

CALL FOR A RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
Fellowship Reference IMM/BII/19-2021

Instituto de Medicina Molecular João Lobo Antunes (iMM) opens a call for one research fellowship with the funding support from pela **European Molecular Biology Organization** under the project **Installation Grant IG4448 – “Mechanisms of tissue ageing and repair: roadblocks to stem cell-based therapies”**

Scientific Area(a) Aging, regeneration, stem cell biology, tissue repair and immune modulation.

Fellowship recipients / Admission requirements (*indicate mandatory and preferential requirements*): Any National, foreign and stateless candidate(s) that fulfill the necessary conditions to be enrolled in a MSc course (in area related to the work plan) can apply.

Applicants must hold the following requirements:

- BSc degree holder in Cellular and Molecular Biology
- Experience with wet lab and general molecular biology techniques.
- Preference would be given to candidates with experience in skeletal muscle biology, aging or immunology
- Ability to keep accurate data records.
- Good organization skills.

Work Plan and Objectives:

The selected candidate will work in the Neves and Sousa-Victor labs at the iMM. Research in the lab is focused in understanding the effects of aging in tissue repair capacity. We study stem cell intrinsic alterations that occur during the aging process and immune modulatory strategies to optimize tissue repair capacity in older organisms. The project will involve analysis of animal models, optimization of stem cell delivery in old animals as well as tackling mechanistic aspects of the process of tissue repair in ageing.

Law and Regulation: Law and Regulation: Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação (Lei n.º 40/2004, de 18 de Agosto, republished in attachment to Decreto-Lei n.º 202/2012, de 27 de Agosto, changed by **Decreto-Lei n.º 123/2019, 28 de Agosto**), current Regulation of Fellowships of iMM and iMM Career By-Law and Assessment regulations.

Predicted start date, duration and renewal conditions: The fellowship contract is predicted to start in November 1st, 2021, for a period of 4 (four) months on an exclusive basis, eventually renewable until the maximum stipulated in applicable regulations, not exceeding the eligibility period of the project, predicted to end in 31/12/2022.

Work place and Scientific orientation: The work will be developed at iMM's Aging and Tissue repair Laboratory under the supervision of Dr. Pedro Sousa-Victor and Dr. Joana Neves.

Non-discrimination and equal access policy: iMM undertakes to ensure compliance with the principles of non-discrimination and equality and to that extent, provides that no candidate can be privileged, benefited, harmed or deprived of any right or exempted from any duty due in particular ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, economic status, education, social origin or condition, genetic heritage, reduced working capacity, disability, chronic disease, nationality, ethnic origin or race, place of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and trade union membership.

Fellow Monitoring Centre: The monitoring centre works on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00AM to 6:30PM at Human Resources Office.

Fellowship financial conditions: The fellow will benefit from a monthly stipend in the amount of **835,98€** in accordance with the applicable regulation. The amount will be paid by wire transfer at the end of each month. The fellow will also benefit from a personal accident insurance to execute the proposed research activities.

Application documents: - Motivation Letter; - Detailed CV; - BSc 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.

Jury evaluation and selection: Applications will be evaluated by a jury composed by Doctors Pedro Sousa-Victor (iMM), Joana Neves (iMM) and Leonor Saúde (iMM).

Selection methods: Curricular evaluation (100%).

Deadlines and application process: The call will be open from **13th September 2021 until 24th September 2021.**

Applications should be addressed to Human resources through the email imm-hr@medicina.ulisboa.pt, by indicating the reference of the fellowship. ***The non-compliance with these requirements determines the immediate rejection of the application.***

Notification of results: The evaluation results will be announced within 90 days after the termination of the applications submission deadline, by writing and publishing a jury meeting minute at iMM website at <https://imm.medicina.ulisboa.pt/jobs/#results> with all process of recruitment, evaluation and selection including a list of all excluded and admitted candidates and for these last ones, their classification. All admitted candidates will be notified by email.

Preliminary Hearing and Final Decision Deadline: Pursuant to article 121 of the Administrative Procedure Code, after notified, all candidates have 10 working days to respond. Panel's final decisions are pronounced within a period of 90 days, from application deadline.

Fellowship contracting: The Fellowship is granted through the signature of a [contract](#) between iMM and the selected fellow and after the fellow send the following mandatory documents: copy of identification document (in case of non-European citizens is mandatory the work visa / valid resident permit), document proving the required academic degree and the document proving the enrollment in a MSc course.

For each Fellowship period an [Activity Report](#) must be prepared by the fellow as well as the [Report](#) by the supervisor.

Lisbon, 10 September 2021

The Executive Director of iMM
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