Open Call for a Research Fellowship

The Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência (IGC) is welcoming applications to a Research Fellowship, funded by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, with the following conditions:

1. **Duration** The fellowship duration according to the IGC Research Fellowship Regulation approved by FCT is 6 months, with the possibility of renewal up to a maximum limit of 2 years. The fellowship contract is expected to start by October 2023, under the exclusiveness regime as required by Research Fellowship Regulation of Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, IP (FCT).

2. **Subject of Activities:** This project is focused on the development and validation of different behavioural assays to study the behavioural and physiological changes under a stress response in zebrafish (*D. rerio*). The candidate to be selected will be responsible for carrying out behaviour experiments, behaviour analysis, and studying the effects of stress events on cell proliferation. Therefore, this project will also involve immunocytochemistry techniques and the quantitative analysis of cell proliferation on specific brain nuclei.

3. **Scientific Areas:** Neuroscience and related areas.

4. **Academic Profile and Admission Requirements:** Master’s degree in Neuroscience, or related areas. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in zebrafish manipulation and immunocytochemistry.

According to article 3, point 2 of IGC Research Fellowship Regulation, the selected candidate must be enrolled in PhD degree or non-academic degree course integrated in the educational project of a higher education institution.

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 (https://www.dges.gov.pt/en/pagina/degree-and-diploma-recognition), 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 n° 123/2019 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:** 1,300,00 €/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 be reimbursed for the amount corresponding to the Voluntary Social Security contribution.

8. **Deadline for applications and how to submit applications:** Interested candidates should send their applications to igcpositions@igc.gulbenkian.pt in a single PDF file, named “Applicant name_ Research Fellowship_ FISHSTRESS”, containing: Motivation Letter (2 page max); Curriculum Vitae (2 pages max), two reference letters from two previous supervisors and proof of degree.

9. **Methods of Selection and Evaluation:** The selection procedure shall be as follows: Curriculum (50%), reference letters (10%), motivation letter (30%). If considered necessary by the jury, the interview of the selected applicants will represent 10% of the final evaluation.

10. **Jury Selection:** Chairman: Dr. Rui Oliveira. Other members: Dr. Magda Teles and Dr. Susana Varela. Substitute member: Dr. Kyriacos Kareklas.

11. **Form of Advertising / Notification of results:** The assessment results will be sent to all candidates 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 20/09/2023 until 03/10/2023.

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.