

CALL TO HIRE TWO RESEARCHERS WITH PHD UNDER ARTICLE 19 FROM DECREE-LAW NR 57/2016, OF 29th AUGUST, ALTERED BY LAW NR 57/2017, OF 19th JULY

Reference IMM/CT/23 a)-2024 and IMM/CT/23 b)-2024

The Instituto de Medicina Molecular João Lobo Antunes (iMM) opens a call to hire Two Researchers with a PhD correspondent to the initial level according to the Applicable Regulation, under an Unfixed-term under an **Unfixed-Term Contract** within the *Programa Interface – financiamentos base dos Centros de Tecnologia e Inovação within the Recovery and Resilience Plan (PRR) approved in the terms of Avisos de Abertura de Concurso (AAC) nr 03/CO5-io2/2022.*

Regulation

- Decree-Law nr 57/2016, from 29th August, altered by Law nr 57/2017, from 19th July, that approves a Doctoral Hiring regime to stimulate Scientific and Technological Employment in all knowledge areas (RJEC).
- Portuguese Labor Law, approved by Law nr 7/2009, from 12th February in its current writing.
- Regulatory Decree Nr 11-A / 2017, of 29th December.
- Decree-Law nr 108/2023, of 22nd November.

1. Work plan activities and Goals

- a) Development of an in vitro motor neuron platform applicable for large-scale drug testing;
- b) Implementation and characterization of a human amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) model;
- c) Development of image analysis protocols to identify ALS biomarkers;
- d) Establishment of a proof of concept for using the platform for drug testing.

2. **Members of the Jury:** According to article 28 nr 5 from REC and article 13 from Decree-Law nr 57/2016, from 28th of August, altered by Law nr 57/2017, from 19th of July, the jury is composed Professors by Edgar Gomes (President of the Jury), Sérgio Dias and Leonor Saúde (all PhD's).

3. **Start Date and workplace:** The contract is expected to start in June 2024 and will remain only for the necessary execution period of the work plan; the activities will be developed at iMM installations and/or other locations necessary to their execution.

4. **Monthly remuneration:** Gross monthly Remuneration is 2.566,01€, in accordance with subsection a), section 1, article 15 from Law nr 57/2017, 19th July, and with the remuneration position at initial level predicted in article 2 of Regulatory Decree nr 11-A/2017, of 29th December, correspondent to level 38 at Tabela Remuneratória Única, approved by Order nr 1553-C/2008, 31st December and updated by Decree-Law nr 108/2023, from 22nd November.

5. **Profile of Candidate:** Any National, foreign and stateless candidate(s) that hold the following requirements can apply:

- a) PhD in Bioengineering, Biotechnology and Molecular Biology;
- b) Post-Doctoral (minimum 2 years) in Bioengineering, Biotechnology and Molecular Biology;
- c) Experience in developing in vitro models of human pathologies, preferably pathologies associated with neuromuscular defects;
- d) Experience in microscopy and development of protocols for image acquisition;
- e) Experience in programming and developing algorithms for automatic data analysis;
- f) Experience in micromanufacturing.

6. **Application process:** ~~The call is open from 29th February until 11th April 2024~~ (30 working days), and the application documents (indicated below) should be submitted, in PDF format, through IMM website, by clicking in the “Apply” button below the position job ad:
- Motivation Letter in English;
 - Detailed CV;
 - PhD Certificate;
 - Other documents that applicant may consider to be relevant to prove the scientific course (Optional).

Note: *The non-compliance with these requirements determines the immediate rejection of application.*

6.1. False statements provided by the candidates shall be punished by law.

Non-discrimination and equal access policy: IMM promotes a non-discrimination and equal access policy, wherefore no candidate can be privileged, benefited, impaired or deprived of any rights whatsoever, or be exempt of any duties based on their ancestry, age, sex, sexual preference, marital status, family and economic conditions, instruction, origin or social conditions, genetic heritage, reduced work capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, origin territory, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and union membership.

International environment and experience: Diversity is a fundamental aspect of the essence of IMM, where researchers and non-researchers of different nationalities, backgrounds and areas of study work together, promoting the exchange of experiences and interactions, contributing to the personal and professional development of each person and to the existence of an international, inclusive and stimulating environment.

Pursuant to Decree-Law nr 29/2001 of 3rd February, disabled candidates shall be preferred in a situation of equal classification, and said preference supersedes any legal preferences. Candidates must declare, on their honour, their respective disability degree, type of disability and communication / expression means to be used during selection period on their application form, under the regulations above.

7. **Evaluation criteria:** The admitted applications will be evaluated taking into account the quality, timeliness and relevance of the scientific path (scientific production and research experience) and curriculum of each candidate and their adequacy to the proposed work plan.

Curriculum Analysis (90%) and Motivation Letter (10%) - The Curriculum will be analyzed in what concerns its content and relevance for the tasks to be performed, namely: executed and/or published scientific work, with special emphasis on areas related to the work plan (45%); research experience and relevant knowledge in the proposed work plan as described in the candidate profile (45%). The Motivation Letter will be used to evaluate the motivation and interest in the activities to be performed (5%), and written communication in English language (5%). In the event of a tie, the decision will be the responsibility of the president of the jury.

- 7.1. After evaluation of all admitted applications, the jury will write a meeting minute with all process of recruitment, evaluation and selection including an ordered short list of approved candidates (alphabetic order) and their respective classification.
- 7.2. The final decision of the jury shall be validated by the Head of the Institution, who is also in charge of deciding about the hiring.



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8. **Results:** Both admitted and excluded candidates list and final classification list shall be posted at IMM website at <https://imm.medicina.ulisboa.pt/jobs/#results> and all admitted candidates will be notified by email.
9. **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.

The present call is exclusively aimed at filling the indicated vacancy and may be terminated until the homologation of the final candidates' ranking list and expires with the respective occupation of the position on offer.

Lisbon, 28th February 2024

