

**NOTICE NO. 037/2026**

**COMPETITION FOR THE AWARD OF A GRANT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE RESEARCH GRANT REGULATIONS OF UALG**

Title: 1 Research Grant Post-Doctoral (BIPD)

A competition is open for the award of 1 Grant Post-Doctoral (BIPD) within the scope of the R&D project ALGARVE-FEDER-01203200 - SOFTCRAB (17465) – SOFTCRAB - "Inovar na produção de caranguejo para consumo no Sul da Europa ", financed by the program Algarve 2030, under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Biological Sciences or similar area.
2. **Admission Requirements:**
  - a) PhD in Biological Sciences/Marine Sciences or related area.
  - b) Proved experience in the ecology and biology of crustaceans decapods.
  - c) Proved experience in experimental crustacean culture systems, including molting assays, feeding regimes and zootechnical parameters.
  - d) Excellent research capability demonstrated through publications (namely as first author), technical reports and presentations at conferences.
  - e) Experience in statistical analysis and ecological modelling.
  - f) Experience in organizing scientific and outreach events (workshops, fairs, activities with schools).
  - g) Fluency in Portuguese and English, with good communication skills (oral and written).
  - h) Availability to work after hours on weekends and/or holidays, whenever the project work requires (demonstrated in writing in the motivation letter).
  - i) Have a driving licence.

Taking into account paragraphs 1 of Article 6, Postdoctoral research fellowships, of the University of Algarve Grants Regulations:

Postdoctoral research grants are intended for R&D activities by holders of a doctoral degree who are in postdoctoral training, with a view to promoting the development of scientific research careers.

**3. Project Objectives:**

The work plan focuses on developing research and innovation in the production of crab for consumption in Southern Europe, with a focus on the production of 'soft-shell' crab. (Project Tasks 2 and 3). The main objectives are:

- i. Optimization of soft-shell crab production: effects of temperature on the molting process and control of pathogens and food safety
- ii. Design of new solutions for crab farming: installation of cages in earthen tanks, optimization of crab diets.

**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 University of Algarve Research Grant Regulations (<https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/10/210000000/0013700149.pdf>).

**5. Workplace:** The work will be developed at the Centre of Marine Sciences, University of Algarve, in the laboratory of the ECOREACH group (Building 7, 2.66) and other locations needed for the development of the working plan, under the scientific supervision of Prof. Doctor Joana Cruz.

**6. Duration of grant(s):** The grant will last 12 months, with the start date scheduled for June 2026. The grant contract may be renewed until the end of the research project, taking into account the University of Algarve Research Grant Regulations. (<https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/10/210000000/0013700149.pdf>)

**7. Monthly maintenance allowance amount:** The monthly maintenance allowance is €1,901.00. 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 in the Science and Technology field, the evaluation of candidates will be based solely on the following criteria:

1. PhD area (consider the disciplinary specificity) and PhD thesis report contribution to overall project goals (consider the disciplinary specificity) (30%);
2. Scientific and technologic production (Technical reports; scientific publications, namely as first author; oral and poster presentation in congresses) (30%);
3. Proved experience in the ecology and biology of crustacean decapods (20%);
4. Knowledge on statistical analysis (10%);
5. Fluency in Portuguese and English, with good communication skills (oral and written) (10%).

**9.** The evaluation process may include an interview with the candidates or a portion of them, to be selected by the Evaluation Panel.

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

- Joana Maria dos Reis Franco Cruz (President) (Invited Assistant Professor, CCMAR-FCT)
- Vânia Catarina Vieira Baptista (Effective member) (Invited Assistant Professor, CCMAR-FCT)
- João João Pedro da Silva Encarnação (Effective member) (Researcher, CCMAR)
- Prof. Doctor Francisco Miguel de Sousa Leitão (Alternate member) (Assistant Professor, CCMAR-FCT)

**11. Publication/Notification of Results:** The final evaluation results will be published on the Ualg website, in a list ordered by the final grade obtained, and the successful candidate will be notified via email.

**12. Application Deadline and Submission Method:** The competition is open from **14/05/2026 to 27/05/2026**.

**13. 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;
- 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>, It can be sent by mail to the address: Prof. Joana Cruz, CCMAR, Lab 2.66, edifício 7, Universidade do Algarve, Campus de Gambelas, 8005-139 Faro, Reference edital 037/2026 or by email to [jmcruz@ualg.pt](mailto:jmcruz@ualg.pt). In the aforementioned application, **you must expressly consent to all notifications related to the bidding process being sent to the indicated email address.**

**14. 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.

**15. 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.

**16. Scholarship Contract:**

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

**17. 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) Quality of the report on "Optimization of soft-shell crab production";
- b) Quality of the report on the "Design of new solutions for crab farming".

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, 7 of May of 2026

The Researcher

Professor Joana Maria dos Reis Franco Cruz