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HERCULES Laboratory

Research Grant for Bachelor's Degree - 1 VACANCY ScholarShip 4 - Raw Materials

11 of September of 2024

A call is open for the award of 1 Research Grant within the scope of the project “Mobilisation Agenda: Valorisation of natural stone for a digital, sustainable, and skilled future,” with reference “C644943391-00000051,” co-funded by the “Recovery and Resilience Plan (PRR),” under the following conditions:

Scientific Area: Geology, Geological or Mining Engineering, Georesources, or a related area with experience in techniques for the characterisation of geological materials.

Admission Requirements: The candidate must hold a Bachelor's degree and be capable of understanding applicable methodologies and the material nature of these raw materials. Experience in the physical, chemical, and geochemical characterisation of stone materials and derivatives is required.

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.

Work plan: The Master's student will participate in the operations of the Project (“Mobilisation Agenda: Valorisation of natural stone for a digital, sustainable, and skilled future”), specifically in Work Package 3 (WP3), Tasks A3.1: (a) characterisation and study of material behaviour under the action of temperature and humidity with a view to the study of bowing, (b) anticipation and characterisation of material behaviour under climatic action with a view to studying their reaction to potential climate changes, and (c) promotion and dissemination of results. In this context, and following previous projects, methodologies should be developed that consider:

- Knowledge of physical-mechanical properties such as porosity and permeability, uniaxial compressive strength, among others;
- Knowledge of microscopy techniques such as SEM-EDS and petrographic microscopy;



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- Knowledge of analysis techniques using accelerated ageing methodologies such as freeze resistance, salt crystallisation resistance, temperature and humidity resistance, among others. Collaboration in dissemination activities and advanced training is also expected.

Applicable legislation and regulations: The Research Grant will be awarded through a contract between the University of Évora and the grant holder, as per the template in Annex I, under the terms of the Research Grant Holder Statute (Law No. 40/2004 of 18 August and Decree-Law No. 123/2019 of 28 August) and in accordance with the legislation and Research Grant Regulations of the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P. in force, regulation no. 950/2019 of 16 December 2019: <https://files.diariodarepublica.pt/2s/2019/12/241000000/0009100105.pdf> and other applicable rules.

Workplace: The work will be carried out at the HERCULES Laboratory of the University of Évora, under the general coordination of the University of Évora's Administrator and the scientific supervision of researcher Vera Pires Ribeiro, who will be responsible for preparing a report on the final activities of the grant (Annex II), as per the template in Annex III.

Duration of the grant(s): The grant will last for 5 months, starting in November 2024.

Monthly maintenance allowance: The amount of the grant is €990.98, in accordance with the table of grant values awarded directly by FCT, I.P. in the country (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM_atualizacao-2024.pdf), with payments made monthly by cheque or bank transfer.

Selection methods: Selection will be based on curriculum evaluation and an interview, if requested by the panel, based on the following percentage weighting:

- a) Experience as described in the "Admission Requirements" (maximum 50 points)
- b) Suitability of scientific area and specialisation (maximum 20 points)
- c) Scientific output (scientific articles, oral or poster presentations at national and international conferences) (maximum 30 points)

The selection methods to be used will be the following: curriculum evaluation, with the respective scoring of:

- a) Experience as described in the "Admission Requirements" (maximum of 50 points)
- b) Suitability of the scientific area and specialisation (maximum of 20 points)
- c) Scientific output (scientific articles, oral or poster presentations at national and international conferences) (maximum of 30 points).

Composition of the Selection Jury:

Chair: Professor José Mirão

1st Member – Dr Vera Pires

2nd Member – Dr Fabio Sitzia

1st Alternate – Professor Pedro Barrulas

2nd Alternate – Prof. Dr Patricia Moita





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Method of announcing/notifying the results: The final evaluation results will be published through an alphabetically ordered list displayed in a visible and public place at the HERCULES Laboratory, and the successful candidate will be notified via email.

In accordance with the right to prior hearing of interested parties, the Draft Final Ranking will be announced by any written means to all interested parties.

After the provisional results list is communicated, candidates have a period of 10 working days to submit any comments as part of the prior hearing of interested parties. Based on the final ranking list, a reserve list will be created for potential future hiring of new grant holders within the scope of this project, up to the maximum grant duration. This list may be used in the event of the first-ranked candidate withdrawing, failing to submit the required documentation, or if the grant holder cancels their grant early. If none of the candidates demonstrate the required profile for the work plan, the jury reserves the right not to award the grant in this competition.

