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NOTICE NO. 026/2026

COMPETITION FOR THE AWARD OF A GRANT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE RESEARCH GRANT REGULATIONS OF THE FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSIDADE DO ALGARVE.

Title: One Research Grant (BI)

A competition is open for the award of one Research Grant (BI) within the scope of the R&D project MultiALIVE - Multi observation tools for the detection of harmful algal blooms and forecasting shellfish contamination at the Centre for Marine and Environmental Research of the University of Algarve, ref.^a 2023.17666.ICDT, funded by the Algarve Regional Operational Programme, ALGARVE2030-FEDER- 00824000, and the Lisbon Regional Operational Programme, LISBOA2030-FEDER-00824000, through their FEDER component, as well as by national funds through the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Marine Sciences

2. **Admission Requirements:** Eligible candidates must hold a bachelor's degree in Marine Sciences or related fields, and be enrolled in a master's or doctoral program in Marine Sciences or related areas. Experience in sampling in marine environments, *in situ* data acquisition, laboratory analyses, and the processing of oceanographic and satellite data will also be assessed.

Taking into account paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 6 (Research Grants) of the Research Grants Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology:

1. "Research grants, hereinafter referred to as BI, are intended for R&D activities by students enrolled in an integrated master's degree, a master's degree or a doctorate, with a view to consolidating their scientific training through the development of research work leading to the award of the respective academic degree, whether or not integrated into R&D projects".

2. "The scholarships referred to in this article may also be intended for the performance of R&D activities by graduates or masters enrolled in non-degree courses integrated into the educational project of a higher education institution, developed in association or cooperation with one or more R&D units."

3. **Project Objectives:** The purpose of this scholarship is the acquisition and analysis of *in situ* data collected during sampling campaigns off the coast of Sagres, as well as satellite data, with the aim of studying the occurrence and the temporal and spatial variability of phytoplankton blooms in an offshore aquaculture area located on the southwest coast of Portugal. Additionally, it aims to assess the feasibility of using ocean-color remote sensing as a tool for monitoring and detecting phytoplankton blooms.

4. **Applicable Legislation and Regulations:** Research Fellow Statute, approved by Law No. 40/2004 of August 18, as amended by Decree-Law No. 65/2024 of October 1, and the Foundation for Science and Technology Research Grant Regulations (<https://files.diariodarepublica.pt/2s/2019/12/241000000/0009100105.pdf>).

5. **Workplace:** The work will be carried out in person and it is not possible to perform it fully or partially in remote mode, in a laboratory of the Centre for Marine and Environmental Research (CIMA), building 7, on the Gambelas Campus of the University of the Algarve, under the scientific supervision of PhD Sónia Cláudia Vitorino Cristina.



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6. Duration of grant(s): The grant will last six months, with the start date scheduled for September of 2026. The grant contract may be renewed, taking into account the Research Grant Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology (<https://files.diariodarepublica.pt/2s/2019/12/241000000/0009100105.pdf>).

7. Monthly maintenance allowance amount: The monthly maintenance allowance is **€1,090.98**. The maintenance allowance will be paid monthly by bank transfer. (<https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM-2026.pdf>).

8. Candidate evaluation: In accordance with the provisions of Article 11.2 of the University of Algarve Research Grant Regulations OR the Foundation for Science and Technology Research Grant Regulations In the Science and Technology field, the evaluation of candidates will be based solely on the following criteria: A- merit of the candidate (analysis of the Curriculum Vitae, which must be informative and include the final bachelor's degree grade and acquired competencies), weighted at 80%, and B – in-person interview, weighted at 20%. The final score (FS) will be calculated using the following formula: $FS = 0.80 \times A + 0.20 \times B$. Each criterion is evaluated on a scale of 0–20 points. The final classification of candidates is expressed on a scale from 0 to 20, rounded to one decimal place.

