



INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR A PHD HOLDER POSITION TO PURSUE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 23 OF DECREE-LAW NO. 57/2016 OF AUGUST 29th, AMENDED BY LAW 57/2017 AND REGULATORY DECREE No. 11- A / 2017.

Reference: REQUIMTE 2019-02

Main research field: Biological Sciences

Sub research field: Molecular and Cell Biology

1. The Board of Directors of REQUIMTE – Rede de Química e Tecnologia – Associação, has decided to open an international call for positions of PhD holder Researchers, under a work contract for a non-fixed term. This announcement is intended to 1 (one) research position (**Reference REQUIMTE 2019-02**) on the project PTDC/MEC-OUT/28931/2017 – “Inflammation and oxidative stress mediators as predictors of oocyte quality and pregnancy outcomes in assisted reproduction: from biochemistry to clinic”, supported by national funds by FCT / MCTES and co-supported by Fundo Europeu de Desenvolvimento Regional (FEDER) throughout COMPETE 2020 – Programa Operacional Competitividade (POCI-01-0145-FEDER-028931), to pursue scientific research activities in the area of Biological Sciences, scientific sub-area Molecular and Cell Biology, under a work contract for a non-fixed term, in order to develop research activities in health sciences namely look for specific molecular markers of oocyte quality and associated infertility. In addition, determine how aberrant inflammation and/or oxidative stress can alter normal ovarian follicular dynamics resulting in impaired oocyte quality, and associated infertility in conditions like endometriosis, obesity and polycystic ovarian syndrome, and. The project and the research position are included in the Drugs Targets and Biomarkers Research Group (<https://www.requimte.pt/ucibio/research-groups/drugs-targets-and-biomarkers>).

2. **Applicable Legislation** Decree-Law no. 57/2016 of August 29th, amended by Law 57/2017 and Regulatory Decree No. 11- A / 2017 which approved the doctorate hiring regime destined to stimulate scientific and technological employment for all knowledge areas (RJEC); Portuguese Labour Code, approved by Law 7/2009 of February 12, in its actual form.

3. Pursuant to article 13 of RJEC, the tender selection panel is be formed by: Maria Irene de Oliveira Monteiro Jesus (Professora Associado com agregação, Faculdade de Farmácia, Universidade do Porto, President of the Jury, as delegated by the Director of REQUIMTE), Georgina Lopes Correia da Silva (Professora Auxiliar, Faculdade de Farmácia, Universidade do Porto) e Maria Adelina Coelho Ribeiro Costa (Professora Auxiliar, Instituto de Ciência Biomédicas de Abel Salazar, Univeridade do Porto).

4. The workplace shall be at Faculdade de Farmácia da Universidade do Porto.

5. Monthly remuneration to be paid is the one set by article 23 (3) of RJEC, corresponding to level 33 of the Single Salary Table, approved by Order no. 1553-C/2008 of December 31st, i.e. 2.128,34 Euros.

6. Application can be submitted by any national, foreign and stateless candidate(s) holding a doctorate degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences and related areas and a scientific and professional curriculum whose profile is suited for the activity described below (item 7).

In case the doctorate degree was awarded by a foreign higher education institution, it must comply with the provisions of Decree-Law no. 341/2007 of October 12th, and all formalities established therein must be complied with at the application deadline.

7. The tender admission requirements are those defined in the previous point 6, and specific requirements are:

a) Applicants should have at least 6 years of experience as a postdoctoral fellow in Molecular and Cell Biology field with proven experience, through publications in international peer-reviewed scientific journals, in the fields of Reproductive Biology, more specifically in female fertility;

b) Scientific contributions at both national (invited) and international (selected or invited) meetings in reproductive biology and molecular basis of female fertility;

c) Proven participation in research projects with funding in reproductive biology field;

d) Post-graduate students' experience with regards to research supervision in reproductive biology field;

8. Pursuant to article 5 of RJEC, the selection is to be made based on the evaluation of the scientific and curricular career of the candidate.

9. Scientific and curricular career evaluation focuses on relevance, quality and up-to-datedness:

a) of scientific, technological, cultural or artistic production in the last five years, considered most relevant by the candidate;

b) of research activities, fundamental or applied science, developed in the last five years, considered of higher impact by the candidate;

c) of knowledge extension and dissemination activities developed in the last five years, namely under the scope of the promotion of culture and scientific practices, deemed most relevant by the candidate.

d) of activities of science management, technology and innovation programs, or of experience in observing and monitoring the scientific and technological system or higher education, in Portugal or abroad.

