

TECHNICAL ASSISTANT / ANIMAL HANDLER (M/F)

Internal code: Tratador_Biotério/LA/i3S/2210/2026

It is intended to hire an Animal Handler, scheduled to start in November 2026 and expected end on December 31, 2026, to join the i3S animal house team, within the scope of the research activities of the i3S Associated Laboratory. This hiring is intended for the temporary replacement of a worker prevented from performing functions, ensuring the continuity of activities and the regular functioning of the Animal House during the period of her absence.

Working schedule: Weekdays

Duties:

The chosen candidate will perform the following tasks:

- Checking environmental conditions (humidity and temperature) and feeding of laboratory animals (mice, rat and rabbit);
- Cage changing and maintenance of the spaces where the animals are housed;
- Identification of animals with clinical signs of disease;
- Collection of samples;
- Keeping records associated with the maintenance of the colonies and small procedures;
- Performing simple procedures on laboratory rodents and rabbits;
- Other support tasks, including in the washing area;
- Feeding and welfare check of other species: *Acomys cahirinus* and zebrafish.

Admission requirements:

- **Mandatory:** Minimum 12th grade education;
- Experience in handling laboratory animals (mainly rats and mice), and training in working with laboratory animals (functions A and D) and training in veterinary nursing, biology or similar areas;
- Capacity for organization, autonomy and a sense of responsibility.

Salary: €1.080,59, subject to tax and other legal charges.

Selection: The selection will be carried out in two phases: the first, mandatory, through document analysis; the second, optional and dependent on the outcome of the first phase, through interview. Candidates will be evaluated according to compliance with the requirements of the desired profile indicated above.

Form of publication/notification of results: The final results of the evaluation are notified to the candidates by email.

Jury Selection: Chairman: Sofia Lamas; Other Members: Sandra Gomes e Sara Capas
Contact for clarification: sofia.lamas@i3s.up.pt



Application deadline and form of presentation of applications: Candidates formalize their application by filling in the requested fields and presenting the documents Curriculum Vitae, Motivation Letter, Certificates of Qualifications corresponding to the 12th grade, and Animal Training Certificates if they wish to show experience or additional qualifications valued for the function, mandatorily in digital pdf format, from October-22 to November-04, 2026, at the following link:

<https://dozer.i3s.up.pt/applicationmanagement/#/addapplications/cf7669b5921d1bfd1087d386283a88>

Candidates who formalize their application incorrectly or fail to prove the requirements of this competition will be excluded from admission to the competition. In case of doubt, the selection board reserves the right to ask any candidate to produce documentary evidence to support their statements.

Non-discrimination and equal access policy

i3S actively promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access, so that no candidate may be privileged, benefited, prejudiced, or deprived of any right or exempted from any duty on the basis of ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, family situation, economic situation, education, origin or social condition, genetic patrimony, reduced work capacity, disability, chronic disease, nationality, ethnic origin or race, territory of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions and trade union membership.

Under the terms of Decree-Law 29/2001, of 3 February, the disabled candidate has preference in equal classification, which prevails over any other legal preference. Candidates must declare in the application form, under oath, their degree of disability, the type of disability and the means of communication/expression to be used in the selection process, under the terms of the abovementioned diploma.