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Public Notice - International Selection Procedure

PhD Scientific Researcher Recruitment (Initial Stage Researcher)

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FCiências.ID - Associação para a Investigação e Desenvolvimento de Ciências, through its Chairman of the Board of Directors, hereby announces the opening of an international call for the recruitment of a Scientific Researcher with a PhD degree, in the category of Initial Stage Researcher, of the FCIências.ID Scientific Research Career, within the scope of the project CellNET: The role of phosphoinositides and NET actin-binding proteins in the regulation of vesicle traffic and secretion in plant cells (Ref. PTDC/BIA-BMA/1893/2020), financed by Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P./MCTES through national funds (PIDDAC), in the form of an indefinite duration fixed-term employment contract, on an exclusive regime, according to the Portuguese Labour Code and Decree-Law No. 57/2016, of August 29th, as amended by Law No. 57/2017, of July 19th.

I. Admission Requirements

Portuguese nationals, foreign and stateless persons may submit applications to this selection procedure, provided they hold a doctoral degree¹ in Biology or similar areas, expertise in the field of Cellular and Molecular Biology, and fully comply with the following requirements:

- a) Proven experience in cellular and molecular biology of model plants (Arabidopsis and/or tobacco) - information provided in the CV and/or in the motivation letter;
- b) Proven experience in genetic analysis - information provided in the CV and/or in the motivation letter;
- c) Proven experience in imaging - information provided in the CV and/or in the motivation letter;
- d) Proven experience in application and analysis of (a)biotic stresses - information provided in the CV and/or in the motivation letter;
- e) Experience in the analysis and in the interpretation of functional genomics data - information provided in the CV and/or in the motivation letter;
- f) Proven scientific experience in the above-mentioned topics, demonstrated by the quality and number of scientific papers published in peer-reviewed scientific journals and top quartile SCI - information provided in the CV and/or in the motivation letter;
- g) Proven scientific and/or professional experience (minimum of 5 years) in research projects related to the areas of the competition - information provided in the CV and/or in the motivation letter;
- h) Proficiency in the English language (written and spoken) - information provided in the CV and/or in the motivation letter.

¹ Please note that Degrees obtained in foreign countries need a Portuguese Recognition issued by a Portuguese high degree Institution, according to the [Decree-Law nr. 66/2018](#), of August 16th and the [Ministerial Order nr. 33/2019](#), of January 25th. The presentation of such Recognition is mandatory for contract signature. More information can be obtained in: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/en/pagina/degree-and-diploma-recognition>.

II. Applicable Law

- 1. Decree-Law No. 57/2016, of August 29th (RCD), in the wording conferred on it by Law No. 57/2017, of July 19th (RCD);
- 2. Portuguese Labour Code, as approved by Law No. 7/2009, of February 12th, in its current version (CT);
- 3. Regulatory Decree No. 11-A/2017, of December 29th;
- 4. Administrative Procedure Code, as published in Decree-Law No. 4/2015, of January 7th, in its current version (CPA).

III. Work plan

The work plan tasks, to be carried out within the project CellNET, are as follows:

- 1) Perform and guide -omic analyses in Arabidopsis pollen and roots by mass spectrometry;
- 2) Protein-protein interaction studies using BiFC (Bimolecular Fluorescence Complementation) and/or FRET (Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer Technique);
- 3) Publication of results in peer-reviewed scientific journals and other means;
- 4) Participation in dissemination activities, communication and involvement of project agents.

The work plan is included in tasks 1 to 6 of project CellNET.

IV. Composition of the Jury

In accordance to article 13 of the RCD, the members of the jury are:

- President - Margarida Duarte Amaral;
- 1st Member of the jury - Rui Malhó;
- 2nd Member of the jury - Rita Teixeira;
- 1st Alternate Member of the jury - Ana Margarida Fortes;
- 2nd Alternate Member of the jury - Célia Miguel.

V. Place of work

Work will be developed at the facilities of Research Center BioISI – BioSystems & Integrative Sciences Institute, in Campo Grande, Lisboa, Portugal.

VI. Contract Duration

The full-time indefinite duration fixed-term employment contract, on an exclusive regime, is expected to start in June 2023, and will last until the Work Plan referred to in section III is completed. It will have an expected duration of 31 months, will not exceed the limits set in the RCD, including an initial experimental trial period of 30 days.

VII. Monthly Allowance

The gross monthly salary is stipulated in clause 1 a) of article 15 of the RCD, corresponding to level 33 of the Single Remuneratory Table, as approved by Government Order No. 1553-C/2008, of December 31st, in its current version, updated by the decree-law nr. 84-F/2022, of December 16th, being 2206,05 Euros, on an exclusive regime, on which legal discounts will apply, plus holiday and Christmas allowances, as well as food allowance in the amount and conditions set out for workers with a legal employment relationship under the Labour Code.

