Advert for three Research Fellowships
António Coutinho Prize,
Funded by Instituto Gulbenkian Ciência, Merck and Câmara Municipal de Oeiras

The call for applications, organized by the Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência (IGC) / Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian (FCG), is open to Grant three Research Fellowships “Prémio António Coutinho”, within the scope of a partnership between Merck, a science and technology Company and Câmara Municipal de Oeiras (CMO).

1. Type of fellowships: These fellowships aim to promote education and scientific research from citizens from one of the Portuguese Speaking African Countries (PALOP) or their descendants, within the life sciences, health sciences or exact sciences, as follows:

A. Scientific Initiation Fellowship (BIC). University students residing at the City Council of Oeiras, nationals or direct descendants from a Portuguese Speaking African Country (PALOP) may apply. This fellowship is to cover an MSc Thesis Research Project at a Portuguese University.

   **Stipends:** 750€/month for 12 months.
   Besides this value, it will also cover health insurance, University and bench Fees.

   **Application documents:** Copy of passport or another official document that show proof of nationality from a PALOP country, from the candidate or one of the parents (proof of parenthood is necessary in this case); proof of registration at a Portuguese University in the fields described above.

B. Scientific Initiation Fellowship (BIC). Residing university students that are registered within the last years of a BSc or MSc at a PALOP University. Poderão candidatar-se estudantes universitários residentes que estejam a frequentar os últimos anos de cursos de licenciatura ou de mestrado numa Universidade dos PALOP. This fellowship is to cover a BSc or MSc Thesis Research Project at a Portuguese University.

   **Stipends:** 750€/month for 12 months.
   Besides this value, it will also cover a trip between the PALOP country and Portugal (economy class) and bench Fees towards the Portuguese University and tuition fees towards the PALOP University.

   **Application documents:** Copy of passport or another official document that show proof of nationality from a PALOP country; proof of registration at a PALOP University in the fields described above.

C. Sabbatical Leave Fellowship for a university professor ou a recente PhD holder residing in a PALOP country.

   **Stipends:** 1200€/month for 9 months.
   To this value, it will also cover a trip between the PALOP country and Portugal (economy class) and bench Fees towards a Portuguese host University to a maximum of €1500.

   **Application documents:** Copy of passport or another official document that show proof of nationality from a PALOP country; proof of PhD degree in the fields described above.
2. **Application presentation:** Besides the specific documents mentioned above, applications must include a motivation letter and a detailed *Curriculum Vitae* (including the names and contacts of two potential referees) on a single document in pdf format entitled “PrémioAntónioCoutinho2019_NameofCandidate”. This document must be submitted by e-mail to PremioAC@igc.gulbenkian.pt, with “PrémioAntónioCoutinho2019_NameofCandidate” in the subject, with the fellowship type mentioned in the text body.

3. **Selection process:** Candidates will be evaluated by a jury composed by representatives from the funding institutions (FCG, Merck, CMO) and organizing institution (IGC), as well as members from civil society and scientific community. To the CV documental evaluation (50%) and motivation letter (50%), an interview may be summoned to the candidates with the highest grade, if the jury members decide it necessary.

4. **Relevant Dates:** Application call is open from 02.05.2019 to 31.05.2019. Selection results will be published by 31.07.2019. Fellowships may start between 01.09.2019 and 31.12.2019.