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Jury Meeting Minute
Reference of Fellowship IMM/BII/15-2024

Instituto de Medicina Molecular João Lobo Antunes (IMM) opens a call for one research fellowship under the project “DNA methylation markers to predict treatment success of biologicals in Crohn’s disease” (FPJ001499) with the funding support from Horizon-Europe.

The ad was published at EURAXESS Portugal Portal on 7th of March 2024 and also disseminated in IMM website. The call was opened from 8th of March 2024 until 21st of March 2024, and during which the following applicant applied:

- Ana Mafalda de Azevedo Félix
- Ana Sofia Gonçalves Martins
- Brenda Gabriella França
- Catarina Alexandra Morais Fernandes da Costa Bento
- Frederico Pierre Restolho Mateus
- Ghazanfar Ali
- Inês Catarina Rosa Graça
- José António Gonçalves Vareda
- Maura Helena Ribeiro Lourenço
- Ricardo Jerónimo Assenhas Sutti Resende

The applicant Frederico Pierre Restolho Mateus was excluded because he did not submit all documents required in the job ad.

On the 16 of April of 2024, the jury composed by João Eurico Fonseca (FMUL/IMM), Ângelo Calado (IMM) and Bruno Vidal (IMM) met to analyze the application documents (motivation Letter, detailed CV, BSc certificate and MSc certificate).

Work Plan and Goals:
- Processing and analysis of human biological samples;
- Coordination of Clinical Study in the area of Rheumatology;
- Support on the submission of the study to the regulatory entities;
- Management and processing of clinical data;
- Support on the identification of patients with inclusion criteria for the study.

Candidate’s Profile:
BSc and MSc holder in Life Sciences;
- Experience and independence with flow cytometry;
- Experience with the lab techniques Western Blot, ELISA, and immunohistochemistry;
- Experience with human biological sample manipulation;
- Spoken and written English proficiency;
- Experience in projects in the field of Rheumatology.
**Necessary Documents for Applications:** - Motivation Letter; - Detailed CV; - BSc certificate; - MSc certificate. 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 Methods:** Curricular evaluation (30%), Motivation letter (20%), and interview (50%). Only candidates that score at least 40% on the curricular evaluation and motivational letter will be selected for interview.

**Curricular Evaluation (30%)**
The Curricular Analysis took in consideration the following criteria:
- Experience in the Rheumatology field (15%);
- Technical relevance to the goals of the project (10%);
- BSc and MSc holder in Life Sciences (5%).

**Motivation Letter (20%)**
The Motivation Letter took in consideration the following criteria:
- Interest demonstrated by the candidate (10%);
- Writing skills and English/Portuguese proficiency (10%).

**Interview (50%)**
- Communication skills (20%);
- Social skills (15%);
- Spoken English proficiency (15%).

The analysis and discrimination of the admitted candidate's classification in the sole phase of this process are presented in Annex I.

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

**Lisbon, 16th of April 2024**

João Eurico Fonseca (FMUL/iMM)

Ángelo Calado (FMUL/iMM)

Bruno Vidal (iMM)
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Declaração de inexistência de conflito de interesses (CDI)

Os membros do júri do Concurso para Atribuição de 1 (uma) Bolsa de Investigação, Ref. nº IMM/BII/15-2024, aberto ao abrigo do projeto “DNA methylation markers to predict treatment success of biologicals in Crohn’s disease” (FPJ001499), 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, 16 de Abril de 2024

João Eurico Fonseca [FMUL/IMM]

Ángelo Calado (FMUL/IMM)

Ángelo Silva Calado

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