

Open Call for a Researcher's Initiation Fellowship (BII)

The Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência (IGC) is welcoming applications to a Researcher's Initiation Fellowship (BII), under the project 101002391 — ChromoSilence — ERC-2020-COG financed by the program Horizon 2020 with the following conditions:

1. Duration The fellowship duration according to the [IGC Research Fellowship Regulation](#) approved by FCT is 5 months, with the possibility of renewal up to a maximum limit of 1 year. The fellowship contract is expected to start by March 2024, under the exclusiveness regime as required by Research Fellowship Regulation of Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, IP (FCT).

2. Subject of Activities: The project to be developed aims to assess the sensitivity of different cancer cell lines to the impairment of mitotic transcription inactivation in comparison to control cells. Specifically, the candidate will investigate the transcriptional dynamics and mitotic fidelity of these cancer cell lines when exposed to experimental conditions where mitotic transcription inactivation is deregulated.

3. Scientific Areas: Biological Sciences.

4. Scientific Guidance: The selected candidate will join the Chromosome Dynamics Laboratory (<https://gulbenkian.pt/ciencia/research-groups/rcoliveira/>), headed by Dr. Raquel Oliveira.

5. Academic Profile and Admission Requirements: We are currently seeking for a bachelor student to develop the offered project. Knowledge in the Life Sciences field, preferably in Biomedical Sciences. We are seeking for candidates enrolled in a degree in Biomedical Sciences. We will give advantage to candidates that already have some laboratory experience (3 months), particularly in human cells culture, microscopy techniques and chromosome biology. We are looking for motivated candidates that value team work and have good communication skills. Good level of written and spoken English is mandatory.

According to article 3, point 2 of [IGC Research Fellowship Regulation](#), the selected candidate must be enrolled in an academic degree course (Bachelor Degree) integrated in the educational project of a higher education institution.

6. 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.

7. 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.° 66/2018](#), of August 16th (Legal regime for recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of higher education awarded by foreign higher education institutions)

8. Subsidy Month Stipend: 720,00 €/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.

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9. 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_BII-ChromoSilence**”, containing: Motivation Letter (2 page max); Curriculum Vitae (2 pages max), two contacts for reference letters and proof of degree.

10. Methods of Selection and Evaluation: The selection procedure shall be as follows: Curriculum (40%), motivation letter (20%) and contact information for 2 references (20%). If considered necessary by the jury, the interview of the selected applicants will represent (20%) of the final evaluation.

11. Jury Selection: Chairman: Dr. Raquel Oliveira. Other members: Dr. Alexandra Tavares and Dr. Laura Tovini.

12. Form of Advertising / Notification of results: The assessment results will be sent to all candidates by email. After being notified of the panel's decision, applicants shall have 10 working days to issue an opinion.

13. Application Period: From 28/02/2024 until 12/03/2024.

14. 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 exempted 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.

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