10. The five-year period mentioned above can be extended by the panel, if requested by the candidate, whenever the suspension of scientific activities is reasoned by socially protected grounds like paternity leave, long-term serious illness, and other legal situations of unavailability to work.

11. Evaluation criteria are the following:

The evaluation of the CV of the candidates, in particular the scientific merit and research experience will take into consideration the elements presented for the last five years of activity falling within the scope of the specific areas of the tender (see Point 1) and will be performed according to the following criteria:

11.1 Integrated assessment of the curriculum trajectory of the candidate, based on an overview of their scientific merits, namely (50%):

I. overall scientific coherence of the CV – 15%

II. diversity and quality of scientific indicators, including relevant published peer-reviewed articles and abstracts in the specific areas of announce (see point 1) - 25%

III. participation in research projects and student's supervision - 10%

11.2. Relevant experience, proved in CV, in (50%):

I. Ex vivo reproductive tissue culture, primary and cell line culture of female reproductive cells - 25%

II. Techniques for evaluation and detection at transcriptional and/or at the translational level (namely in situ hybridization, qPCR, RT-PCR, Western blot, immunocytochemistry and/or immunofluorescence and fluorimetric assays for detection of accumulated substracts) and histological processing and analysis techniques - 15%

III. Advanced analytical techniques (namely HPLC-MS/MS) and extended experience in measuring and identifying bioactive compounds - 10%

12. In the case of admitted candidates whose evaluation does not differ more than 10% from that obtained by the best positioned candidate, the jury will interview these candidates. This will be aimed at obtaining clarifications and explanations about the curricular elements and additional information as well as to evaluate the attitude profile and motivation of the candidate.

The final score of each jury member is obtained by the following assessment: 90% scientific and curricular career evaluation and 10% interview.

13. Candidate final classification system shall be given based on a scale 0 to 100.

14. The panel shall deliberate by means of roll-call vote justified under adopted and disclosed selection criteria, with no abstentions allowed.

15. Minutes of panel meetings shall be executed and include a summary of all occurrences of said meeting, as well as of all votes casted by the members and respective reasoning, and shall be provided to candidates whenever required.

16. After selection criteria application, the panel shall prepare a sorted list of approved candidates and respective classification.

17. Panel's final decision shall be validated by the leader of the institution, who is also in charge of deciding about the hiring.

18. Application formalization:

18.1 The applications are formalized at the electronic address <https://www.requimte.com/> with following documents in a digital form, in PDF format:

- i) Curriculum vitae;
- ii) Motivational Letter;
- iii) Qualifications Certificate;
- iv) other relevant documentation.

18.2. The application period is from **11/01/2019 to 08/02/2019**.

19. All candidates who formalize their applications in an improper way or fail to prove the requirements imposed by this tender are excluded from admission. In case of doubt, the panel is entitled to request any candidate to present further documentation supporting their statements.

20. False statements provided by the candidates shall be punished by law.

21. Both admitted and excluded candidate list and final classification list shall be published in the website of the Institute and the selected candidate shall be notified by email.

22. Preliminary Hearing and Final Decision Deadline: After publication, all candidates have 10 working days to respond. Panel's final decisions are pronounced within a period of 90 working days, from response period deadline.

23. This tender is exclusively destined to fill this specify position and can be terminated at any time until approval of final candidate list, expiring with the respective occupation of said position.

24. Non-discrimination and equal access policy: ICETA actively promotes a non-discrimination and equal access policy, wherefore no candidate can be privileged, benefited, impaired or deprived of any rights whatsoever, or be exempt of any duties based on their ancestry, age, sex, sexual preference, marital status, family and economic conditions, instruction, origin or social conditions, genetic heritage, reduced work capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic origin or race, origin territory, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and union membership.

25. The panel has approved this announcement in meeting held on 10/01/2019

26. According to Decree-Law no. 29/2001 of 3 February, disabled candidates shall be preferred in a situation of equal classification, and said preference supersedes any legal preferences. Candidates must declare, on their honour, their respective disability degree, type of disability and communication/expression means to be used during selection period on their application form, under the regulations above.