

**Reference:** Public notice EdtIB.3-DEP/2023

## NOTICE FOR THE AWARD OF GRANTS IN THE SCOPE OF R&D PROJECTS AND INSTITUTIONS

A tender is hereby opened for the award of two (2) **Research Grants** (RG) in the scope of R&D project “Making sense of animal misbehavior: Functional and mechanistic accounts”, 2022.04861.PTDC, under the following conditions:

**1. Scientific Area:** Psychology, Biology, or related field.

**2. Funding Source:** Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P./MCTES, through national funds (PIDDAC)

**3. Admission Requirements:** (a) Students enrolled or students who meet the requirements to enroll in the Doctoral Program in Psychology of the University of Aveiro. The proof of enrolment must be made available until the contract is awarded, and the candidate may attach a [declaration of honor](#) to confirm that he/she meets the requirements for enrolment in the doctoral program; (2) strong motivation to carry out research in the field of comparative psychology, psychology of learning and/or animal behavior.

If the qualification has been conferred by a foreign higher education institution it must be **recognized by a Portuguese higher education institution**, under the terms of the provisions of article 25 of Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16th, which approves the legal regime of recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of Higher Education, attributed by foreign higher education institutions, and of paragraph e) of no. 2 of article 4 of Decree-Law no. 60/2018, of August 3rd, and any formalities established therein must be fulfilled by the date of the hiring act.

**4. Eligibility:** Applicants are eligible if they comply with paragraph a) of no.1 of article 2, of the Research Fellow Statute as amended by Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of August 28th, as well as nos. 1 and 2 of article 6 of the Research Grant Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology. The RG(s) awarded to undergraduate or master students enrolled in courses that do not confer academic degree may only be granted to those who do not exceed, upon conclusion of the grant contract in question, including possible renewals, an accumulated period of two years in that type of grant, consecutive or interpolated, under the terms of no.5 of article 6 of the aforementioned Regulations.

**5. Work plan:** Candidates must be strongly motivated to carry out research on basic psychological processes, namely learning and decision-making, using animal models. The work plan corresponds to the tasks listed in project 2022.04861.PTDC, namely the preparation and implementation of experiments aimed at studying rationality in non-human animals and subsequent data analysis. Illustrative protocols include the sub-optimal choice task and the mid-session reversal task. The grant holders must participate in the weekly meetings of the Adaptive Behavior Lab and laboratory maintenance activities. The grant holders are expected to develop their doctoral theses in this area, participate in the writing of scientific articles, and present their findings at national and international scientific conferences.

**6. Applicable legislation and regulations:** Statute of Scientific Research Grant Holder, as amended by Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of August 28th; Regulation no. 950/2019, of November 29th, published in Diário da República, no. 241, Series II, of December 16th (FCT, I.P. Research Grants Regulation); Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16th (Legal regime for recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of higher education awarded by foreign higher education institutions).

**7. Workplace:** The planned research will be carried out at the Aveiro branch of the William James Center for Research / Department of Education and Psychology of the University of Aveiro, under the supervision of Professor Armando Domingos Batista Machado.

**8. Duration of the grant(s):** The grant duration will be 12 months, starting in September of 2023, and may be renewed for additional periods of 12 months, up to the maximum limit of approved funding. Under no circumstances shall it exceed the limits defined in nos. 3 and 4 of article 6, of Regulation no. 950/2019, of November 29th, published in Diário da República, no. 241, Series II, of December 16th (Research Grants Regulation of FCT, I.P.).

**9. Amount of monthly maintenance allowance:** The amount of the grant corresponds to €1 199,64, according to the table of monthly maintenance allowance amounts set out in Annex I of Regulation no. 950/2019, subject to any updates that may be applicable, under the terms of no. 2 of article 18 of Regulation no. 950/2019, of November 29th, published in Diário da República, no. 241, Series II, of December 16th (Research Grants Regulation of FCT, I.P.). The fellow may also be reimbursed for the amount corresponding to the Voluntary Social Security, in case of adherence to this plan.

**10. Selection methods:** The selection methods to be used will be the following: curriculum assessment and interview (face-to-face or online), with the valuation of 12 (60%) and 8 (40%) points, respectively.

**11. Composition of the Selection Jury:** Professor Armando Domingos Batista Machado (chair of the selection jury), Professor Marco Alexandre Barbosa de Vasconcelos (permanent member), Professor Daniel Ruivo Marques (permanent member), Doutora Josefa das Neves Simões Pandeirada (alternate member) e Professora Paula Emanuel Rocha Martins Vagos (alternate member).

**12. Deadline for applications and how to submit applications:** The call is open from March 13 of 2023 to April 10 of 2023, and only applications submitted within the deadline will be admitted.

Applications must be formalized by sending an application letter accompanied by the following documents: Curriculum Vitae, a letter of motivation (maximum 2 pages), a letter of recommendation, certificates of the academic degrees held, specifying the final grade and, if possible, the grades obtained in all subjects/courses taken, declaration of honor, and other supporting documents considered relevant. The application and all other documents must be written in English, except for the letter of recommendation and certificates which may be in Portuguese. They shall also indicate the e-mail address to which, by such indication, they accept to be notified for all purposes within this procedure.

Applications should be sent by e-mail to: [dep-candidaturas@ua.pt](mailto:dep-candidaturas@ua.pt) with the following subject "grant application EdtIB.3-DEP/2023 - 2022.04861.PTDC".

**13. Form of publication/notification of results:** The result of the evaluation process will be published in the form of a list of the candidates ordered by their scores. The list will be sent by email to the candidates and posted on the University's website within 90 working days after the final date of submission of the application. The selected candidates will be notified by email. For the purposes of prior hearing of interested parties, the deadline of 10 working days is set, as provided for in the Code of Administrative Procedure. At the end of the period for hearing the interested parties, and in the absence of any response from them, the list of candidates will become final. Candidates may lodge a complaint against the final decision within 15 working days, or appeal to the maximum executive body of the funding entity within 30 working days after notification of the final decision, in accordance with the provisions of article 12 of the Research Grants Regulation of the Foundation for Science and Technology.

**14. Tender duration:** The final ranking list of candidates will be valid until March 11 of 2026 for the purpose of constituting a reserve list for selection.

The models of the grant contract and of the final report to be prepared by the grant holder and the supervisor are available at [Research fellows - sgrh - Universidade de Aveiro \(ua.pt\)](#).

University of Aveiro, 7 of March 2023

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