Universidade do Minho
Escola de Ciências

Interest grant for guest researchers

University of Minho | School of Sciences
Centre of Molecular and Environmental Biology

Announcement:
The Centre of Molecular and Environmental Biology of the School of Sciences of the University of Minho hereby announces that expressions of interest are open for the creation of a pool of interested candidates for the hiring of one (1) Guest Researcher, in the scientific area of Biological Sciences, with a view to developing scientific activities within the scope of the project "RIVER2OCEAN 2.0 - New Socioecological and Biotechnological Solutions for the Promotion of the Aquatic Natural Capital of Northern of Portugal", reference *River2Ocean 2.0*, with support of the Northern Regional Programme 2021-2027 [NORTE2030], for a period of 17 months, possibly renewable until the end of the project and/or applicable legislation.

The Pool of Interested Candidates is established under the terms of the Circular VRT-ECF-05/2023 of September 15, regarding the hiring of Guest Researchers under private law, as per the Regulation of the Career, Recruitment, Hiring and Performance Evaluation of Research Staff under Private Law of the University of Minho (RPI-UM), amended and republished by Order No. 10353/2022, published in the Official Gazette, 2nd series, No. 163, of 24 August. The Circular ECUM-PRES-03/2023 also applies subsidiary, setting out the procedures for hiring guest researchers under private law, as provided in article 6 of the aforementioned regulation, within R&D projects/units of ECUM.

As the Guest Researcher is recruited by invitation, in accordance with the Statute of the Scientific Research Career (ECIC), in its current wording, applicable via article 15 of the RPI-UM, and given that guest researchers under private law perform functions corresponding to categories existing in the ECIC research career, early-career PhD researchers are not covered.

According to article 36 of the ECIC, the hiring of Guest Researchers is conducted by invitation, with equivalence to one of the categories in the ECIC research career (Assistant Researcher, Principal Researcher, or Coordinating Researcher), to be determined by the Scientific Council of ECUM, upon proposal from the Project's Principal Investigator, following the procedures set out in Circular ECUM-PRES-03/2023.

This announcement does not constitute a public call for applications, and therefore no right to hiring arises from the relative assessment of the submitted curricula.

Employment Regime: The pool of interested candidates is open to researchers who are eligible to work under an integral regime.

Remuneration: Remuneration is set according to Annex I of the Regulation of the Career, Recruitment, Hiring and Performance Evaluation of Research Staff under Private Law of the University of Minho (RPI-UM), in accordance with the category equivalent under the ECIC, and within the project's budgetary limits.

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Application requirements: Interested candidates wishing to carry out research activities in the aforementioned Unit may formalize their interest by submitting personal, academic, and professional information, provided they cumulatively meet the following conditions:

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- Academic training: PhD in Biological Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Ecology or related areas;
- Relevant scientific and/or professional experience in aquatic biomonitoring, including applying traditional methodologies and environmental DNA techniques; assessing taxonomic and functional biodiversity; performing temporal and spatial analyses; and developing and applying predictive models.;
- Relevant curriculum vitae in the scientific area(s) indicated;
- Certificate of academic qualifications, preferably doctorates with more than one year of post-doctoral training;

Application Procedure

Applications must include:

- A request addressed to the Rector of the University of Minho, following the provided template;
- A detailed Curriculum Vitae, including all indicators of scientific, technological, and societal cooperation output;
- Supporting documentation of academic degrees and professional qualifications;
- Expressions of interest must be submitted via email to investigadores@ecum.uminho.pt, with the subject line: "Application for the pool of interested candidates – ref. BIIC-EC-CBMA/04/2026 – RIVER2OCEAN 2.0| Guest Researcher".

The University of Minho ensures, under legal terms, the confidentiality of personal documentation received, which will be returned upon express request.

Application Deadline: The application period will be 10 working days from the date of publication of the announcement on the ECUM website and the *Euraxess* portal.

In accordance with Article 9° of the Portuguese Constitution, the Public Administration, as an employer, actively promotes a policy of equal opportunities between women and men in access to employment and career progression, and takes all necessary measures to prevent any form of discrimination.

The Principal Investigator

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