

Rural Eng. Department MED - Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development

Research Scholarship for Graduates – 3 positions

January 27, 2021

A call for tender is open for 3 Bachelor Scholarship within the scope of the project "HIBA" financed by European funds through the INTERREG POCTEP Program, ref. 0762_HIBA_6_E, via the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), under the following conditions

Scientific area: Agronomy Eng. or related

Admission requirements: i) University Degree; ii) Specific and/or professional training in Agricultural Engineering and/or related areas; iii) Preference is given to those who have training and experience in precision farming iv) Preference is given to those who have experience in training activities; v) Preference is given to those who express the wish to begin a Master's thesis in areas associated with precision farming.

As set forth FCT Research Scholarship Regulation No. 950/2019 of December 16, 2019, article 3 and 6, candidates for **"BI"** (Research Grants) must comply as a rule condition for the award of the scholarship, the effective inclusion in study cycles leading to the attribution of academic degrees or in courses not leading to an academic degree. Courses that do not confer an academic degree correspond to the courses provided for in subparagraph e) of paragraph 3 of article 4 of Decree-Law No. 74/2006 of 24 March and must be developed in a higher education institution in association with at least one R&D unit, including a course plan in one or several research areas of the unit.

Workplan: the workplan is included in some tasks of the project, namely:

Management of project activities; Management and Maintenance of infrastructure associated with the project; Field data collection and data management; Training activities within the Demo Lab to be created within the project. Support to laboratory work and all field work when required. Preparation of project monitoring reports.

Applicable legislation and regulations: The granting of the Research Scholarship will be carried out upon the signing of a contract between the University of Évora and the scholarship holder, as set in the template https://www.fct.pt/apoios/Minuta_Contrato_Bolsa.docx, pursuant to the Research Scholarship Statute (Law No. 40/2004 of August 18 and Decree-Law No. 123/2019 of August 28) and in accordance with the legislation and Regulation of Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology, IP in force, regulation nº950/2019 of December 16, 2019: https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.pt and other applicable rules.

Place of work: Work place: The work will be developed in MED - Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development of the University of Évora, under the scientific guidance of Professor José Rafael Marques da Silva

Duration of the scholarships: The scholarship will have a duration of 11 months, starting in March, 2022. The scholarship contract can be renewed until the end of the budget allocation of the funded project.

Amount of monthly maintenance allowance: The amount of the scholarship corresponds to €835,98, according to the table of scholarships awarded directly by FCT, I.P. in Portugal (<u>http://fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores</u>), payments being made monthly, by check or bank transfer.

Selection methods: The selection methods to be used will be the following:

- 1) Curriculum evaluation (50%);
- 2) Motivation letter (20%)
- 3) Interview (30%) if necessary or in case of a tie;

If the interview is not considered necessary, the curricular assessment will have a weight of 80%.

Composition of the Selection Jury:

President: Prof. Doutor José Rafael Marques da Silva
1st member – Prof. Doutora Adélia Sousa
2nd member – Prof. Doutor Vasco Fitas da Cruz
1st backup member – Prof. Doutora Fátima Baptista
2nd backup member – Prof. Doutor Luís Leopoldo

Advertising/notification of results: The final results of the evaluation will be publicised, through a list ordered by final classification obtained or other posted in a visible and public place of the Department of Rural Engineering. The approved candidate will be notified by e-mail.

To ensure the right of prior hearing of interested parties, the final classification will be announced by any written means to all interested parties.

After communicating the provisional list of results of the evaluation, candidates have a period of 10 working days to express their opinion in a preliminary hearing of interested parties.

Application deadline and submission of applications: The tender is open from January 27 to February 9, 2022 and the results of the selection will be published by February 11, 2022.

Applications must be formalized, obligatorily, by sending an application letter explicitly identifying the HIBA scholarship with the following documents: Curriculum Vitae, certificate of qualifications, letters of reference or recommendation and other supporting documents considered relevant.

For the purposes of application, the evidence may be replaced by a statement of honor signed by the candidate, but failure to demonstrate that evidence, in the contracting phase, possession of the required degree on the deadline for application or the non-presentation of proof of enrollment in the study cycle or non-degree course, for scholarships with this component, implies the cancellation of the candidate's application.

Academic degrees obtained in foreign countries require registration by a Portuguese Institution in accordance with Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16 and Ordinance No. 33/2019, of January 25th.

The presentation of the certificate is mandatory for the signing of the contract. More information can be obtained at: <u>https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/recognition?plid=374</u>

Applications must be sent by email to:

Prof. Doutor José Rafael Marques da Silva University of Évora e-mail: jmsilva@uevora.pt

