



**PUBLIC NOTICE/0017/2026**

**OPENING NOTICE OF A RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (BI) - Reference: CIIS-BIOBANCO**

The Rector of Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Prof. Dr. Isabel Capelo Gil, hereby announces the opening of a call for applications for one Research Fellowship for a PhD student, on the basis of exclusive dedication, under the terms of UCP's Regulations on Research Grants, to carry out research activities and support the implementation of all project activities of Biobank Manager at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Health (CIIS), at the Faculty of Medicine, funded by Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, I.P., with the project reference UID/04279/2025.

**1. GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- At the time of application, candidates must be enrolled in a course leading to a doctorate degree in the areas of Biological Sciences, Health Sciences or in similar scientific areas, and holders of a curriculum scientific and professional that reveals an adequate profile to the activity to be developed.
- Not having benefited from a research grant for a doctoral student for more than four years, including the maximum duration of the grant to be awarded in this call.

**2. SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- Hold a master's degree Biochemistry, Biomedicine, Biology, Medicine, Pharmacy or similar scientific areas.
- Permanently and habitually reside in Portugal, a requirement applicable to both national and foreign citizens.

It is not required that at the time of application, the student is already enrolled in a PhD, and the proof of enrollment must be carried out until contracting. Candidates are only required to meet the requirements to enroll in a training offer. If there are candidates already registered (including attending a course), they compete for the competition on an equal footing with those who are not registered.

The duration of a course granting an academic degree does not have to be equal to the duration of the scholarship, it can be started before the beginning of the scholarship and concluded during the duration of the scholarship. Likewise, the course may not be completed on the end date of the scholarship. The plan of R&D activities and the plan of the course in which the scholarship holder is enrolled must be executed in such a way as to allow the scholarship holder to fulfill the duration of the scholarship and the foreseen objectives.

If the academic degree has been awarded by a foreign higher education institution, the provisions of Law 66/2018, of August 16th and Ordinance No. 33/2019, of January 25th, must be complied with.



### 3. WORK PLAN

The research activities will be integrated in the strategy plan of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Health - within the scope of the establishment of the Católica Biobank, financed by FCT and will include the following tasks:

- i. Plan the daily activities of the Biobank.
- ii. Ensure the correct receipt, registration, processing, storage, and distribution of biological samples.
- iii. Implement, maintain, and improve the Biobank's Quality Management System.
- iv. Develop, update, and ensure compliance with SOPs.
- v. Participate in the correct implementation of informed consent procedures and personal data management.
- vi. Ensure compliance with safety standards and good laboratory practices.
- vii. Ensure the maintenance, calibration, and validation of laboratory equipment.
- viii. Document and record all tasks performed.
- ix. Prepare activity reports and performance indicators.
- x. Participate in academic scientific research studies based on the Católica Biobank.

The grant holder must also support the implementation of all project activities, including the preparation of reports and scientific articles.

### 4. APPLICABLE LAW AND REGULATIONS

Law n.º 40/2004, of 18 of August (Research Fellowship Holder Statute), altered by Decree-Law n.º 123/2019, of 28 of August and UCP Research Fellowship Regulation.

### 5. WORKPLACE AND SCIENTIFIC GUIDANCE

The work will be developed at the Sintra facilities of Universidade Católica Portuguesa – Faculty of Medicine, under the scientific supervision of Prof. Dr. Paulo Bettencourt.

### 6. FELLOWSHIP'S DURATION AND START DATE

The fellowship will be awarded for a period of 12 months, in exclusive commitment.

The fellowship may be renewed for equal periods up to the fullest extent permitted by the applicable regulations or the termination of the funding grant.

The fellowship is planned to start in 01/04/2025.

### 7. MONTHLY MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The fellowship's maintenance allowance is 1309.64 € per month, paid monthly by wire transfer. The fellowship holder will be covered by personal accident insurance.

If not covered by any social protection scheme, the fellowship holder can ensure the right to Social Security through adherence to the Voluntary Social Security scheme, pursuant to "Código dos Regimes Contributivos do Sistema Previdencial de Segurança Social". Provided that the awarded fellowship has



a minimum duration of 6 months, the fellowship holder will be entitled to be reimbursed, by UCP, of the charges resulting from the contributions that apply to the first bracket referred to in article 36 of Decree-Law no. 40/89, of 1 February, with the increase in charges arising from the option for the payment of a higher incidence base being paid by the fellow.

## 8. SELECTION METHOD

The selection process must comply with article 11º of the FCT Research Scholarship Regulation, IP (Regulation No. 950/2019) or article 9º of the UCP grants.

In compliance with the provisions of point 3 of article 11º of Regulation no. 950/2019 or point 2 of article 9º of the UCP grants, the evaluation will focus only on the merit of the candidate.

In the first phase, the curricular evaluation will be carried out and the selection of candidates admitted to the Tender will be performed, in view of the fulfillment of the admission requirements.

The final classification system of candidates must be expressed from 0 to 100.

Candidates will be assessed based on 3 criteria (SC):

- A. Scientific and technological production (50%)
- B. Experience in applied research or based on practice (25%)
- C. Knowledge extension and dissemination activities (25%)

If deemed necessary by the jury, an interview will be conducted for the candidates ranked at the top of the ordered list. In this case, the percentage weighting of the methods used in the selection will be:

- Scientific and academic curriculum (SC): 80%
- Interview: 20%

The candidate occupying the first place on the ranking list will be selected.

The selection panel reserves the right not to select any candidate if it considers that none of the candidates has the required profile.

