

**Bolsa de investigação (m/f)**

**Project title:** Ethics of animal research: An increasingly human affair

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**Internal Reference:** PR771502

**Candidate profile:**

We are seeking a candidate with experience in qualitative social science methodology, knowledge of research animal ethics, excellence in written and spoken English and experience with scholarly writing.

**Background and work plan:**

Animals have played a significant role in research ever since the experimental approach became the primary way of understanding biology. In modern biomedical research, animals continue to be important models of how the body functions in health and disease. But their use is not a matter of course — few human ways of using animals are as controversial as animal experimentation. At the heart of this controversy lies the dilemma that research causes harm to animals while those reaping the benefit are humans. The proposed project outlines an expansion of animal research ethics beyond its present focus on animal welfare. We are now recruiting a research fellow to carry out the work within Task 2: Exploring issues at the human-animal interface. The work to be carried out by the research assistant includes:

- collection and analysis of literature providing scholarly commentary on human-animal interface research ethics
- collection and analysis of information on the legal framework and ethics review practice for research at the human-animal interface

The successful candidate will be based in Porto where s/he will join the Laboratory Animal Science group at the Institute for Molecular and Cell Biology (IBMC). Formed in 2005, this young and active research group has established itself as an important player in the field of laboratory animal welfare and ethics research, with a solid research output and strong international and interdisciplinary collaborations. Work within this project will be carried out in synergy with other ongoing projects, including ANIMPACT (FP7).

**Application procedure:**

Applications should include a letter of motivation, CV and 2 reference letters/contacts, and should be submitted on the IBMC webpage:

<http://www.ibmc.up.pt/gestaocandidaturas/index.php?codigo=PR771502>

between 15 to 28 May 2015.

Employment at the IBMC is regulated by current laws relating to the Statute of Science Research Fellows of Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, I.P. - 2015, namely Law 40/2004 of August 18, amended and republished by Decree-Law No. 202/2012 of 27 August and the Regulation of Scientific Research Studentships of the IBMC approved by Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia ([www.ibmc.up.pt/fellowships.php](http://www.ibmc.up.pt/fellowships.php))

**Evaluation of applications:**

Based on the written documentation (CV-50%, motivation letter -25% and references -25%), the most qualified candidates will be selected for a personal interview. The total evaluation will be based on written documentation (70%) and interview (30%).

**Jury:** President: Anna Olsson (PhD); Ordinary members: Nuno Franco (PhD) and Catarina Castro (PhD)

**Grant conditions:**

The fellowship is due to start 1 June 2015 and last for 3 months. The monthly amount of the fellowship is € 745 ([http:// www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores](http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores)) paid by bank transference, preferentially.