

MINUTE OF JURY SELECTION

Call for fellowship/contract of (ex. PhD Fellowship, etc)
Project (reference and name of the project)

On 18th of March 2024, at 16:00, the jury selection formed by Drs Maria João Amorim, Raquel Oliveira and Marta Alenquer, responsible for analysing the applications to a contract (fixed term contract), in the scope of the project (ERC CoG LOFlu 101001521), funded by the European Research Council/European Union.

The call was open from 20th of February 2024 until 17th of Março 2024. The jury analysed the documents included in the applications found attached to these minutes.

The call received 14 applications that were classified in the following way:

Name	Full application	CV and previous experience (25%)	Motivation letter (25%)	Evaluation (máx. 50%)
1 Gonçalo Portela	Yes	20	20	40
2 Isabel Sesifredo	Yes	20	20	40
3 Tiago Salles	Yes	20	15	35
4 André Seixas	Yes	15	15	30
5 Catarina Luís	Yes	13	10	23
6. Isa Fernandes Mota	Yes	12	12	24
7 Ana Rita Oliveira	Yes	20	20	40
8 Bianca Miranda Basso	Yes	17	15	32
9 Suzane Acácio	Yes	15	5	20
10 Victoria Gil	Yes	16	10	26
11 Li Xiangpu*	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
12. Jessica Diaz**	Yes	10	10	20
13 Manuel Jacinto	Yes	20	20	40
14 Francisco Marques	Yes	15	15	30

* The candidate does not include referees.

After considering all applications, the jury convened to interview thoroughly candidates 1, 2, 7 and 13. Candidate 1 has a BSc and MSc in Veterinary Medicine. Despite the application lacking to explore the reason why the candidate would be suitable for the position, the candidate has prior experience in virology that could be useful for the project.

Candidate 2 has valid experience in cell biology that could be beneficial to the project, despite lacking expertise in virology. Candidate 7 has expertise in virology that could be important for the project and Candidate 13 also has experience in virology, including manufacturing pseudotyped viral particles and phase separation. All candidates accepted to attend the interview, however on the 3rd of April, candidate 1 informed the jury to have accepted another position and hence withdrew from the competition.

The interviews occurred in person on 3rd and 4th of April 2024, at 10:00, and 15:00 each day and had 2 hours duration. Following the interviews, the jury decided by unanimity to recommend the hiring of candidate number Isabel Sesifredo based on the performance on the interview, dealing well with questions about virology and phase separation and reference letters, their experience in cell biology and screening for therapeutics and the motivation to develop the project.

The candidates were classified in the following way:

Name	Evaluation (max 50%) - grade -% of the total evaluation of the previous table	References (Max 10% of the grade)	Interview (max. 40%) - grade	Total
Isabel Sesifredo	40	8	30	78
Manuel Jacinto	40	7	26	73
Ana Rita Oliveira	40	7	25	72

Isabel Sesifredo was informed of the decision on 12th of April 2024 and accepted the position on the 14th of April 2024. All the candidates were informed of the deliberations of the Jury on 15th of April 2024. If there are no complaints during the 10 working days following the publication of this minute, the decisions herein communicated will be considered as effective.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting for which these minutes were drawn up was closed and signed by all the members of the Jury.

Oeiras, 15 of April 2024

Chair of the Jury (Maria João Amorim) Maria João Amorim (signature)

Jury member 1 (Raquel Oliveira) Raquel Oliveira (signature)

Jury member 2 (Marta Alenquer) Marta Bebano Alenquer (signature)