

CALL FOR BIODIV SCHOLARSHIPS 2014-15



The Doctoral Programme in Biodiversity, Genetics and Evolution (BIODIV) is organized jointly by the University of Porto and the University of Lisbon, in partnership with [CIBIO/InBIO](#) (Research Center in Biodiversity and Genetic Resources/Associate laboratory) and with [CBA](#) (Center of Environmental Biology).

This programme is funded by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT). According to the [FCT Regulations for Research Grants](#) and the [Research Grant Holder Statute](#), the BIODIV Directive Board now opens a call for:

TWELVE MIXED PhD SCHOLARSHIPS 2014-15

Six scholarships for the University of Porto and six scholarships for the University of Lisbon

Up to twelve mixed PhD Scholarships are available for applicants who comply with the legal requirements of the Decree-Law nº 74/2006 Artº30 nº1 of the 24th of March (republished attached to the Decree-Law nº115/2013 of the 7th of August). Based on the merit of the candidates, the jury panel will select the best six applicants to the University of Porto and the best six applicants to the University of Lisbon.

ELEGIBILITY

The BIODIV Programme accepts candidates:

- from any nationality;
- holding a Master's degree in Biological Sciences*, or a 4 or 5-year degree (pre-Bologna) in Biological Sciences or related fields*.

*other scientific backgrounds with an adequate academic experience and research interests can be considered.

SCHOLARSHIP DURATION

The duration is, as a rule, annual, renewable up to a maximum of four years, and cannot be awarded for periods of less than three consecutive months. These mixed PhD scholarships include the opportunity to spend up to two years abroad. Descriptions of the stipend values can be found [here](#) (please note that BD refers to PhD scholarships).

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The call for applications is open between **11 of August and 21 of September 2014** (24:00 GMT).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications should be submitted by email to applications@biodiv.pt with the following supporting documents (written in Portuguese or English):

- a) BIODIV Application Form (*will be available at www.biodiv.pt*);
- b) *Curriculum vitae*;
- c) Motivation Letter;
- d) Copy of the official academic certificate(s) of all awarded degrees (BSc, MSc) with the inclusion of the overall final grade.
- e) Ranking Document (if available) - An official document issued by your academic institution demonstrating your position relative to your colleagues.

EVALUATION

The jury panel selects the best candidates to integrate the BIODIV Programme based on their merit, through the analysis of:

- Academic Curriculum;
- Professional Experience in research projects, publications and scientific presentations at meetings;
- Motivation Letter.

The candidates with the highest merit will be invited for an interview, in person or by video conference, to establish the final ranking.

The evaluation guide will be available on the BIODIV webpage: www.biodiv.pt

RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

The results of the Call will be announced on the webpage of the BIODIV Programme (www.biodiv.pt), and the selected candidates will be directly informed by email. If the decision is not favourable, the applicant has a period of 10 working days, after receiving notice, to appeal according to the *Código do Procedimento Administrativo* in a preliminary hearing stage. Any appeal to the final decision must be brought to the Board of Directors of FCT - *Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology* - within 15 working days after the notification.

FUNDING

The Scholarships will be financed by the Portuguese Ministry of Education and Science and, when eligible, by funds from the European Social Fund.

For more information: www.biodiv.pt | applications@biodiv.pt