

## Reference: BI/CESAM/NETTAGPlus/2023

### NOTICE FOR THE AWARD OF RESEARCH GRANTS

A tender is hereby opened for the award of 1 (one) Researcher Grant (BI) under **NETTAGPlus (Preventing, Avoiding, and Mitigating Environmental Impacts of Fishing Gears and Associated Marine Litter)** of the Centre for Environment and Marine Studies (CESAM), under the following conditions:

**1. Scientific Area:** Social, Political or Environmental Sciences or related areas

**2. Financing Source:** European Union under Horizon Europe (IA)

**3. Admission Requirements:** The candidate must be a student enrolled in a Doctoral programme, Masters degree or a non-awarding degree course in the areas identified previously at the start of the BI. Preference will be given to candidates with the following knowledge, skills, experience and interests:

- Interest and/or previous work in fisheries, marine pollution, public policies and engaging with fisheries and marine stakeholders
- Capacity to organize events (focus groups, workshops, seminars, meetings) and undertake interviews and questionnaires
- Autonomy and project management skills, ability to work on own and as part of an interdisciplinary international team, able to work to deadlines and be reliable, and fluent in English and Portuguese (speaking and writing).

If the applicant holds an undergraduate or MSc degree and 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 in the wording given by Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of August 28th, and also the provisions of article 9 of the Scientific Research Grant Regulations of the University of Aveiro.

**5. Work plan:** The grant holder will be part of a large and interdisciplinary team working on the NETTAGPlus project. The workplan will include:

1. Carry out the work of collecting, analysing and systematizing the literature focused on marine litter and any other relevant areas of the project,
2. Carrying out interviews/surveys with fisheries and other marine stakeholders in Portugal and other geographical areas of interest for the project, and analysis of the data collected,
3. Prepare, organize and attend project meetings, workshops, focus groups and events, and carry out interviews with relevant stakeholders in Portugal and other locations,
4. Write project reports and deliverables, press releases and online news (in English) adapted to different target audiences (twitter, project page, etc), policy briefs and scientific publications,
5. Support in administrative activities and project management.

**6. Applicable legislation and regulations:** Research Fellow Statute, as amended by Decree-Law No. 123/2019, of August 28th; Scientific Research Grant Regulation of the University of Aveiro, Regulation No. 292/2020, published in Diário da República No. 61, Series II, of March 26th; Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of August 16th (Legal regime of 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 for Environment and Marine Studies (CESAM), Department of Environment and Planning (DAO), of the University of Aveiro, under the scientific supervision of Doctor Cristina Pita.

**8. Duration of the grant:** The grant duration will be 6 months, starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2023. The fellowship may be renewed up to the maximum limit of approved funding, during the project implementation period, and without exceeding the duration limits defined for the type of fellowship in article 9, of Regulation no. 292/2020, of February 28th, published in Diário da República, no. 61, Series II, of March 26th (Scientific Research Grant Regulation of the University of Aveiro).

**9. Amount of monthly maintenance allowance:** The amount of the grant corresponds to €1199,64 according to the table of values of monthly maintenance allowances, set out in *Appendix III of the Scientific Research Grant Regulation* of the University of Aveiro, subject to any updates that may occur and are applicable. In case of adherence to this plan, the fellow may also be reimbursed for the amount corresponding to the Voluntary Social Security.

**10. Selection methods:** The selection methods to be used will be the following: (1) Curriculum vitae, including the average of the last academic degree obtained (30%), (2) Motivation letter with a brief description of the candidate's research experience, interests and motivation for applying to the position and carry out the work (25%); (3) Previous experience (professional/volunteer) working in projects related to fisheries, marine pollution, marine stakeholder engagement, surveys/interviews and/or publications (peer-reviewed scientific papers and grey literature, i.e. report, booklets, etc) (25%); (4) Excellent knowledge of English (written and spoken) (10%) and Portuguese (written and spoken) (10%).

If the jury considers not to have the conditions for deciding based on the Curricular Evaluation, an interview may be held, where the final score will be 50% for the curricular evaluation and 50% for the interview. The jury reserves the right to not select an applicant if none presents the minimum requirements (final classification superior to 50%).

**11. Composition of the Selection Jury:** Dr Cristina Pita, Principal Researcher at the University of Aveiro (President of the jury), Professor Fátima Alves, Assistant Professor with Habilitation at the University of Aveiro, and Dr Ricardo Calado, Principal Researcher at the University of Aveiro. Alternative members include Dr Peter Roebeling and Dr Helena Vieira.

**12. Deadline for applications and how to submit applications:** The call is open from the 19<sup>th</sup> of July until 17,00h (Lisbon time) of the 2nd of 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: (1) Recent detailed Curriculum Vitae; (2) copy of the certificate(s) of qualifications; (3) a motivation letter. Applicants shall also indicate the e-mail address to which they accept to be notified for all purposes within this procedure.

Applications should be sent by e-mail to [c.pita@ua.pt](mailto:c.pita@ua.pt). Applications should bare the reference **BI/CESAM/NETTAGPlus /2023** and be headed to Dr Cristina Pita.

**13. Form of publication/notification of results:** The results of the evaluation shall be made public no later than 60 working days after the closing date for submission of applications and shall be notified to the applicants. The candidates are informed, in a prior hearing, under the terms established in the Code of Administrative Procedure, of the probable meaning of the final decision, and may, within 10 working days of this notification, express their opinion on this decision. The final results may be appealed to the Rector and submitted within 10 working days from the respective notification.

**14. Tender duration:** The final ranking list of candidates will be valid until 6 months after this call's final decision, to constitute 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 \(ua.pt\)](#).



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*Dr. Cristina Pita*