

**CALL FOR A RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**  
**Fellowship Reference 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.

**Scientific Area(s):** Rheumatology.

**Fellowship recipients / Admission 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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:**

- 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.

**Work Plan and Objectives:**

- 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.

**Legislation and Applicable 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 April 2024, for a period of 12 (twelve) 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 the Rheumatology Research, at iMM, under the supervision of João Eurico Fonseca, Ângelo Calado, and Bruno Vidal.

**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.

**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.

**Research Fellows Support Centre:** The Research Fellows Support Centre works on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 08:30AM to 6:00PM at Human Resources Office.

**Fellowship financial conditions:** The fellow will benefit from a monthly stipend in the amount of €1,259.64. 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; - 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.

**Jury evaluation and selection:** The applications will be reviewed by a jury composed by João Eurico Fonseca (MD, PhD, JEFonseca, IMM), Ângelo Calado (PhD, JEFonseca, IMM), and Bruno Vidal (PhD, JEFonseca, IMM).

**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.

**Deadlines and application process:** The call will be open from **March 8 until March 21, 2024**. 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, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Executive Director of IMM  
Professor Maria Manuel Dias da Mota

