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

A tender is hereby opened for the award of 2 **Research Grants** (RG) in the scope of R&D projects PUFapods - Merging blue and green food systems - Using marine gammarid amphipods supplied with plant food processing side streams to produce n-3 LC-PUFA, 2022.01620.PTDC, under the following conditions:

### 1. Scientific Area: Biology

### 2. Funding Source

a) Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P./MCTES, through national funds (PIDDAC).

### 3. Admission Requirements:

Students enrolled in a Masters' in Biology (or similar scientific areas) and, preferentially, with proven experience, through signed, dated, and verifiable certificate(s) or recommendation letter(s), in the maintenance and reproduction of marine invertebrates. Experience in operating recirculated life support systems for marine organisms is also a preference.

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:** Carrying out regular collections of gammarid amphipods from the natural environment and their taxonomic identification in the laboratory; maintenance of gammarid amphipod spawners in recirculated life support systems and production of their offspring to adulthood using different types of diets; performance of tests on the production of gammarid amphipods in the laboratory under different feeding, temperature and salinity conditions; collection of samples and biochemical and molecular analysis; carrying out the procedures associated with the acquisition of laboratory consumables for the development of the activities foreseen within the scope of the project, as well as producing periodic reports and keeping organized all the data generated within the scope of the same.

**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 CEPAM-ECOMARE, CESAM, Department of Biology and Department of Chemistry of the University of Aveiro, under the scientific supervision of Doctor Ricardo Jorge Guerra Calado.

**8. Duration of the grant(s):** The grant duration will be 6 months, starting in July 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. 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 €990,98, 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:** The selection methods to be used will be the following: Curriculum assessment (100%): Academic qualifications (including final grade for the Bachelor's degree, weighting 20%); Experience in the scientific area of the project (weighting 70%); Previous scientific production (including presentations at conferences, books, book chapters and scientific articles relevant to the scientific area of the project, weighting 10%). If necessary, the jury reserves the right to call the three candidates with the best score in the "Curriculum evaluation" component to carry out an interview, which can be done in person or remotely, by zoom or other appropriate means. In this case, the curriculum evaluation will have a relative weight of 70% and the interview 30%.

**11. Composition of the Selection Jury:** Doctor Ricardo Jorge Guerra Calado (Chair of the Selection Jury), Doctor Luísa da Costa Marques and Doctor Daniela Maria Porfírio Rodrigues (Permanent Members) and Doctor Felisa Rey Eiras and Doctor Diana Sofia Gusmão Coito Madeira (Alternate Members).

**12. Deadline for applications and how to submit applications:** The call is open from 16 to 30 of May 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 commitment of honour, certificate or letter of recommendation signed, dated and verifiable attesting experience in the capture, maintenance and, reproduction of marine gammarid amphipods and other supporting documents considered 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 [rjcalado@ua.pt](mailto:rjcalado@ua.pt).

**13. Form of publication/notification of results:** The final results of the evaluation will be published through an ordered list alphabetically 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 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2025 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://www.ua.pt/~sgrh).

- University of Aveiro 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2024



Ricardo Calado