Application deadline and how to apply: The competition is open from 26 of September to 10 of October 2024, and the selection results will be published by 1 November 2024.

Applications must be submitted by sending a cover letter accompanied by the following documents: Curriculum Vitae, cover and motivation letter, degree certificate, and other relevant supporting documents.

For the purpose of application, supporting documents may be replaced by a declaration of honour by the candidate. However, failure to demonstrate possession of the required degree by the application deadline or failure to provide proof of enrolment in a study cycle or non-degree course, where applicable, will result in the cancellation of the candidate's evaluation.

Academic degrees obtained in foreign countries must be registered by a Portuguese institution in accordance with Decree-Law No. 66/2018 of 16 August and Ordinance No. 33/2019 of 25 January. Presentation of the certificate is mandatory for the grant contract to be signed.

Further information can be obtained at:
<https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/reconhecimento?plid=374>

Applications should be sent by email to:

Dr. Vera Pires de Almeida Ribeiro
HERCULES Laboratory, University of Évora
Email: vlcp@uevora.pt



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ANNEX I
MINUTE SCHOLARSHIP CONTRACT

Between,

FIRST PARTY: The _____ (name of organisation), com sede em _____ with registered office at _____ (address of registered office of organisation), with tax number _____, represented in this act by _____ (name of representative of organisation), in the capacity of _____ (Director/President) of the contracting/financing organisation, hereinafter referred to as the "First Party", and

SECOND PARTY: _____ (*name of grantee*), holder of ID card/passport no. _____ (*ID card/passport no.*) and taxpayer no. _____ (*taxpayer no.*), resident at _____ (*address of grantee*), hereinafter referred to as the "Second Party".

whereas,

The application requirements for the award of the scholarship under the call _____ (*call identification / call notice reference*) have been met, the process of evaluating the candidates and publicising the results has been completed and the required documentation has been received.

This scholarship contract is entered into in good faith and mutually accepted, under the terms of the Research Fellow Statute, and is governed by the following clauses:

FIRST CLAUSE

The First Party undertakes to award the Second Party a grant _____ (type of grant and reference of the call for tenders), within the scope of the project _____ (type of project) / R&D unit with the reference _____ (reference of the project or unit) and with the title _____ (title),

(Reference should be made to the sources of funding for the project/unit).

- with 100% OE funding - Mention of funding: *financed by the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P./MCTES through national funds (PIDDAC)*

- With FEDER co-financing - Mention of funding:

Financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) of the European Union, through (indicate which Operational Programme it finances) Portugal 2030 or other programmes that may succeed it) starting at _____ (date of start of the scholarship), for a period of _____ months, possibly renewable (as defined in the call for proposals).

SECOND CLAUSE

In the alternative, the FCT Research Grant Regulations apply, of which the Second Party declares that it is aware.

THIRD CLAUSE

The Second Party undertakes to carry out the attached work plan, the content of which he/she declares that he/she has taken full cognisance of and accepts unreservedly, from the above-mentioned start date and on an exclusive dedication basis, under the terms of article 5th of the Research Fellow Statute.



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FOURTH CLAUSE

The Second Party will carry out the work at _____ (*name of the host institution as defined in Article 3(g) of the FCT Research Grant Regulations*), which acts as the host institution, with _____ (*name of the supervisor and affiliation institution*) as the scientific supervisor.

FIFTH CLAUSE

1. The monthly maintenance allowance awarded is _____ (€...,00).
2. The Second Grantor also benefits from personal accident insurance for the duration of the grant, the conditions of which he/she declares to have read and accepted without reservation.
3. The following scholarship components are also added _____ (*specify the applicable components in the terms set out in the FCT Research Grant Regulations*).

SIXTH CLAUSE

The First Party may cancel the grant and the Second Party may be obliged to refund all or part of the sums received in the following cases:

- a) a) Serious and repeated failure to comply with the Second Party's obligations under the Research Grant Holder Statute and the FCT Research Grant Regulations, for reasons attributable to the Second Party;
- b) b) A negative evaluation of the Second Grantor's performance by the supervisor or the host organisation under the terms of the FCT Research Grant Regulations;
- c) c) False declarations by the Second Granting Party on matters relevant to the award and renewal of the grant or to the assessment of its development.