9. Composition of the Application Evaluation Board: The Application Evaluation Board is composed of three full members and one alternate (all PhDs):

- Sónia Cláudia Vitorino Cristina (President) (Auxiliar Researcher, CIMA/ARNET-UAlg);
- Paulo Relvas (Full Member) (Associate Professor, CCMAR e FCT-UAlg);
- Alice Newton (Full Member) (Full Professor, CIMA/ARNET-UAlg e FCT-UAlg).
- Susana Costas Otero (Alternate Member) (Auxiliar Researcher, CIMA/ARNET-UAlg);

10. Publication/Notification of Results: The final evaluation results will be published through an ordered list in accordance with the final grade obtained, posted in a visible and public location in building 7 of FCT, and the successful candidate will be notified via email.

11. Application Deadline and Submission Method: The competition is open from **29/04/2026 a 05/06/2026**.

12. Applications must be accompanied by the following documents:

- a) Official identification document (simple copy or legal equivalent). Applicants of non-Portuguese nationality must present a residence permit, permanent residence certificate, or long-term resident status, valid on the scholarship start date. Any of these may be replaced, in its absence, by a declaration of honor by the candidate. However, this must be submitted during the scholarship contracting phase, under penalty of forfeiture of the scholarship award;
- b) Curriculum Vitae organized according to: (i) academic qualifications, (ii) experience in sampling in marine environments, (iii) experience in in situ data acquisition, (iv) experience in laboratory analysis, (v) processing of oceanographic and satellite data, (vi) professional experience or project involvement.
- c) Copy of the qualification certificates for the academic degrees held, specifying the final grade and, if possible, the grades obtained in all courses taken;
- d) Other documents deemed relevant due to the type and modality of the scholarship.
- e) The Application for Application to the Competition, dated and signed, must be addressed to the President of the Competition Evaluation Panel, <https://www.ualg.pt/sites/default/files/documentos/2022-12/anexo-iii-requerimento-para-candidatura-bolsa-pt.pdf>, for the following address: CIMA Secretariat, Universidade do Algarve, Gambelas Campus, Building 7, 8005-139 Faro, Portugal or by email to scristina@ualg.pt, Ref^a.



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13. Documents to be submitted for the scholarship agreement:

- a. Individual Taxpayer Registry (INV) information, if the applicant is a nationality other than Portuguese, must be submitted during the scholarship agreement process, under penalty of forfeiture of the scholarship award;
- b. Documents proving that the applicant meets the requirements for the respective type of scholarship, namely, proof of enrollment and registration and the study cycle or course that does not confer an academic degree;
- c. Declaration of the advisor(s) assuming responsibility for supervising the work plan, in accordance with Article 5-A of the Research Scholarship Statute, as well as guaranteeing the necessary conditions for the successful development of the work and compliance with the duties set forth in Article 13 of the Research Scholarship Statute;
- d. Declaration of Commitment to the Exclusive Dedication Regime.

14. Deadlines and Procedures for Complaints and Appeals:

Candidates may, if they so wish, comment on the draft decision to award the requested scholarship, at a hearing for interested parties within 10 business days, under the terms and for the purposes set forth in Article 121 of the Code of Administrative Procedure.

Candidates have the right to complain to the evaluation panel within 10 business days regarding the commission or omission of any act.

An appeal may be filed against the final decision of the application evaluation panel to the Rector within 10 business days of notification.

15. Scholarship Contract:

After receiving all required documentation, a scholarship contract will be signed with the selected candidate(s) in accordance with the attached template.

16. Evaluation of Fellow(s):

At the end of each fellowship contract period, the advisor will evaluate the fellow(s)' work by applying the following criteria, in accordance with the attached template:

- a) an activity report 100%

The University of Algarve reserves the right to cancel the scholarship award procedure, within the scope of the aforementioned Project, whenever funding does not materialize or the scholarship duration exceeds the project completion date.

University of Algarve, 24 of April of 2026

The Principal Investigator

