

CALL FOR AN INITIATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
Fellowship Reference IMM/BII/11-2022

Instituto de Medicina Molecular João Lobo Antunes (iMM) opens a call for one research fellowship with the funding support from The European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EPFIA) under the project “*EHDEN – European Health Data & Evidence Network*”.

Scientific Area(s): Rheumatology

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 non-academic degree course (in area related to the work plan) can apply.

Are considered “Non-academic degree courses” the ones referred in [paragraph e\) of number 3 of article 4 of Decree-Law nr 74/2006, from 24th March](#), in its current version, as long as they are developed in association and cooperation between a higher education institution and at least one R&D Unit in accordance with the provisions of paragraph e) of Article 3 of FCT Fellowship Regulation.

Applicants must hold the following requirements:

- MSc degree holder in Biochemistry, Biology or Pharmaceutics (mandatory)
- Experience in clinical and/ or basic research in Rheumatology (mandatory)
- Experience in collection, processing and management of clinical databases
- Experience in biobanking activities and database management
- Excellent communication skills with multidisciplinary professionals from different scientific backgrounds, namely basic scientists, clinicians and nursing teams
- High level of responsibility and commitment
- Excellent organization and method skills necessary to comply with established deadlines
- Solid knowledge in Microsoft Office (Excel, Word...)

Work Plan and Objectives:

The objectives of iMM’s participation in the EHDEN project as a Data Partner is to standardise the data of the Biobank-iMM Rheumatology collection and map it to the OMOP common data model (CDM), shared with the others Data Partners. Tasks include data source profiling, including the selection of the relevant data sets that will be harmonized and mapped to the OMOP-CDM, development and implementation of the ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) process, and quality control assessments.

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 June 2022, for a period of 9 (nine) months on an exclusive basis, eventually renewable until the maximum stipulated in applicable regulations, not exceeding the eligibility period of the project.

Work place and Scientific orientation: The research activities will be developed at Biobank and João Eurico Fonseca Lab of iMM, under the supervision of João Eurico Fonseca.

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.

Research Fellows Support 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 €2000 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 as well as the right to Social Security through Voluntary Social Insurance regimen, if wanted, under the terms of Código dos Regimes Contributivos do Sistema Previdencial de Segurança Social, and the contributions costs will be supported by the research project.

Application documents: - 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.

Jury evaluation and selection: Prof. Doutor João Eurico Fonseca, principal investigator at Instituto de Medicina Molecular João Lobo Antunes; Bárbara Gomes, senior professional at Technology Transfer Office, and Ângela Afonso, Biobank-iMM manager.

Selection methods: CV (50%), Interview (50%). All candidates who hold the mandatory requirements will be selected for the interview.

(In case of interview, must be indicated the criteria to be apply to determinate who will be selected for an interview and its valuation).

Deadlines and application process: The call will be open from **April 6th until April 20th 2022.**

Applications should be submitted through iMM website, by clicking in the "Apply" button below the position job ad. ***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: After notification, 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 non-academic degree course.

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

Lisbon, April 5th 2022

The Executive Director of iMM
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