular mechanisms through in vivo and in vitro gain or loss of function;
- b) Analyze the stress induced behavior from mice genetically modified for the expression of specific target candidates.

Legislation and Applicable Regulation: Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação approved by Law nr 40/2004, from 18th August in its current form (altered by Decree Law nr 123/2019, 28th August) and current Regulation of Fellowships of Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia <https://myfct.fct.pt/LibDocument/FileDisplay.aspx?EcrypDoctId=NDbfqbcrf1xi8f7J+P11Nw==> (approved by Regulation nr 950/2019, from 16th December).

Predicted start date, duration and renewal conditions: The fellowship contract is predicted to start in November 2024, for a period of 12 (twelve) months on an exclusive basis, eventually renewable until the maximum stipulated in the applicable regulations, not exceeding the eligibility period of the project.

Work place and Scientific orientation: The research activities will be developed at Neuroimmunology & Oncoimmunology of iMM, under the supervision of Dr. Julie Ribot.

Non-discrimination and equal access policy: iMM undertakes to ensure compliance with the principles of non-discrimination and equality and to that extent, provides that no candidate can be privileged, benefited, harmed or deprived of any right or exempted from any duty due in particular ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, economic status, education, social origin or condition, genetic heritage, reduced working capacity, disability, chronic disease, nationality, ethnic origin or race, place of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and trade union membership.

International environment and experience: Diversity is a fundamental aspect of the essence of iMM, where researchers and non-researchers of different nationalities, backgrounds and areas of study work together,

promoting the exchange of experiences and interactions, contributing to the personal and professional development of each person and to the existence of an international, inclusive and stimulating environment.

Research Fellows Support Centre: The Research Fellows Support Centre works on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30AM to 6:00PM at Human Resources Office.

Fellowship financial conditions: The fellow will benefit from a monthly stipend in the amount of **990,98€** (Nine hundred and ninety euros and ninety-eight cents) in accordance with the defined in FCT table https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM_atualizacao-2024.pdf.

The amount will be paid by wire transfer at the end of each month. The fellow will also benefit from a personal accident insurance to execute the proposed research activities as well as the right to Social Security through Voluntary Social Insurance regimen, if wanted, under the terms of Código dos Regimes Contributivos do Sistema Previdencial de Segurança Social, and the contributions costs will be supported by the research project.

Application documents: - Motivation Letter in English; - Detailed CV; - BSc degree certificate. ***The non-compliance with these requirements determines the immediate rejection of the application.*** In case the applicant does not have yet the required degree certificate, a declaration of honor stating the conclusion of the necessary qualifications for the purposes of this process will be accepted and must be sent by the end date of the call.

Jury evaluation and selection: Applications will be evaluated by a jury composed by Julie Ribot (iMM), André Bombeiro (iMM) and Bruno Silva-Santos (FMUL / iMM).

Selection methods: The admitted applications will be evaluated taking into account the quality, timeliness and relevance of the scientific path (scientific production and research experience) and curriculum of each candidate and their adequacy to the proposed work plan.

- ✓ Curriculum Analysis (80%) and Motivation Letter (20%) - Based on the Curriculum, it will be analyzed qualitatively, and in what concerns to its content and relevance for the tasks to be performed, namely: executed and/or published scientific work, with special emphasis on areas related to the work plan (20%); research experience and relevant knowledge in the area of the proposed work plan as described in the candidate profile (60%). Based on the letter of motivation will be evaluated the motivation and interest for the activities to be performed (15%), written communication in English language (5%).

Deadlines and application process: The call will be open for a period of 10 working days, **from 20th September until 3rd October 2024**. Applications should be submitted to Human Resources through the email imm-hr@medicina.ulisboa.pt. ***The non-compliance with these requirements determines the immediate rejection of the application.***

Notification of results: Within 90 days after the termination of the applications submission deadline, both admitted and excluded candidates list and final classification list shall be communicated to all admitted candidates through email.

Preliminary Hearing and Final Decision Deadline: After notification, all candidates have 10 working days to respond. Panel's final decisions are pronounced within a period of 90 days, from application deadline.

Selection reserve list: Not applicable.

Fellowship contracting: The Fellowship is granted through the signature of a [contract](#) between IMM and the selected fellow and after the fellow send the following mandatory documents: copy of identification document (in case of non-European citizens is mandatory the work visa / valid resident permit), document proving the required academic degree and the document proving the enrollment in a Master study cycle.
For each Fellowship period an [Activity Report](#) must be prepared by the fellow as well as the [Report](#) by the supervisor.

Please note that the job opportunity announced here is under the entity of Instituto de Medicina Molecular João Lobo Antunes and will result in a contractual relationship with the new entity, Fundação GIMM - Gulbenkian Institute for Molecular Medicine.

*For more information about GIMM and the merger between IGC and IMM, please visit: <https://gimm.pt/>.
If you have any questions, please contact us at people@gimm.pt.*

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The Executive Director of IMM
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