

CALL FOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

University of Coimbra opens a call for one research fellowship, in the framework of the H2OforAll project “Innovative Integrated Tools and Technologies to Protect and Treat Drinking Water from Disinfection Byproducts”, Grant Agreement 101081963 (Call HORIZON-CL6-2022-ZEROPOLLUTION-01-04), financed by European Union by Horizon Europe , in the following conditions:

Scientific area: Biology, Biochemistry and Microbiology .

Skills/Qualifications/Admission requirements: Master degree in Biology, Biochemistry or Microbiology and enrolled in the Biosciences PhD program .

Although the recipients must be enrolled in a cycle of studies leading to the attribution of an academic degree, at the time of application it is not necessary for the candidate to have made such an enrollment, and proof of enrollment must be presented until the fellowship is contractualized. Candidates are only required to meet the requirements to enroll in the training offer. If there are candidates already enrolled (including attending a course), they compete on an equal footing with those who are not enrolled.

Work plan/ Objectives: Development of the methodology for the assessment of ecotoxicity and cytotoxicity of disinfection byproducts. Evaluation of the toxicity and human health impact of several disinfection byproducts .

Regime: The attribution of the fellowship does not generate or entitle a relation of a legal-labour nature, and the fellowship is undertaken in an exclusive dedication regime. The fellowship holder is awarded the Fellowship Statute of the UC, in its current wording, according to the Research Fellowship Holder Statute , and according to the Regulation for Research Fellowships of the Foundation for Science and Technology, both in their current wording.

Location: Department of Life Sciences at the University of Coimbra.

Duration: 8 months.

Renewal: Not renewable .

Scientific orientation: Professor Doutor Rui Carlos Cardoso Martins and Professora Doutora Paula Maria de Melim Vasconcelos de Vitorino Morais .

Financial conditions: The amount of the fellowship is € 1259,64 corresponding to the monthly compensation stipulated in the FCT table (<https://www.fct.pt/en/financiamento/programas-de-financiamento/bolsas/>), plus social security (*Seguro Social Voluntário*, first level contributions) the annual fee of the doctoral course of 2 750€, the registration fee for the doctoral program, 150€, and personal accidents insurance. The payment will be made by bank transfer. This amount will not be increased during the entire period of the fellowship duration.

Selection methods: Curricular Evaluation (100%).

Selection criteria: In Curricular Evaluation the following criteria will be considered:

- A1) Absolute Merit of Curriculum Vitae (30%);
- A2) Specific knowledge related to the work plan (50%)
- A3) Adequacy of the candidate's profile to the work plan to be developed (20%) .

Jury responsible for selection: Professor Doutor Rui Carlos Cardoso Martins (President), Professora Doutora Paula Maria Vitorino Morais (1st Effective member), Professora Doutora Luísa Maria Rocha Durães (2nd Effective member), Professor Doutor João Manuel Ferreira Gomes (1st Substitute member) and Professor Doutor Artur José Monteiro Valente (2nd Substitute member).

Formalization of application: The following documents must accompany the submission of the application:

- 1) Motivation Letter;
- 2) Curriculum Vitae;
- 3) (optional during the application phase) Document proving the enrollment and registration in PhD listed on the application notice. This registration can be made at any time after the application, as long as it occurs before the fellowship contract is signed;
- 4) The following declaration of honor, which must be fulfilled in a specific form on the apply.uc.pt platform .

Declaration on the honor of the candidate(s) with the indication of the fellowship(s) of the typology to which the contest was held and the respective duration(s).

Applicants with academic degrees obtained abroad will be required to present a Certificate of Recognition in accordance with applicable law. This document is mandatory only in the contractualization phase.

Applications submission: Applications must be submitted via Apply UC platform:
<https://app.apply.uc.pt/> .

Submission of applications: Between 04/02/2025 and 17/02/2025.

Submission deadline date: 17/02/2025.

Additional information: The evaluation results will be announced within 90 working days after the end of the applications submission deadline, by notifying the applicants via email. After the announcement of the results, candidates are considered automatically notified to, if they wish to do so, comment on the results on a preliminary hearing period within 10 days after that date. After this, the selected candidates will have to declare in writing their acceptance. Unless a justification worthy of consideration is presented, if the declaration is not submitted within the referred period, it is considered that the candidate waives the fellowship. In case of resignation or withdrawal of the selected candidate, the next candidate with the highest evaluation score will be notified immediately.

Once the selection process is completed, the fellowship contract will be drawn up in accordance with the draft contract provided by the FCT.

After the contracted period, the fellowship holder and supervisor must prepare the final report in accordance with the respective assessment criteria that were established.

Pursuant to subparagraph h) of Article 9 of the Portuguese Constitution, the University of Coimbra, as employer, actively promotes a policy of equal opportunities between men and women in access to employment and professional development, and acts to prevent each and every kind of discrimination.

Therefore, no one can be privileged, benefited, harmed or deprived of any right or immune from any duty on account of, in particular, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, gender, marital status, family, economic situation, education, origin or social condition, genetic heritage, reduced work capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic or racial origin, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological beliefs and trade union membership.

Selection reserve list: 2 months