


## PhD Fellowship in Aquaculture Nutrition – Early Development of Flatfish (CCMAR & SPAROS, Portugal)

This is a unique opportunity to combine fundamental research in fish nutrition with industrial application at a leading fish nutrition company.

The CCMAR and SPAROS Lda. are seeking a highly motivated candidate to prepare a PhD fellowship application within the 2026 Doctoral Fellowship Call of the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) – Specific Line in a Non-Academic Environment.

The project will be jointly developed at CCMAR and SPAROS, under the supervision of Sofia Engrola (CCMAR) and Luís Conceição (SPAROS).

The research will focus on nutrition during the early developmental stages of flatfish, with particular emphasis on Senegalese sole (*Solea senegalensis*) and turbot (*Scophthalmus maximus*), combining experimental research with industrial application.

 FCT call open: 2 – 31 March 2026

Following evaluation of expressions of interest, one candidate will be selected to prepare and submit the official fellowship application.

Main eligibility requirements

Applicants must:

- Hold a Master's degree or meet the conditions to enrol in a PhD programme
- Not hold already a doctoral degree
- Not have previously benefited from an FCT-funded PhD fellowship
- Have at least one peer-reviewed publication as co-author in aquaculture nutrition or a closely related field
- Be fluent in English, both spoken and written
- Be willing to have permanent residence in Algarve, Portugal (Faro/Olhão area)
- Ensure that any degrees obtained abroad (Bachelor's or Master's) are formally recognised in Portugal for fellowship eligibility

 Expression of interest

Please send your CV and motivation letter by **19 March 2026** to: [sengrola@ualg.pt](mailto:sengrola@ualg.pt)

More information about the call: <https://www.fct.pt/concursos/concurso-bolsas-de-doutoramento-2026-linha-de-candidatura-especifica-em-ambiente-nao-academico>

More information about the host Institutions: <https://ccmar.ualg.pt/en/group/aquaculture-research-group>; [www.sparos.pt](http://www.sparos.pt)

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