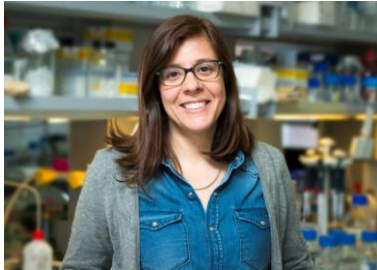




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Short bios of mentors



### **Maria João Amorim**

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My name is Maria João Amorim. I received my Ph.D. in Virology in 2007 from the University of Cambridge, UK. After 3 postdocs in zoonosis, systems biology and virology, at the NIMR and university of Cambridge, I moved to Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência in Portugal where she became a group leader in 2012. In 2022, I became an associate professor at the Faculty of Medicine, vice-director and group leader at the Católica Biomedical Research Centre, both institutions from the Universidade Católica Portuguesa. My research focuses on viral host interactions to identify novel antiviral targets and strategies. I authored 35 peer reviewed publications, co-coordinated an EU based research project during COVID pandemics with over 75 scientists from 20 countries. Over the last 10 years, I mentored more 37 students: 2 Erasmus students, 7 completed MSc students, 12 PhD students (3 completed, 5 as co-supervisor, 4 as main supervisor ongoing), 6 Post-docs (2 completed), 10 undergraduate and graduate small projects. I attracted more than >4.5 million euros to develop my research including an ERC CoG, La Caixa and HORIZON-HLTH-2023-DISEASE. My work was cited over 1000 times since 2018 and my h-index is 20 (Scopus). The expertise I can offer as a mentor relate with career choices, namely what to consider to make the right choice and on coaching activities for job interviews.