

**NOTICE NO. 66/2026**

**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 SIGNFLOW: Ecosistema Inteligente de Comunicação e Aprendizagem em Língua Gestual/ Visual Computing Lab, NOVA LINCS – UAlg, ALGARVE-FEDER-03682900 - SIGNFLOW - 27702, funded PT2030-SIID -I&D Empresarial - Copromoção, under the following conditions:

- 1. Scientific Area:** Language Sciences.
- 2. Admission Requirements:** Applicants may apply if they hold a Master's degree (or an equivalent academic qualification, EQF Level 7), preferably in Portuguese Sign Language and Deaf Education, Portuguese Sign Language Teaching, or a directly related scientific field. Applicants may also hold a Bachelor's degree in Portuguese Sign Language, Portuguese Sign Language Translation and Interpreting, or a directly related scientific field; however, in such cases, possession of a Master's degree in the field of Language Sciences or a related scientific area is mandatory.

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:** Development of the linguistic component of the SIGNFLOW project, including the linguistic analysis of Portuguese Sign Language (LGP) and American Sign Language (ASL) as the project's reference languages and, where applicable, comparison with other sign languages; the definition and validation of annotation protocols and glossing conventions; linguistic validation of translations generated by the system; curation of annotated multilingual datasets; collaboration with the Deaf community, interpreters, and end users through co-design sessions and usability pilots; and participation in the preparation of reports and scientific publications.
- 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/2021/10/21000000/0013700149.pdf>).
- 5. Workplace:** The work will be carried out on-site at the Visual Computing Lab (NOVA LINCS – UAlg), Building 32, Room 1.50, at the School of Engineering of the University of Algarve, Penha Campus, under

the scientific supervision of Professors Pedro J. S. Cardoso, Jorge Manuel Evangelista Baptista, and Joana de Carvalho Folgado Lessa.

- 6. Duration of grant(s):** The grant will last 12 months, with the start date scheduled for September 2026. The grant contract may be renewed until 30/06/2029, taking into account the University of Algarve Research Grant Regulations (<https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/10/21000000/0013700149.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 11.2 of 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) Applicant's academic and curricular merit; failure to provide evidence of qualifications/certification demonstrating a high level of proficiency in Portuguese Sign Language (LGP) and in Portuguese (the latter requirement applying only to non-native speakers of Portuguese) constitutes an exclusion criterion. Proficiency in these languages must correspond to QECRL/CEFR Level C1. Native speakers of Portuguese may replace this requirement with a sworn declaration. Preference in the ranking of candidates will be given to applicants demonstrating proficiency in English at QECRL/CEFR Level B2 or higher (0–20 points; 40%). (b) Demonstrated experience or technical expertise in the linguistic analysis of Portuguese Sign Language; the definition and validation of annotation protocols and glossing conventions; the linguistic validation of translations generated by automated systems; and the curation of annotated multilingual datasets. Relevant experience also includes collaboration with the Deaf community, interpreters, and end users in co-design activities, usability testing, and solution validation, as well as participation in the preparation of technical reports and scientific publications (0–20 points; 40%). (c) Interview (0–20 points; 20%), intended to assess the suitability of the candidate's profile for the project objectives, motivation, communication skills, and proficiency in Portuguese Sign Language. The interview will include the participation of a Portuguese Sign Language Interpreter, who will provide a technical assessment regarding the level of proficiency demonstrated by the candidate for the purpose of evaluating this specific requirement. Candidates obtaining a score below 10 points in the assessment of academic and curricular merit will not be admitted to the interview stage. The Evaluation Panel reserves the right not to award the research grant to candidates whose final score is below 13 points.
- 9. Composition of the Application Evaluation Board:** The Application Evaluation Board is composed of three full members and one alternate (all PhDs):  
  
Pedro Jorge Sequeira Cardoso (Presidente) (Professor coordenador; Instituto Superior de Engenharia);  
  
Jorge Manuel Evangelista Baptista (1º Vogal efetivo) (Professor associado com agregação; Faculdade de Ciências Humanas e Sociais);  
  
Joana de Carvalho Folgado Lessa (2º Vogal efetivo) (Professor coordenador; Escola Superior de Educação e Comunicação);

João Miguel Fernandes Rodrigues (1º Vogal suplente) (Professor coordenador principal; Instituto Superior de Engenharia);

Jaime Afonso do Nascimento Carvalho Martins (2º Vogal suplente) (Professor adjunto; Instituto Superior de Engenharia);

**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.

**11. Application Deadline and Submission Method:** The competition is open from **09/07/2026 to 22/07/2026**.

**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;
- 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>, by email to pcardoso@ualg.pt, Ref.ª 66/2026. 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) Compliance with the established working schedule and attendance requirements;
- (b) Compliance with the work plan, specifically regarding linguistic validation, dataset curation, and co-design activities involving the Deaf community;
- (c) Validation of pilot studies and usability reports involving Deaf participants.

