The PhD Programme in Experimental Biology and Biomedicine (PDBEB) run by the Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology (CNC) at the University of Coimbra and funded by Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FCT) is opening applications for four funded scholarships. Please note that this application is independent from University enrollment, which will take part subsequently, and only for selected applicants. The degree is conferred by The Institute for Interdisciplinary Research at the University of Coimbra (IIIUC).

Interested candidates should have a master's degree in Biology, Biochemistry, Biochemistry, Medicine, Pharmacy or related fields. We are seeking motivated and ambitious candidates, with previous research experience. The position is for a period of forty eight months not renewable.

The model of the fellowship contract and the final reports can be find in:
https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamentos

The monthly payment will be 980 Euros paid by wire transfer.

Work benefits includes the established in the "Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação da FCT, I. P.", approved by the regulation number 234/2012, of June 25, altered by the regulation 326/2013, of August 27, 2013, and by the “Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação Científica”, in its present form.

Selected candidates will undergo intensive training in English (see http://beb.cnbc.pt/about.asp) and will be expected to carry out research projects exclusively in the context of the strategic partnership CNC.IBILI, and within its areas of intervention.

The courses are taught by leading CNC and invited scientists. The curriculum is designed to expose students to top research areas and to instigate the development of analytical, technical and communicative skills required to today's biologists.

Candidates should fill out an application form available at http://beb.cnbc.pt/admission.asp and applications should be sent to Programme Secretary Susana Rocha (srocha@cnc.uc.pt) by May 06th, 2016. Candidates should also request that 2 Recommendation Letters (form available on the site) be addressed by Referees directly to the Programme.

Applications will be graded and ranked by the Evaluation Committee in terms of Candidate CV (50%), Motivation Letter (20%) and Recommendation Letters (30%). Only the 25-35 top candidates will be selected for interview, which will focus both on scientific maturity and interest/knowledge of CNC.IBILI areas of intervention.
The jury composition is the following:
Prof. Dr. João Ramalho Santos, Ph.D.
Prof. Dr. Luís Pereira de Almeida, Ph.D.
Prof. Dr. Ana Luísa Carvalho, Ph.D.
Prof. Dr. Claudia Cavadas, Ph.D.
Prof. Dr. Paulo Oliveira, Ph.D.

Candidates will be informed of the results by email and the final ranking of candidates will also be made available at the CNC.

The jury proceeds to the audiência prévia (prior hearing) of the candidates who, if they so wish, can have their say in writing within ten days.