SEVENTH CLAUSE

Without prejudice to the provisions of the previous clause, this contract shall terminate automatically:

- a) Upon completion of the activity plan;
- b) End of the period for which the scholarship is awarded;
- c) Repeated non-compliance by one of the parties;
- d) Revocation by mutual agreement;
- e) Establishment of a legal employment relationship with the host organisation.

EIGHTH CLAUSE

1. The rights and duties of the parties are those resulting from the provisions of the Research Fellow Statute.
2. The Second Party declares that he/she has read the Research Fellow Statute and the applicable Regulation(s) and undertakes to comply with their provisions.

NINTH CLAUSE

It is agreed between the parties, that in case of need and to settle all questions arising from this contract, the District Court of _____ (*name of the District*) shall have jurisdiction, expressly waiving any other.

TENTH CLAUSE



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Any changes to be made to the contract in the course of its performance shall be the subject of prior written agreement.

ELEVENTH CLAUSE

1. This contract shall take effect on the date it is signed by both parties.
2. The grant awarded under the terms of the FIRST CLAUSE of this contract may be renewed for additional periods of (...) months, up to a maximum of (...) months, under the terms of article 15 of the FCT Scholarship Regulations.
3. [ONLY FOR RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS, otherwise withdraw]: The award of the academic degree (or diploma) during the term of this contract shall not affect its effects, and the grant referred to in the preceding paragraph may be renewed at a later date, provided that it is aimed at carrying out activities that are indispensable for the completion of the project (...).
4. The concrete definition of the activities referred to in the previous paragraph is the responsibility of the First Party, after hearing the Second Party and the Scientific Advisor, and they must be included in the agreement to be signed, as provided for in the previous clause.

_____, _____ of _____

The First Party

The Second Party

(Signature and stamp of the organisation)

(Signature of the grant holder or his/her proxy)

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ANNEX II

FINAL REPORT FORM (Fellowships)



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Referência da bolsa (Grant Reference)	
Organização (Organisation)	

DETALHES DO BOLSEIRO / FELLOWSHIP DETAILS

Título (Title)	
Nome próprio (Forename)	
Apelido (Surname)	
Organização (Organisation)	
Departamento ou Centro (Department or Centre)	
Supervisor (Supervisor)	

DETALHES DO PROJETO / PROJECT DETAILS

Título da Bolsa (Grant Title)				
Referência da bolsa (Fellowship reference)				
Período da bolsa (Period of Review)	Data de Início: (Start Date):		Data do Termo:	



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OBJETIVOS / OBJECTIVES

Objetivos originais como constam na proposta (Original objectives as presented in the proposal)

Estes objetivos permaneceram válidos durante o período da bolsa, ou
(These objectives remained valid throughout the Fellowship *(tick box)*, or

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Estes objetivos foram modificados
(explique como/ porque no seu relatório)
(These objectives were changed) *(tick box)*.
(If so please explain how/why in your report)

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Novos objetivos (New objectives)

Sumário dos resultados do projeto: descreva em termos simples o seu trabalho de forma a que possa ser divulgado perante uma audiência genérica
(Summary of project outcomes: In simple terms describe your work in such a way that it could be publicised to a general audience.)

Endereço de página com mais detalhes, se desejar: (Web address with further details if you wish)



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RESULTADOS DA BOLSA / OUTCOMES OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Os principais benefícios das bolsas concedidas pela Universidade de Évora incluem:
(Major benefits of Évora University Fellowships include:

- i) os impactes potenciais sobre as carreiras dos bolseiros e
(the potential to impact positively on the careers of individual Fellows and)
- ii) os resultados da investigação
(the research results)

RELATÓRIO DAS ACTIVIDADES DESENVOLVIDAS / REPORT ON WORK UNDERTAKEN

Utilize o número de páginas necessário (please continue on additional pages as required)

Participação em conferências científicas, no país e no estrangeiro (nome, local e data)
(Scientific Conference attendances – name, location and date)



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RESULTADOS DA INVESTIGAÇÃO (RESEARCH RESULTS)

Publicações/ Publications

(1) Enuncie quantos resultados da investigação resultaram principalmente da investigação financiada através desta bolsa e indique o tipo (revista, conferência, livro, patente, software, outro).

