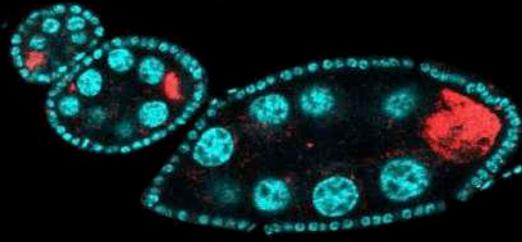


Wolbakian - Functional genetics of *Wolbachia* proliferation and protection to viruses



Two funded postdoctoral positions



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Position: The Host-Microorganism Interactions laboratory, led by Luis Teixeira, has **two open postdoctoral positions**, available from January 2020. The postdoctoral fellowships will have an annual duration renewable up to 30/6/2023, in agreement with the project-allocated budget for human resources.

Research interests: The ERC project Wolbakian focuses on understanding regulation of *Wolbachia* proliferation and protection to viruses. *Wolbachia* is a widespread intracellular bacterial symbiont of insects and other animals. This bacterium protects *Drosophila melanogaster*, and other insects, including mosquito vectors of arboviruses, against viral infection. We are interested in understanding this mechanism of protection. Moreover, we want to know how *Wolbachia* titres in the host are regulated since they impact anti-viral protection and many other aspects of *Wolbachia* biology. Our group approaches these problems using *Drosophila* genetics, cell biology, molecular biology, and genomics. For more details see: <http://www.igc.gulbenkian.pt> and Teixeira *et al.*, PLOS Biol. 2008, Chrostek and Teixeira PLOS Biol. 2015. One position will focus on *Wolbachia* anti-viral protection and the other will investigate *Wolbachia* infection and titres regulation.

Location: The **Gulbenkian Institute (IGC)** is an international institute located in a seaside town close to Lisbon, Portugal, and integrated in a multidisciplinary campus. It is a world-leading biology research center, providing state-of-the-art core facilities and an exciting research environment. The IGC Postdoctoral Research Program focuses on developing postdoc research, independence and leadership skills.

Academic Profile and Selection Criteria: We are seeking candidates with a PhD degree in Biology or related areas but we will also consider other backgrounds. For the position focused on *Wolbachia* titres regulation, experience in genomics is required. Previous experience in *Drosophila* genetics, microbiology, host-microbe interactions, immunity and other related areas are valued. We are seeking highly motivated researchers that work independently and interact in a team. The candidates should have a good level of written and spoken English.

Subsidy Month Stipend: According to the table of IGC, as well as the experience of the person, plus social security. The payment will be made by bank transfer.

Application Documents: A one-page motivation letter, *Curriculum Vitae*, and two contacts for references should be sent to the e-mail address below, in a single PDF file named "CandidateName_Wolbakian_PD.pdf".

Email: ccarmo@igc.gulbenkian.pt (Catarina Carmo)

Application Period: Applications will be accepted until the vacancies are filled. Interviews will be held from the 15th of January 2020.

Selection Procedure:

After a pre-analysis of *Curriculum Vitae* and letter of motivation the selected candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Non-Discrimination and Equal Access Policy:

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