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Teresa Costa is a Pre-award Grant Manager of the Research Funding Affairs Unit at the Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência (IGC), Oeiras, Portugal. The main goal of this Unit is to increase the IGC's capacity to attract competitive research funds launched by national, international, public and private grant programs. Teresa's responsibilities include searching and disseminating funding opportunities tailored to the needs of the institute, analysing conditions for application and addressing researchers' application doubts. She also provides full support for the development and submission of competitive grant proposals to several national and international funding agencies and assists in the post-award negotiations of contracts and agreements. In addition, Teresa organizes and lectures in several informative sessions and workshops for grant application training of in-house and external researchers at all career stages, including the PhD programme PGCD - Graduate Program Science for Development.

Teresa is currently a member of the EU-LIFE Grant and Funding Working Group and of EARMA (European Association of Research Managers and Administrators). She has also contributed to the BESTPRAC COST Action (The voice of research administrators – building a network of administrative excellence) as participant in a short-term mission to three Universities in Flanders, Belgium.



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Teresa Costa obtained her Ph.D. in Biology from ITQB–NOVA, NOVA University of Lisbon (Oeiras, Portugal) in 2005 and pursued her postdoctoral research studies in Microbial Development both at Yale University (New Haven, USA) and at the ITQB-NOVA. After a very fulfilling career at the bench, she became highly motivated to orient her scientific career towards the field of Research Management. During 2013, she performed a 3-month internship at the Science Management Office at ITQB. In August 2013, she was recruited by the IGC to work as a Pre-Award Grant Manager at the Research Funding Affairs Unit. At present, Teresa has over 3 years of experience in supporting successful applications for competitive funds in the Life Sciences domain at both the individual and institutional level.