

Reference: BI/CESAM/ FirEProd/2023

NOTICE FOR THE AWARD OF GRANTS IN THE SCOPE OF R&D PROJECTS AND INSTITUTIONS

A tender is hereby opened for the award of 1 **Research Grant** (RG) in the scope of R&D project FirEProd - Prescribed burning, fire risk and eucalypts productivity: from research to practice, PCIF/MOS/0071/2019, under the following conditions:

- 1. Scientific Area:** Biology, Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Forest Engineering and related areas.
- 2. Funding Source:** Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P./MCTES, through national funds (PIDDAC)
- 3. Admission Requirements:** Students enrolled in integrated master's or master's within the scope of the scientific area of the present call.

The proof of enrolment must be made available until the contract is awarded, and the candidate may attach a [declaration of honor](#) to confirm that they meet the requirements for enrolment in an integrated master's degree, master's or doctoral program or in a course that does not confer an academic degree.

If the qualification has been conferred by a foreign higher education institution it must be **recognized by a Portuguese higher education institution**, under the terms of the provisions of article 25 of Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16th, which approves the legal regime of recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of Higher Education, attributed by foreign higher education institutions, and of paragraph e) of no. 2 of article 4 of Decree-Law no. 60/2018, of August 3rd, and any formalities established therein must be fulfilled by the date of the hiring act.

4. Eligibility: Applicants are eligible if they comply with paragraph a) of no.1 of article 2, of the Research Fellow Statute as amended by Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of August 28th, as well as nos. 1 and 2 of article 6 of the Research Grant Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology. The RG(s) awarded to undergraduate or master students enrolled in courses that do not confer academic degree may only be granted to those who do not exceed, upon conclusion of the grant contract in question, including possible renewals, an accumulated period of two years in that type of grant, consecutive or interpolated, under the terms of no.5 of article 6 of the aforementioned Regulations.

5. Work plan: The research grant will aim to support the development of Tasks 2 and 4 of the FirEProd project, namely: the installation and monitoring of prescribed fire trials in the field, the soil and vegetation sampling, the assessment of fire risk and the support data analysis and the writing of scientific papers.

6. Applicable legislation and regulations: Statute of Scientific Research Grant Holder, as amended by Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of August 28th; Regulation no. 950/2019, of November 29th, published in Diário da República, no. 241, Series II, of December 16th (FCT, I.P. Research Grants Regulation); Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16th (Legal regime for recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of higher education awarded by foreign higher education institutions).

7. Workplace: The work will be carried out at the Centre of Environmental and Marine Studies (CESAM) and in the Department of Environment and Planning of the University of Aveiro, under the scientific supervision of Doctor Sofia Caçoilo Corticeiro.

8. Duration of the grant: The grant duration will be 3 months, starting on 1st October of 2023, and may be renewed for additional periods of 3 months, up to the maximum limit of approved funding. Under no

circumstances shall it exceed the limits defined in nos. 3 and 4 of article 6, of Regulation no. 950/2019, of November 29th, published in Diário da República, no. 241, Series II, of December 16th (Research Grants Regulation of FCT, I.P.).

9. Amount of monthly maintenance allowance: The amount of the grant corresponds to €930.98, according to the table of monthly maintenance allowance amounts set out in Annex I of Regulation no. 950/2019, subject to any updates that may be applicable, under the terms of no. 2 of article 18 of Regulation no. 950/2019, of November 29th, published in Diário da República, no. 241, Series II, of December 16th (Research Grants Regulation of FCT, I.P.). The fellow may also be reimbursed for the amount corresponding to the Voluntary Social Security, in case of adherence to this plan

10. Selection methods:

i) Curriculum evaluation (60%): Academic qualifications (20%); Experience and motivation to perform field work, namely in forest areas (40%); Experience in performing laboratory work, namely processing and analysis of soil and vegetation samples (15%); Experience in statistical data analysis (25%).

ii) Motivation letter (40%)

The jury reserves the right to exclude candidates who do not reach the minimum final classification of 10 points (weighting between items i) and ii)) on a scale of 0-20 points, and the jury may not select any candidate if it agrees that none of the candidates has the required profile.

If necessary to prove the merit of the candidates, an interview will be held with the best candidates (between 3 and 5) with a final evaluation of more than 10 points (weighting between items i) and ii)), in which case the final score will be 75% for points i) and ii), and 25% for the interview.

11. Composition of the Selection Jury:

Chair: Doctor Sofia C. Corticeiro, PhD Researcher of the University of Aveiro;

Jury members: Doctor Paula A. A. Maia, PhD Researcher of the University of Aveiro and Doctor Ana Carina T. Quintela dos Santos, PhD Researcher of RAIZ;

Substitute members: Doctor J. Jacob Keizer, Principal Researcher with Habilitation of the University of Aveiro and Doctor Bruna R. F. Oliveira, PhD Researcher of the University of Aveiro.

12. Deadline for applications and how to submit applications: The call is open from 25th July to 21st August, and only applications submitted within the deadline will be admitted.

Applications must be formalized by sending a letter of application accompanied by the following documents: Curriculum Vitae, certificate of qualifications with the final grades, letter of motivation and other supporting documents deemed relevant by the candidate. They shall also indicate the e-mail address to which by such indication they accept to be notified for all purposes within this procedure.

Applications should be sent by e-mail to sofiacorticeiro@ua.pt with a request for receipt and reading.

13. Form of publication/notification of results: The final results of the evaluation will be published through an ordered list by final mark obtained and posted on the University's website, within 90 working days after the final date of submission of the application, and the successful candidate will be notified by email. For the purposes of prior hearing of interested parties, the deadline of 10 working days is set, as provided for in the Code of Administrative Procedure. At the end of the period for hearing the interested parties, and in the absence of any response from them, the list of candidates will become final. Candidates may lodge a complaint against the final decision within 15 working days, or appeal to the maximum executive body of

the funding entity within 30 working days after notification of the final decision, in accordance with the provisions of article 12 of the Research Grants Regulation of the Foundation for Science and Technology.

14. Tender duration: The final ranking list of candidates will be valid until 1st December 2023 for the purpose of constituting a reserve list for selection.

The models of the grant contract and of the final report to be prepared by the grant holder and the supervisor are available at [Research fellows - sgrh - Universidade de Aveiro \(ua.pt\)](https://ua.pt/research-fellows-sgrh).

- University of Aveiro, 19/July/2023
