

Announcement of a call for research grant

Reference: 2026_068_BI_ATLANTIDA II

A competition is open for the attribution of 1 Research Grant in the framework of the project Atlantida II, with the reference NORTE2030-FEDER-01799200, supported by Programa Regional do Norte 2021-2027 [NORTE2030], according to the following conditions:

1. Scientific area: Biological sciences, Aquatic or Environmental Sciences, or similar areas

2. Admission requirements:

- i) The candidates must hold a degree in Biology or similar area and a Master degree in Marine Sciences-Marine Resources or similar area (with classification equal or higher than 17 values (in 20));
- ii) Be enrolled in a doctoral programme in Aquatic Sciences - Biology and Ecology;
- iii) Experience in microplastics environmental assessments of different matrices, water, biota and sediments;
- iv) Experience in microplastics protocols optimization;
- v) Experience in coastal and estuarine ecology and field surveys;
- vi) Experience in working in research projects.

3. Work plan:

The selected candidate will work on ATLANTIDA II, within Activity 2 - Ecosystems and Biodiversity of NW Portuguese coast da cost. The research will focus on microplastics contamination assessments of water, sediment and different biota of the Lima and Douro estuaries and the adjacent coastal area. The selected candidate will perform field surveys to collect environmental samples, laboratorial analyses of microplastics and data analysis including writing of technical-scientific reports.

4. Legislation and official rules:

Law nº. 40/2004, 18th August (Research Fellowship and Studentship Regulation) in its current version; Regulations for Studentships and Fellowships of the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P. and CIIMAR Grants Regulation approved by FCT.

5. Work place:

The work will be carried out at CIIMAR, Edifício do Terminal de Cruzeiros do Porto de Leixões, Av. General Norton de Matos, s/n, 4450-208 Matosinhos, under the supervision of Dr. Marisa Almeida, PI of the Environmental Chemistry and Recovery team of CIIMAR.

6. Duration of the grant:

(Duration of 6 (six) months, with a provisional start on September 2026, under the regime of exclusive dedication).

7. Monthly maintenance stipend:

The gross monthly stipend is 1359,64€ according to the table for fellowships - <https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM-2026.pdf>

8. Selection methods:

The first ranking of candidates will be performed after a CV evaluation based on:

- Academic performance plus scientific area: 30%;
- Experience in the research field of the work plan: 70%.

If necessary, an interview will be done to the three top candidates, after which a final ranking will be performed based on:

- CV evaluation: 80%;
- Interview: 20%.

The jury reserves the right to not assign the research grant if none of the candidates meets all requirements and match the desired profile.

9. Composition of the jury selection:

President of the jury: Marisa Almeida

Vogal: Sandra Ramos

Vogal: Vânia Freitas

10. Form of Advertising/notification of results:

The final results of the evaluation will be published through a list sorting the candidates according to their attributed mark by e-mail; in case of disagreement, the candidates have a 10-working day term in which to contest the decision, if he/she so wishes, as provided for in the Administrative Procedure Code in a preliminary hearing setting. The jury reserves the right to not assign the grant depending on the quality of the applications.

In case of resignation or withdrawal of the selected candidate, the next candidate with the highest evaluation score will be notified immediately.

11. Deadline for application and presentation of applications:

The competition is open from **29 until 11/8/2026**. The applications must be formalized, compulsorily, by sending the following documents:

- Detailed Curriculum vitae, in Portuguese or in English;
- Past research activities and its relevance to the current project explained in a motivation letter written in Portuguese or English;

- Certificates (copy) of the previous academic degrees, specifying mandatorily the final classification. Only candidates who have completed the Master degree by the end of the application period will be admitted;
- Evidence of enrolment in a doctoral program or non-academic degree course, if applicable;
- Contact e-mail address.

The applications cannot exceed 20 MB and must be sent by e-mail to: rh@ciimar.up.pt, with the reference **2026_068_BI_ATLANTIDA II** in the subject line. The applications that do not include all the elements previously indicated will not be considered.

12. Non-discrimination and equal access policy:

CIIMAR 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.

Pursuant 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.