## 9. COMPOSITION OF THE SELECTION PANEL

President of the Jury: Prof. Dr. Nuno Rosa

Effective Member: Prof. Dr. Paulo Bettencourt; Prof. Dr. João Pereira and Prof. Dr. Ana Peixoto Gomes.

## 10. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR APPLICATION

Applications are to be submitted in Portuguese and must include the following documents:

1. Curriculum Vitae.
2. Letter elaborating on the motivations and objectives for applying to this position.
3. Recommendation Letter.
4. Copy(s) of the qualification certificate(s).
5. Copy(s) of the scientific article(s).



If the Degree has been awarded by a non-Portuguese higher education institution it must comply with the provisions of the Portuguese legislation on the recognition of foreign degrees, regulated by Decree-Law no. 66/2018 of August 16th and Portaria No. 33/2019, of January 25th. The signature of the contract is conditional on the presentation of the formal document.

Applicants are advised to check the website of the Directorate-General for Higher Education (DGES) for further information: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/en/pagina/degree-and-diploma-recognition>.

## 11. DEADLINES AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Candidates should submit their applications, obligatorily, by email to the secretariat of CIIS (esoares@ucp.pt). Applications must be addressed to the Rector of the UCP stating full name, filiation, date and place of birth, citizenship, civil state, current residence, identification number as well as the institution conferring the degree and the final classification.

Candidates may submit their applications in the terms mentioned in the previous point, from **23rd February 2026 until 6th March 2026 (until 11 pm Lisbon time)**.

No document that should have been submitted at the application stage may be presented after the deadline set for this purpose in the opening notice. Failure to comply with the deadline set for the submission of the application, as well as the lack of submission or late submission of the documents referred to in this point will determine exclusion from the competition. False statements provided by the candidates are punishable by law.

## 12. DELIBERATION AND RELEASE OF THE RESULTS

The selection panel deliberates in accordance with adopted and disclosed selection criteria. Minutes of panel meetings shall include a summary of the meeting content. After application of the selection criteria, the panel shall prepare a ranked list of approved candidates and respective classification.

The ranked list of approved candidates will be posted at the Sintra facilities of Universidade Católica Portuguesa, located at Estrada Octávio Pato 2635-631 Rio de Mouro, Portugal, and will be announced at the website <https://fm.ucp.pt/pt-pt>. Candidates will be notified by email once this list is made available.

In the 10 working days after the communication of the final decision, the selected candidate must confirm in writing his/her availability to initiate the fellowship on the proposed date. In case of unavailability, the offer will be made to the next candidate in the ranked list.

## 13. PRIOR HEARING, COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

In case of unfavorable decision, candidates will have 10 working days after notification to pronounce in a prior hearing, should they wish it, under the terms of the Code of Administrative Procedures. The final decision may be subject to a complaint within a period of 10 working days or, alternatively, of an appeal within a period of 30 working days, with both durations beginning on the date of the initial notification. The complaint or appeal should be addressed to the Rector's Office (Reitoria) of Universidade Católica



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Portuguesa. After this notification, and in case there are no allegations, the results will become definitive. Ineligible candidates will be notified by email, with details of the missing eligibility elements.

#### 14. PRIVACY POLICY

Universidade Católica Portuguesa is the controller responsible for the processing of Personal Data in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 – General Regulation on Data Protection.

The personal data submitted within the scope of this tender procedure is processed within the framework of said tender procedure only and will be treated by Universidade Católica Portuguesa with the purpose of verifying the fulfillment, by the candidates, of the assumptions established in the applicable legislation for their contracting. Opposition to the processing of data by the candidates will make it impossible to accept the application and, therefore, to analyze and evaluate it.

The personal data of the Data Subject, if it be indispensable for the fulfillment of the obligations of Universidade Católica Portuguesa, may be conveyed to third parties, namely to the Financing Entities identified in this announcement.

The data retention period shall correspond to the legally defined period of five years.

The Data Subject is entitled to oppose the collection and processing of data, has the right to verification, the right to rectification, the right to deletion, and the right to restriction of processing of the data collected. However, the exercise of such rights may be excluded when personal data is used to protect public interest, namely in the detection and prevention of crimes or when subject to professional rules of confidentiality.

The Data Subject has the right of access and portability of the data.

Rights of Personal Data Subjects: <https://www.ucp.pt/rights-data-subjects>.

For purposes of exercising the respective rights, contact the University through the e-mail address [compliance.rgpd@ucp.pt](mailto:compliance.rgpd@ucp.pt).

The Data Subject is always entitled to contact and file a complaint with the Comissão Nacional de Proteção de Dados (Portuguese Supervisory Authority for Personal Data).

#### 15. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL ACCESS POLICY

Universidade Católica Portuguesa actively promotes a non-discrimination and equal access policy, wherefore no candidate can be privileged, benefited, impaired or deprived of any rights whatsoever, or be exempt of any duties based on their ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, family and economic conditions, instruction, 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 convictions, and union membership.

#### 16. FINAL NOTES

This competition is exclusively destined to fill this specific vacancy and can be terminated at any time until approval of final candidate list, expiring with the respective occupation of said vacancy.

This competition invitation and the contract concluded because of it will only take effect if the Project financing conditions are fulfilled.



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This competition procedure can be canceled when it is vacant; when any case of force majeure occurs; or when other reasons of budgetary nature occurring after the opening of the tender, determine it.

The FCT provides a model contract for scholarship projects or in I&D. The scholarship holders must submit a final report of their activities within 30 days after the end of their grant.

**17. CONTACTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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The Rector

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