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Jury Meeting Minute
Reference of Fellowship IMM/BI/6-2023

Instituto de Medicina Molecular João Lobo Antunes (iMM) opened a call for a Research Fellowship with funding support from "Deciphering the role of IL-17 on peripheral nerve regeneration (2022.01244.PTDC)", through the research project from Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, IP.P. / MCTES through national funds (PIDDAC).

The ad was published at EURAXESS Portugal Portal on 14th February 2022 and also disseminated in iMM website.
The call was opened from 15th February 2023 until 1st March 2023 and during which the following applicants applied:

- ✓ Anabela Soares
- ✓ Bruno Martins
- ✓ Deniz Bulgur
- ✓ Fábio Rodrigues
- ✓ Kannathasan Thetchinamoorthy
- ✓ Mafalda Barros

One of the applicants – Anabela Soares – requested for the annulment of their application, as they accepted a job offer overseas. Hence, the application was not considered.

On the 8th of March 2023 the jury composed by Professors Julie Ribot, André Bombeiro and Bruno Silva-Santos (all PhD´s, Silva-Santos lab), met to analyze the application documents - Motivation Letter; - Detailed CV; - MSc certificate; - Candidate's declaration of honor indicating previous fellowships,) in accordance to the profile and work plan indicated in the job advert.

Work Plan and Goals: Analyse the immune cell landscape infiltrating the injured sciatic nerve; o Evaluate mouse motor functions in a specific gait behaviour platform; o Characterize the molecular mechanisms of nerve repair that are regulated by IL-17.

Candidate's Profile: MSc degree holder in immunology, neurosciences or related areas; Expertise in animal experimentation; Expertise in molecular biology and flow cytometry.

Necessary Documents for Applications: - Motivation Letter; - Detailed CV; - MSc certificate - Candidate's declaration of honor indicating previous fellowships, if any, its typology and duration. . The non-compliance with these requirements determines the immediate rejection of the application. In case the applicant does not have yet the required degree certificate, a declaration of honor stating the conclusion of the necessary qualifications for the purposes of this process will be accepted and must be sent by the end date of the call.
Selection Method:

Curriculum Analysis (80%)
The analysis of the Curriculum Vitae took in consideration:

  - Research experience and relevant knowledge in the area of the proposed work plan as described in the candidate profile (60%).
  - Executed and/or published scientific work, with special emphasis on areas related to the work plan (20%);
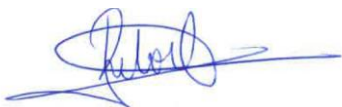
Motivation Letter (20%)

The analysis of the Motivation Letter took in consideration:

- Motivation and interest for the activities performed (15%);
- Command of the English language (5%).

The analysis and discrimination of the admitted candidates classification in the First phase is presented in Annex I.

At this stage, the selected candidate is the one with the highest score.

Lisbon, 8th of March 2023

Julie Ribot (IMM)

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Bruno Silva-Santos (IMM)
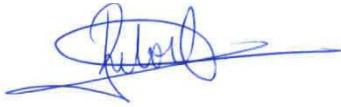
ANEXO I

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Applicant	Curricular Assessment (80%)		Motivation Letter (20%)		Total	Justification (*must be clear, transparent and enough*)	Ranking
	Research experience and relevant knowledge in the area of the proposed work plan as described in the candidate profile (60%)	Executed and/or published scientific work, with special emphasis on areas related to the work plan (20%)	Motivation and interest for the activities performed (15%)	Command of the English language (5%).			
Deniz Bulgur	60	20	15	5	100	Excellent motivation and interest for the project. Neuroimmunology experience. Lab skills related to the proposed work, including animal experiementation.	1
Mafalda Barros	50	15	10	5	80	Apparent interest for neuroimmunology (Pity that the motivation letter does not reflect it!). Lab experience in FACS and molecular biology. No experience working with mice.	2
Bruno Martins	40	10	10	5	65	Good motivation and lab experience in FACS and molecular biology. No experience working with mice. Few/No neuroimmunology background	3
Fábio Rodrigues	35	10	5	5	55	Master thesis paper submitted for publication. Lab experience not related with the project. No experience working with mice. Poor interest for neuroimmunology	4
Kannathasan Thetchinamoorthy	30	10	5	5	50	Post Doc level. Lab experience not related with the project. No/few experience working with mice. No background in neuroimmunology	5

Declaração de inexistência de conflito de interesses (CDI)

Os membros do júri do Concurso para Atribuição de 1 (uma) Bolsa de Investigação, Ref.ª IMM/BI/6-2023, aberto ao abrigo do projeto *"Deciphering the role of IL-17 on peripheral nerve regeneration (2022.01244.PTDC)"*, vêm por este meio declarar que não se encontram em situação de conflito de interesses que os impeça de participar no respetivo processo de seleção e atribuição de bolsa.

Declaram também manter a confidencialidade ao longo do processo de avaliação.

Lisboa, 8 de março de 2023

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