(Please state how many research results have resulted principally as a result of the research funded through this grant and indicate the type (journal, conference, book, patent, software, other))

	REVISTA (JOURNAL)	ARTIGOS EM CONFERÊNCIAS (CONFERENCE PAPERS)	LIVRO OU TESE (BOOK OR THESIS)	PATENTE (PATENT)	SOFTWARE	OUTRO OTHER
Número total de publicações / Total Number of Publications						
Número de Publicações com arbitragem científica (se diferente do anterior) / Number of Refereed Publications (if different from above)						
Número de Publicações que contêm um coautor estrangeiro / Number of Publications That Contain An International Co-Author						

(2) No caso de Bolseiro de mestrado ou doutoramento, referencie os dados relativos à tese: (In the case of Master or Ph.D. Fellowship, please indicate:)

Título da tese/ Thesis title:

Classificação obtida / Classification:

Universidade e data/ University and date:



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- (3) Liste até cinco publicações que resultaram principalmente da investigação financiada através da Bolsa e indique o tipo (revista, ata de conferência, livro, patente, software, outro); se houve coautores estrangeiros ou industriais e se a publicação foi sujeita a arbitragem científica. / Please list up to five significant publications that have resulted principally as a result of the research funded through this grant and indicate the type (journal, conference, book, patent, software, other); whether there was an international or industrial co-author and whether the publication was refereed.

AUTOR(ES) (AUTHOR(S))	TÍTULO (TITLE)	REFERÊNCIA (REFERENCE)				TIPO (TYPE)	Arbitragem? Refereed?	Industrial co-author?	International co- author?
		Revista/Ata de Conf. (Journal/Conference).	ano (year)	Vol./Nº (vol./Nº)	página (page)				
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Outros resultados da Bolsa / Other Results of the Fellowship

Indique o calendário para potencial exploração (i.e. conseguido, expectável dentro de 3 anos, expectável dentro de 10 anos, não expectável em 10 anos) e inclua números das patentes, datas, nomes e endereços das empresas, etc., de forma apropriada, nas colunas “detalhes” e “referência” / Please indicate the timescale for potential exploitation (e.g. achieved, expected within 3 years, expected within 10 years, none foreseeable in 10 years) and include patent nos., dates, company names and addresses etc. as appropriate, in the ‘details’ and ‘reference’ columns.

	DETALHES (DETAILS)	REFERÊNCIA / REFERENCE	CALENDAR. / TIMESCALE
Licenças ou Patentes/ Licences or Patents			
Empresa de Spin Off/ Spin Off Company			
Consultadoria Direta/ Direct Consultancy			
Cursos de Formação Industrial/ Industrial Training Courses			
Compreensão Pública de Ciência e Engenharia/ Public Understanding of Science and Engineering			
Outro (especifique) / Other (please specify)			



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**Contribuições Relacionadas Concedidas/Pendentes
(Related Support Awarded / Pending)**

Indique o nível de apoio à investigação que derivou principalmente como resultado da Bolsa./ Please indicate the level of research support that has arisen principally as a result of the Fellowship.

FONTE DE FINANCIAMENTO (FUNDING SOURCE)	DETALHES (DETAILS)	SUORTE (€) SUPPORT (€)
Universidade de Évora (desde o início da bolsa) Évora University (from start of Fellowship)		
Outro Organismo Nacional de Investigação /Other National Research Organization		
Outro Organismo Governamental Português / Other Portuguese Government Council		
Empresa / Industrial		
Outra (Other)		
Comissão Europeia / European Commission		
Pendente (Pending)		

Assinaturas (Signatures):

Bolseiro (Fellow)
Data (Date):



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ANNEX III

**MODEL OF THE FINAL EVALUATION REPORT ON THE ACTIVITY OF THE SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH FELLOW TO BE DRAWN UP BY THE SCIENTIFIC SUPERVISOR**

1. Scientific supervisor of the scholarship:
2. Identification of the grant:
3. Project name:
4. Host organisation:
5. Fellow:

5.1. Critical analysis of the activities and work carried out by the grant holder.

[A brief description of the activities carried out by the grant holder, in accordance with the announcement and the activity plan, and a critical appraisal of the objectives and results achieved by the grant holder].

5.2. Final assessment of the work carried out by the grant holder.

[Reasoned overall appraisal of the work carried out by the grant holder, with a final positive or negative balance, addressing their performance, effort and dedication]

Évora, ____ of ____ 20__

The Scientific Supervisor of the Scholarship, ____ (full name)