The School of Agriculture (ISA), University of Lisbon, opens a call for applications for the award of one (1) Doctoral Scholarship, within the framework of the project “Mangrove, mangrove rice and mangrove people: sustainably improving rice production, ecosystems and livelihoods” funded by the European Commission through the DeSIRA Program [as defined in the contract of the project refª FOOD/2019/412-700, DeSIRA_GB], under the following conditions:

**Scientific area**
Biodiversity Sciences

**Eligibility criteria**
- MSc degree in Social Sciences (Anthropology, Ethnology, Human Geography, Political Ecology) with a background or a training in biology/ ecology or MSc degree in Natural Sciences (Ecology, Biology, Agronomy, Environmental Engineering) with a background or a training in social sciences
- Fieldwork experience

**Specific requirements**
Preference will be given to applicants who have:
- Good expertise in English
• Good communication skills with peers and local farmers
• Willingness to undertake long-term fieldwork (about 8 months per year) in Guinea-Bissau
• Willingness to learn Guinea Bissau Kriol
• Previous experience in rural Africa
• Gender lens

Work Plan
After the academic year at ISA, the successful candidate will participate in the activities of the project "Mangrove, mangrove rice and mangrove people - sustainably improving rice production, ecosystems and livelihoods", namely: a) Study of fish, oysters, crabs and shrimps' populations, and of plankton in the rice fields and surrounding mangroves, identification of the risks they are facing, systematization of local farmers-fisherwomen and men knowledge, attitudes and practices, participatory development of sustainable aquatic fauna management and aquaculture practices; b) Team work with other PhD students of the project; c) Writing disciplinary and interdisciplinary articles with other PhD students of the project. The last year will be spent at the ISA and the IRD performing data analysis and writing the final version of the articles and of the thesis.

Applicable law and regulation

Workplace and scientific supervision
Notwithstanding any displacements that may be required within the scope of the tasks to be performed, the first year will be spent at the ISA, Portugal (dedicated to the academic training and PhD program elaboration), but some time may be spent at the IRD, France. The second and third years will be carried out in Guinea-Bissau (data collection), but some time may be spent at the IRD. The final writing of the dissertation will take place at the ISA and the IRD during the fourth year.

The PhD will be conducted under the supervision of Dr. Marie-Christine Cormier-Salem (IRD), Dr. Jacques Panfili (IRD) and Rui Sá (ISCSP), and the PI of the project (Dr. Marina Padrão Temudo).

Beneficiaries: Who can apply to this call:

• National citizens or citizens of other EU Member States.

• Citizens of third-party states, holders of a valid residence permit or beneficiaries of a long-term VISA in any EU Member States.

Duration of the scholarship:
The duration of the scholarship is annual, extendable to a maximum of four years, and will start at the beginning of the PhD academic year 2020-2021.

Benefits
The amount paid will be in accordance with the scholarship values’ table awarded directly by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) Research Fellowship Regulation, published in the Regulamento Nº 950/2019, Diário da República No. 241, Series II, 16 Dezembro. The value of the scholarship will be € 1 074.64 (one thousand, seventy-four euros and sixty-four cents) during the research period in Portugal and € 1 883.65 (one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-three euros and sixty-five cents) while abroad. The scholarship will be paid monthly by bank transfer.

The doctoral candidate will be entitled to personal accident insurance and, if not covered by any social protection scheme, can ensure the exercise of the right to social security by joining the voluntary social insurance scheme, under the terms of Code of Contributory Regimes of the Social Security System. The tuition fees will also be covered by the project budget.

One travel to Europe will be payed per year during the fieldwork period in Guinea-Bissau.

Selection methods and their valuation
The selection methods to be used will include grading on a scale of 0 to 20 based on the following components: curriculum assessment (70%) and motivation letter (30%).

The candidates’ CV will be evaluated considering the following parameters: Relevance of the training area (40%), relevance of professional experience (40%), scientific publications (20%).

By decision of the jury, the top three pre-selected candidates may be invited to a skype interview. In this final evaluation phase, the first assessment component will weigh 70% and the interview will weigh 30%.

The jury may not award the scholarship if no candidate with the appropriate profile is found.

Jury Composition of the call
President – Dr. Marie-Christine Cormier-Salem (Director of Research at IRD)
Effective Member – Dr. Jacques Panfili (Director of Research at IRD)
Effective Member – Marina Padrão Temudo (Senior Researcher at ISA, University of Lisbon)
Substitute Member – Dr. Rui Sá (Assistant Professor at ISCP, University of Lisbon)
Substitute Member – Marie-Paul Bonnet (Director of Research at IRD)

Form of publicity / notification of results
The results will be communicated to the candidates by email.

Application Deadline
The call is open from 25.05.2020 to 12.06.2020.

Documentation to be submitted
- Detailed curriculum vitae;
- Statement of interest;
- Copy of the certificate (s) of academic qualifications with the final grade and grade obtained.

The omission of any of the elements will be reason for exclusion of the contest.

The documentation must be sent by email to the e-mail addresses: marie.cormier@ird.fr and filipazacarias@isa.ulisboa.pt, indicating the reference DeSIRA_Ethnobiology

21th May 2020 – The President of Instituto Superior de Agronomia, Professor Doutor António Guerreiro de Brito

Vacant posts: 1

Type of contract: Other

Job country: Portugal

Job city: Lisboa

Job company/institute: Instituto Superior de Agronomia

Application deadline: 12 Junho 2020
(The Application’s deadline must be confirmed on the Job Description)
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