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NOTICE FOR THE AWARD OF RESEARCH GRANTS

A tender is hereby opened for the award of 1 **Research Grant(s)** (RG) under the scope of R&D project “Apoio à Rede Nacional de Arrojamentos de Mamíferos Marinhos — Rede Regional Norte 2023-2024” of CESAM, under the following conditions:

1. Scientific Area: Biology or similar areas

2. Financing Source Fundo Ambiental, defined in Despacho n. 3355-A/2023, Ministério do Ambiente e Ação Climática).

3. Admission Requirements: Students enrolled in a Masters degree in Biology or similar areas. Candidates will be admitted if they have experience in histological techniques for determining age in cetaceans and if they possess the necessary national permit to handle and transport marine mammal samples.

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.

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 study to be developed will aim at increasing knowledge about age structure in cetacean population in northern Portugal. The specific objectives include determining associations between specific age groups and mortality.

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 CPRAM/ECOMARE, CESAM and Department of Biology of the University of Aveiro, under the scientific supervision of Professor Catarina Isabel Costa Simões Eira.

8. Duration of the grant(s): The grant duration will be 5 months, starting in June of 2024, and may be renewed for additional periods, up to the maximum limit of approved funding. Under no circumstances shall it exceed the limits defined in nos. 5 and 6 of 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. Monthly subsidy value: The amount of the grant corresponds to €990,98, 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. If applicable, 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: The selection methods to be used will be Curriculum assessment (100%) according to experience in: 1) Biology degree grade (20%); 2) experience in marine mammal necropsies and sampling (20%); 3) experience in histology techniques for age determination from cetacean teeth (60%).



11. Composition of the Selection Jury: President of the Jury: Dr. Catarina Isabel Costa Simões Eira; permanent members: Dr. Amadeu Mortágua Velho da Maia Soares and Dr. Sílvia Raquel da Silva Monteiro; alternate members: Ana Sofia Ramos Tavares and Andreia Filipa Torres-Pereira.

12. Deadline for applications and how to submit applications: The call is open from 9 to 22 April 2024 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, declaration of honor and other supporting documents deemed relevant. 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 catarina.eira@ua.pt.

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, to be submitted within 10 working days from the respective notification.

14. Tender duration: The final ranking list of candidates will be valid until the 30th of August 2024 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 \(ua.pt\)](#).