

NOTICE NO. 69/2026

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

Title: 1 Bolsa de Investigação - Mestre

A competition is open for the award of 1 Bolsa de Investigação - Mestre within the scope of the R&D project SYREN - Novas perspetivas sobre o envolvimento dos jovens em risco costeiro, ALGARVE-FEDER-00853600- SYREN-17135, funded SACCCT - Proj IC&DT (ALGARVE2030)), under the following conditions:

- 1. Scientific Area:** Environmental Science, Geosciences, Geography, Biological Sciences, Communication Sciences, Education Sciences.
- 2. Admission Requirements:** Master's degree in the research fields of this notice and a proficiency in Portuguese (mandatory) and English (preferential). Preference will be given to candidates with knowledge of marine and coastal sciences, a good use of methods of data acquisition and data processing in the social sciences, and experience in science communication.

Taking into account paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 6 of the Research Grants Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology or paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 5 of the University of the Algarve's Research Fellowship Regulations:

"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:** This project is part of a scientific research programme aimed at exploring new perspectives on the engagement of youth in coastal risk. Its main tasks are: (1) Processing data on coastal literacy; (2) Monitoring the co-creation work with groups of teenagers; and (3) Organising and participating in activities to disseminate results and communicate science.
- 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 carried out at CIMA (Centro de Investigação Marinha e Ambiental) from the University of Algarve, under the scientific supervision of Prof. Ana Matias.
- 6. Duration of grant(s):** The grant will last 6 months, with the start date scheduled for October 2026. The grant contract may be renewed until 30/06/2028, 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 €1359.64. 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, Paragraph 2 of the University of Algarve Regulations, the evaluation of candidates will be based solely on the following criteria: (a) Curricular and academic merit of the candidate (0-20; 40%), (b) Demonstration of experience or motivation to work in the area of marine and coastal sciences (0-20; 20%), (c) Demonstration of work experience in the analysis of quantitative and/or qualitative data in the social sciences (0-20; 10%), (d) Demonstration of experience or motivation to work in the area of science communication (0-20; 10%), (e) Interview (0-20; 20%).

The jury reserves the right not to award the scholarship to candidates whose final score is 12 or below (0-20) and who do not submit the documentation required in point 13.

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

Ana Margarida de Almeida Matias (Presidente) (Investigador auxiliar; Centro de Investigação Marinha e Ambiental);

Ana Rita Zarcos Carrasco (1º Vogal efetivo) (Investigador auxiliar; Centro de Investigação Marinha e Ambiental);

Óscar Manuel Fernandes Cerveira Ferreira (2º Vogal efetivo) (Professor associado com agregação; Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia);

Rita Isabel de Oliveira Soares Branco Domingues (1º Vogal suplente) (Professor auxiliar; Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia).

10. 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 to the address indicated by each candidate.

11. Application Deadline and Submission Method: The competition is open from **24/08/2026 to 09/09/2026**.

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, specifying the final classification of each degree in a linear scale of 0-20;
- 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) A letter of motivation clearly explaining the candidate's skills and experience in relation to the selection criteria;
- e) A statement of commitment declaring that the candidate will register on a doctoral programme in the scientific areas of the project;
- f) Other documents deemed relevant due to the type and modality of the scholarship.
- g) 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>, by email to ammatias@ualg.pt (the project's coordinator), Ref^a. (SYREN Notice N. 69/2026). In the aforementioned application, **you must expressly consent to all notifications related to the bidding process being sent to the indicated email address.**

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) Assessment of the report for each scholarship period, which will include the activities carried out and the resulting technical and scientific output; b) Compliance with the project timetable and deadlines for each grant period, defined at the start

of each period and assessed by emails records, with the deliverable attached; c) The assessment will be expressed qualitatively (negative, insufficient, sufficient, positive, very positive).

The University of Algarve reserves the right to cancel the fellowship award process, within the scope of the Project in question, whenever funding is not awarded or the scholarship duration exceeds the project completion date.

University of Algarve, 16 of July of 2026

The Principal Investigator

Professor (Ana Matias)