

SocioEcoFrontiers

**Frontiers in social-ecological research:
achieving the promise of integration in Marine Spatial Planning
for resilient social and environmental outcomes**

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The journey

- BSc Biology (Univ. Porto, Portugal)
- MRes Biodiversity & Conservation (Univ. Leeds, UK)
- PhD Conservation Science (Imperial College London, UK)
- Post-doc \approx 5 yrs (Univ. Exeter, UK)

1. Mobility
2. Natural \rightarrow Social sciences



Prep my application

- Step 1: **Ask around** (\approx early May)
 - Potential supervisors, national focal point, colleagues that got/applied for this type of funding, etc
- Step 2: **Write early drafts** (\approx early June)
 - Concept note (1-2 pages) to discuss with potential supervisor
 - Final decision about host/supervisor
- Step 3: **Focus and revise!** (\approx early July to Sept)
 - Read other people's applications + guidelines + reviewer guidance
 - Write full drafts early on and seek feedback (August=holidays!)
- Step 4: **Submit** by the deadline! And be patient... results mid-Feb

Why I think I got funded

- Interdisciplinarity and applied nature of research (e.g. SDGs)
“contributing to advance the knowledge on cross-disciplinary issues, and to improve management decisions aimed at addressing sustainability challenges”
- Able to demonstrate contribution to personal and career development (ecology → social sciences department)
“The proposal presents enough evidence that new competences and skills, acquired during the fellowship, will make the researcher more successful by broadening interdisciplinary research opportunities and knowledge.”
- Clear two-way exchange host-researcher (and good fit)
“The proposal clearly explains how the researcher will gain new knowledge at the host institution (...) The transfer of knowledge from the researcher to the host organization is very well identified and realistic.”
- Paid attention to details

Tips

1. The devil is in the detail
2. Read guidance carefully
3. Get in touch with people
4. Career development (not only academic excellence)
5. Flexible work arrangements (part-time)

6. Be persistent!

Get in touch!

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