

Open Call for a Post Doc Fellowship in the Project “PTDC/MED-IMU/3649/2021”

The Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência (IGC) is welcoming applications for a Post-Doctoral research fellowship, within the scope of the project **PTDC/MED-IMU/3649/2021**, with the title “**Competição Celular no Timo versus Leucemia – Compreensão da Homeostasia e Prevenção da Doença**” financed by national funds through FCT/MCTES (PIDDAC), with the following conditions:

1. **Duration** The fellowship duration according to the IGC Research Fellowship Regulation approved by FCT (<https://gulbenkian.pt/ciencia/wp-content/uploads/sites/47/2022/06/2021-Regulamento-de-Bolsas-IGC.pdf>) is 12 months, renewable. The fellowship contract is expected to start by November 2022, under the exclusiveness regime as required by Research Fellowship Regulation of Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, IP (FCT).
2. **Subject of Activities:** The successful candidate will contribute to a better understanding of cell competition in the thymus, namely in uncovering the cellular and the molecular mechanisms that regulate the process, as well as to tackle the consequences of impairing cell competition, which include leukemia initiation. This project merges developmental immunology with the biology of cancer/leukemia, using the mouse as the model organism.
3. **Scientific Guidance** The selected candidate will join the Lymphocyte Development and Leukemogenesis Laboratory (<https://gulbenkian.pt/ciencia/research-groups/vmartins/>) headed by Dr. Vera Martins.
4. **Academic Profile and Admission Requirements:** The candidate must hold a doctoral degree obtained within the last 3 years, and hold a degree in Biology, Biochemistry or related area.

Additionally, we will prefer candidates with:

- i. Background in Immunology, cancer or developmental biology;
- ii. Solid expertise in flow cytometry and the mouse as model organism are required;
- iii. Fluency in English (written and spoken) is required.

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.º of Decree-Law n.º 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 n.º 2 of article 4.º of Decree-Law n.º 60/2018, of August 3rd, and any formalities established therein must be fulfilled by the date of the hiring act. The jury reserves the right to invite the candidate ranked immediately after to the position in question when the first ranked candidate is not recognized with the academic degree after the aforementioned formalities have been fulfilled.

5. **For Portuguese taxpayers:** All candidates that where/are currently taxpayers in Portugal are required to present evidence of the fulfillment of their individual obligations towards the Portuguese Tax Authority and Social Security. Failure to comply with this requirement will be considered as a criteria for exclusion from the recruitment process.
6. **Applicable legislation and Regulation:** All candidates must comply with the [IGC Research Fellowship Regulation](#); [Research Fellowship Statutes](#) amended by [Decree nº 123/2019](#)

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of August 28th; [FCT Legislation and Regulations for Fellowships](#) and the [Decree-Law n.º 66/2018](#), of August 16th (Legal regime for recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of higher education awarded by foreign higher education institutions)

7. **Subsidy Month Stipend:** 1.900,00€/month according to the table of monthly maintenance allowance amounts set out in Annex I of [IGC Research Fellowship Regulation](#). The payment will be made by bank transfer. The selected candidate will benefit from a comprehensive health insurance policy (applicable to all scholarship contracts over 6 months) and may also be reimbursed for the amount corresponding to the Voluntary Social Security contribution. Any of these plans are dependent on voluntary membership.

8. **Deadline for applications and how to submit applications:** Interested candidates should send their applications to vmartins@igc.gulbenkian.pt in a single PDF file, named “**Applicant name_IMU_3649_BIPD**”, containing: Motivation Letter (1 page max); Curriculum Vitae (2 pages max) and contacts of two references, stating whether these could be approached. After a pre-analysis of applications, selected candidates will be invited for an interview.

9. **Methods of Selection and Evaluation:** The selection procedure shall be as follows: Curriculum (40%), reference letters (20%), motivation letter (20%) and interview, if considered necessary by the jury, of the selected candidates (20%).

10. **Jury Selection:** Chairman: Dr. Vera Martins. Other members: Dr. Jocelyne Demengeot and Dr. Moises Mallo.

11. **Form of Advertising / Notification of results:** The assessment results will be sent to all candidates and to the FCT by email. There will be 10 working days for complaints/appeals after the date of publication of the Selection Minute, through the same application email.

12. **Application Period:** From 30/08/2022 until 15/10/2022.

13. **Non-discrimination and equal access policy:** The Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation actively promotes a non-discrimination and equal access policy, wherefore no candidate can be privileged, benefitted, impaired or deprived of any rights whatsoever, or be exempt of any duties based on ancestry, age, sex, sexual preference, marital status, family and economic conditions, education, origin or social conditions, genetic heritage, reduced work capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, origin territory, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and union membership.