IGC PhD Programme in Integrative Biology and Biomedicine - IBB

The call for applications for 9 (nine) PhD studentships is open, in life sciences, for the 2017/18 class of the PhD programme in Integrative Biology and Biomedicine – IBB, organized by the Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência (IGC) in collaboration with ITQB/UNL, CNP and ISPA and the support from the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) of Portugal.

How to apply: the applications are submitted exclusively through the online platform and in English (only available during call).

Applicants must provide the following:
1. List of all degrees, with name, institution and classification;
2. Motivation letter;
3. Names and contacts of at least two references including their academic affiliation and professional connection with the candidate. The programme will contact the references directly;
4. Not to have benefitted from a PhD Studentship or PhD Studentship in Industry, financed directly from FCT, regardless of its duration;
5. Foreign degrees must be registered or recognized by the Portuguese State Higher Education Agency (DGES) at the time of call closure.

For further information, please contact the office of the PhD programme.

Selection:
A panel of no less than four IGC Principal Investigators (PIs) evaluate all applications using the elements provided by the applicant and the letters of reference. In a first round of selection, candidates will be ranked and accordingly invited or not for an interview. The criteria for this ranking will be:
1. Strength of the academic, scientific and professional (if applicable) CV (40%)
2. Motivation letter (40%)
3. Letters of reference (20%)

The second round of selection, will consist of interviews of all candidates with classification equal or above 80/100 in the first round of selection. Interviews will be in English by a panel of four IGC PIs and the Programme Director. Foreign candidates or nationals residing abroad, may be interviewed by telephone or Skype, or invited to visit the IGC.

The interviewed candidates will be re-ranked taking into account:
1. Mark from previous round of ranking (50%)
2. Interview (50%)

Eligibility:
Candidates of any nationality may apply, and there are no age restrictions. We do require a Master's degree from candidates applying from countries within the Bologna agreement region, or those with similar undergraduate programs (3 year programs). Candidates from a Bologna agreement country who received their degree prior to the implementation of the agreement are normally eligible. If you are applying from a country with a 4 or 5-year university degree program, you are also eligible, and should contact the office of the PhD programme for information on their specific case. If the necessary degrees listed above are from non-Portuguese Universities, you must validate them, through the
Who can apply to the current call:

a) Portuguese citizens, or citizens of other European Union member states.

b) third-country nationals, holders of valid residence permits or who have acquired long-term resident status, pursuant to Law no. 23/2007 of 4 July and amended by Law no. 29/2012 of 9 August.

c) nationals of third-countries with which Portugal has signed reciprocity agreements.

d) nationals of third-countries, when in the respective call for funding an individual interview-based selection method is foreseen.

Applicants Profile:
We seek highly motivated students, with total commitment to the pursuit of answers to original questions in a multidisciplinary environment. The IGC PhD Programme welcomes applications from candidates with university degrees in any field, including those outside the life sciences. Research at the IGC (In House Groups) revolves around four main axes: Evolutionary Biology, Quantitative Biology, Integrative Cell and Developmental Biology and Immunobiology. The broad-scoped nature of the IGC research programme favours original approaches to outstanding biological questions that promote bridges across different disciplines and methodologies. In this light, the PhD Programme welcomes applications from applicants with strong quantitative backgrounds, such as Physics and Mathematics, Engineering, Statistics and Computer Sciences. Obviously, this by no means limits the Programme’s interest in applications from Medical Doctors, Biologists, Biochemists, and all life sciences fields.

Communications of results:
Evaluation results are sent by e-mail. If the decision to be made for the award of the fellowship that was applied for is unfavourable, the applicants have a period of 10 working days, after the above-mentioned release to submit their comments, if they so wish, by means of a previously scheduled appeals process, under the terms established in the Administrative Procedure Code.

The allowances of the scholarship components, tuition fees and additional support are financed by funds from the State Budget of the Ministry of Education and Science and, when eligible, by funding from the European Social Fund through the Operational Programmes of the 2014-2020 programming period, of Portugal 2020, in particular the Thematic Human Capital Operational Programme, the North, Centre or Alentejo Regional Operational Programme, in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Specific Regulation.

Applications are open between 4 and 18 December 2017.

For further information on the Programme and application procedures please check http://www.igc.gulbenkian.pt/education/ibbprogramme/apply.

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