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ta' Malta**

Faculty of Medicine & Surgery
DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY
Doctoral School

Call for Applications

Europa Donna Malta post-graduate scholarship in breast cancer research

1. Applications are invited for a scholarship for a Ph.D. student to work on a project to study the mechanisms of metastasis in breast cancer. The scholarship is funded by the non-profit organisation Europa Donna Malta, facilitated by the Research Innovation and Development Trust (RIDT) of the University of Malta. The project is coordinated by the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery under the supervision of Professor Godfrey Grech (Department of Pathology) and Professor Christian Scerri (Department of Physiology and Biochemistry).
2. Applicants must be in possession of a Master of Science degree, specialised in biomedical sciences, and shall be eligible for Ph.D. studies at the University of Malta in terms of the applicable regulations and by-laws. Familiarity with qualitative research methods, previous experience with immunohistochemistry technique, real time PCR technology and cell culturing will be considered assets.
3. The selected candidate is expected to enrol in the University of Malta's Ph.D. programme and conduct research in breast cancer. The award is for a maximum of three years and can be taken up as soon as Senate approves the Ph.D. application based on the recommendations received by the Faculty Board (Medicine and Surgery) and the Doctoral Academic Committee.
4. This scholarship shall provide a basic maintenance allowance of €12,000 per annum for the full-time Ph.D. student and covers a period of three years. The scholarship shall also provide a maximum of €15,000 to cover University bench fees and other expenses related to the research but will not cover the annual enrollment fee.

International candidates are advised to familiarise themselves with information available on the website of the International Office (www.um.edu.mt/international/students) when applying, particularly to the sections concerning English Language requirements, visas and e-residence permit conditions and requirements. The scholarship does not cover all the costs related to studying and living in Malta, and international candidates will need to provide assurance that they have the funds available to cover their stay in Malta.



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5. Applicants should submit their letter of application by not later than **31 January 2021** by e-mail to **scholarships.doctoralschool@um.edu.mt** together with a copy of their *curriculum vitae*, and a scanned copy of their certificates. The scholarship is intended to support students who have clear goals for their future and applicants are expected to explain how they believe doctoral research will allow them to shape their plans after graduation. Applicants are expected to declare any special attributes and accomplishments that they think make them deserving of the scholarship. **Late applications will not be considered.**
6. The selection procedure will involve:
 - a. scrutiny of qualifications and experience claimed and supported by testimonials and/or certificates (copies to be included with the application);
 - b. shortlisting; and
 - c. an interview and/or extended interview.

This selection panel will make the final decision on successful candidates based on academic excellence and research potential.

7. Further information may be obtained by contacting Professor Godfrey Grech (godfrey.grech@um.edu.mt).

Terms and conditions

The award may not be held concurrently with another major award for the same purpose. The award holder may not be engaged in paid employment during the tenure of the award without first obtaining written permission from the Doctoral School. In such cases when paid employment is allowed this cannot exceed 19 hours per week.

The award holder will be required to provide progress reports on an annual basis (normally in June) to the Doctoral School and as required by University regulations and procedures. At the end of tenure a final report must be submitted covering what has been achieved.

The Doctoral School requests that the award holder acknowledges the assistance of **Europa Donna Malta** and the **Research Innovation and Development Trust of the University of Malta** in any publications arising wholly or partially from the award.