VIII. Evaluation of applications

1. Failure to comply with the Admission Requirements implies the non-admission of candidates in absolute merit.
2. According to article 5 of the RCD, the selection of the candidates approved in absolute merit will rely on the evaluation of their scientific and curricular achievements in the last five (5) years, taking into consideration the quality and relevance of the scientific production, and the professional activity indicated as more relevant by the candidate, within the scope of the project CellNET.

3. Based on the assessment of the candidates' scientific and curricular background in the last five (5) years, each member of the jury presents a justified proposal for admission (final classification equal to or greater than 50%) or exclusion (final classification below 50%) for each candidate, according to the evaluation criteria referred to in no. 5.
4. The final classification of candidates is given on a scale of 0 to 100%.
5. Evaluation of the relative merit of candidates, will rely on the following criteria:
 - a) Participation in relevant scientific projects in the area of Molecular Biology and Plant Genomics - 30%;
 - b) Publications in the area of Plant Biology - 40%;
 - c) Pedagogical, extension and outreach activities of knowledge, in particular in the context of the promotion of scientific practices, organization of courses, seminars and conferences for promotion and dissemination in the area of Plant Biology - 5%;
 - d) Evaluation of the references given by the candidate - 25%;
 - e) Interview, if deemed necessary by the jury - 10%.
6. The jury may decide to interview the three (3) best ranked candidates [in criteria a) to d) of no. 5], for clarifications and improved explanations of curricular elements. If there is an interview, the sum of the classification obtained in the evaluation criteria a) to d) will correspond to 90% of the final classification and the interview will correspond to 10%.
7. The jury shall deliberate by means of a roll-call vote based on the evaluation criteria.
8. Minutes of the jury meetings are drawn up, summarizing all relevant elements considered by jury members, as well as their individual votes and justifications.
9. After completion of the evaluation process, the jury will draw up a ranking of successful candidates with their classifications.
10. Hiring will be decided by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of FCIências.ID, based on the final jury recommendation.
11. The evaluation results will be published on the website of the FCIências.ID ("Concursos" tab). The candidates will be individually notified of the evaluation results by e-mail sent to the address indicated in the "Personal Data" section of the submitted form.
12. With the notification referred to in the no. 11, the hearing phase of interested parties referred to in Article 121 *et seq.* of the CPA will begin, and last for ten working days.
13. The possible pronouncement of the candidate in a prior hearing must be addressed to the President of the jury and submitted in writing to concursos@fciencias-id.pt. The President of the jury will convene a jury's meeting to produce the final decision, within thirty working days.
14. Within five working days of the final jury decision, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of FCIências.ID will approve it and the candidates will be notified.
15. The communication between FCIências.ID (concursos@fciencias-id.pt) and the candidates will be electronic and will comply with the following rules:
 - a) At the time of electronic submission of any document - namely in the case of no. 13 - the candidates must generate proof of "sent message".
 - b) FCIências.ID will send an email message acknowledging documents received to the email address used by the candidates, within two working days.
 - c) In case of absence of a confirmation receipt by FCIências.ID – showing the possibility of technical problems that should neither be the responsibility of the candidate nor FCIências.ID - the candidates should contact FCIências.ID, with the proof referred to in point (a), to ensure delivery and proper receipt of the documents concerned.

IX. Compliance with public policies

1. FCIências.ID actively promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, so that no candidate can be privileged, benefited, disadvantaged or deprived of any right or exempt from any duty due to, inter alia, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, economic situation, education, social origin or condition, genetic heritage, reduced working capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological beliefs and trade union membership.
2. Under the terms of D.L. No. 29/2001, of February 3rd, a disabled candidate has a preference in equal classification, which prevails over any other legal preference. Candidates must declare their respective degree of disability, the type of disability and the means of communication / expression to be used in the selection process, under the terms of the above-mentioned diploma.

X. Submission of Applications

1. The present call will be open from the 21st of March 2023 to the 3rd of April 2023.
2. The application and all the required documents may be submitted in Portuguese or English.
3. Applications will be submitted online, through the electronic platform of FCIências.ID (<http://concursos.fcencias-id.pt>).
4. On the electronic platform, applicants will complete a mandatory section on Personal Data [name, address, date of birth, contact email, nationality and scientific identifiers] and upload files with the documents listed below:
 - i. Detailed *Curriculum vitae* in PDF format - *mandatory*;
 - ii. A motivation letter clearly demonstrating that the candidate has an adequate profile for the position and fully complies with the Admission Requirements - *mandatory*;
 - iii. Up to five publications relevant for the objectives of the Work Plan - *mandatory*;
 - iv. Digital copies of documents proving formal academic degrees (PhD) and/or other scientific and professional qualifications - original documents must be provided in case of actual recruitment - *mandatory*;
 - v. Other documents that candidates consider relevant for the assessment of their scientific merit, or to declare the personal situation in the cases covered in section IX-2 of this Notice - *optional*.
5. By decision of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of FCIências.ID, candidates who do not submit the documents identified in no. 4 will not be admitted to the call. In case of doubts, the Chairman may also invite candidates to substantiate specific data or statements with official supporting documents, before accepting the candidates' submission.

This Public Note was approved by the jury on the 20th of March 2023.