

IGC PhD Programme in Integrative Biology and Biomedicine - IBB

The call for the 2019 class of the PhD programme in Integrative Biology and Biomedicine – IBB is now open. Eight to ten (8-10) students will be selected to enrol in the IBB programme, organized by the Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência (IGC) in collaboration with ITQB/UNL, Champalimaud Foundation and ISPA and with the support of the Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian.

How to apply: the applications are **submitted exclusively through the [online platform](#), in English.**

Through the online platform, applicants must provide all requested information including:

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/or professional connection with the candidate. The programme will contact the references directly;

IMPORTANTLY,

foreign degrees must be [registered](#) or [recognized](#) by the Portuguese State Higher Education Agency ([DGES](#)) at the time of contract signing for the selected students.

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 CV, academic, scientific and professional (if applicable) (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 held in English by a panel of IGC PIs and Programme Direction members. 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 evaluation round (50%)
- 2- Interview (50%)

Eligibility:

Candidates of any nationality may apply. We do require a Master degree from candidates applying from signatory countries of the Bologna Agreement, or those with similar undergraduate programs (3-year programmes). 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 potentially eligible, and should contact the [office of the PhD programme](#) for information on your specific case. If the necessary degrees listed above are from non-Portuguese Universities, you must validate them, through the Portuguese State Higher Education Agency - [DGES](#). For this the [office of the PhD programme](#) will provide the successful candidates with information and guidance.

Applicant 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 candidates with strong quantitative backgrounds, such as Physics and Mathematics, Engineering, Statistics and Computer Science. Obviously, this by no means limits the Programme's interest in applications from Medical Doctors, Biologists, Biochemists, and all Life Sciences fields.

Communication of results:

Evaluation results are sent by e-mail. Applicants have a period of 10 working days, after the email was sent to contest the decision.

Applications are open between 15th of November 2018 and 15th of February 2019.

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

Oeiras, 15th November of 2018