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, 06 of July of 2026

The Principal Investigator

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Professor (Pedro Jorge Sequeira Cardoso)

# ANEXOS

- Modelo do Contrato de bolsa
- Modelo de relatório final a elaborar pelo bolseiro e pelo orientador

## CONTRATO DE BOLSA DE INVESTIGAÇÃO

ENTRE:

**PRIMEIRO:** A Universidade do Algarve, pessoa coletiva de direito público n.º 505 387 271, com sede na Estrada da Penha - *Campus* da Penha, em Faro, representada pelo Vice-reitor, Prof. Doutor \_\_\_\_\_, com poderes delegados, em conformidade com o Despacho n.º \_\_\_\_/20\_\_, publicado no Diário da República, 2ª série, n.º \_\_\_\_, de \_\_\_\_ de \_\_\_\_\_, adiante designada por Primeira Outorgante,

e  
**SEGUNDA:** \_\_\_\_\_, portador do Passaporte n.º \_\_\_\_\_ e do contribuinte fiscal n.º: \_\_\_\_\_, residente na \_\_\_\_\_, adiante designado por Segundo Outorgante, considerando que,

Encontram-se cumpridos os requisitos de candidatura previstos para a concessão da bolsa no âmbito do concurso aberto através do Edital 0\_\_\_\_/20\_\_, o processo de avaliação dos candidatos e divulgação dos resultados foi concluído e a documentação exigível foi rececionada. É celebrado de boa-fé, e reciprocamente aceite, o presente contrato de bolsa, ao abrigo do Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação, que se rege pelas seguintes cláusulas:

### CLÁUSULA PRIMEIRA

A Primeira Outorgante compromete-se a conceder à Segunda Outorgante uma bolsa de investigação, publicitada através do Edital \_\_\_\_/20\_\_, no âmbito do projeto \_\_\_\_\_, com o título \_\_\_\_\_, com início em \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_.

### CLÁUSULA SEGUNDA

É subsidiariamente aplicável o Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação da Universidade do Algarve e o Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação da Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, do qual a Segunda Outorgante declara ter conhecimento.

## CONTRACT FOR SCHOLARSHIP IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

BETWEEN:

**FIRST:** The University of Algarve, legal person under public law no. 505 387 271, with head office at Estrada da Penha - Campus da Penha, Faro, represented by the Vice-Rector, Prof. \_\_\_\_\_, with delegated powers, in accordance with Dispatch no. \_\_\_\_/20\_\_, published in the Diário da República, 2nd series, no. \_\_, \_\_\_\_\_th, hereinafter referred to as the First Party,"

and

**SECOND:** \_\_\_\_\_, bearer of Passport Nº \_\_\_\_\_ and fiscal number \_\_\_\_\_, and residing in the \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter called "the second Party".

whereas,

The application requirements for the award of the scholarship in the scope of the Public Notice 0\_\_\_\_/20\_\_ have been fulfilled, the process of evaluation of the candidates and disclosure of the results has been completed and the required documentation has been received.

Guarantees the bona fide character of the contract, and reciprocally accepted under the Research Grant Holder Statute, which is governed by the following clauses:

### FIRST CLAUSE

The First Party undertakes to grant the Second Party a research scholarship, advertised through Public Notice \_\_\_\_/20\_\_, under the project \_\_\_\_\_, and entitled \_\_\_\_\_, starting on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_.

### SECOND CLAUSE

The University of Algarve Research Grant Regulations and the Research Scholarship Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology shall apply in a subsidiary manner, of which the Second Party declares to be aware

### CLÁUSULA TERCEIRA

A Segunda Outorgante obriga-se a realizar o plano de trabalhos anexo, de cujo conteúdo declara ter tomado conhecimento integral e aceitá-lo sem reservas, a partir da data de início acima referida e em regime de dedicação exclusiva, nos termos do artigo 5º do Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação.

### CLÁUSULA QUARTA

A Segunda Outorgante realizará os trabalhos na Universidade do Algarve \_\_\_\_\_, que funciona como instituição de acolhimento, tendo como orientador científico o Doutor \_\_\_\_\_, Professor \_\_\_\_\_ da Universidade do Algarve.

### CLÁUSULA QUINTA

1.O valor do subsídio de manutenção mensal atribuído é de €\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_, a transferir para a conta bancária indicada pelo bolseiro, para o efeito, em conformidade com o Anexo I ao Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação da Universidade do Algarve e com o despacho reitoral de autorização para a celebração do presente contrato proferido em \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_.

2.A Segunda Outorgante beneficia também de um seguro de acidentes pessoais durante o período de concessão da bolsa, de cujas condições declara ter tomado conhecimento e aceitar sem reservas.

### CLÁUSULA SEXTA

1. Considerando que o presente contrato de concessão de bolsa não gera nem titula relações de trabalho, e que a bolseira pode beneficiar de um regime próprio de Segurança Social, poderá exercer tal direito em conformidade com o disposto no artigo 10.º do Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação.

2. Nos casos a que se refere o número anterior, e nos termos previstos no n.º 5 do artigo 10.º do Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação, a Universidade do Algarve procederá ao reembolso do seguro social voluntário, contra a entrega da respetiva guia, no valor correspondente às

### THIRD CLAUSE

The Second Party undertakes to carry out the attached work plan, which content he declares to have been fully aware and to accept it without reservations, from the starting date above mentioned and under an exclusive dedication regime, under the terms of article 5 of the Research Grant Holder Statute.

### FOURTH CLAUSE

The Second Party shall carry out its work at the University of Algarve in the \_\_\_\_\_, which acts as host institution, having as scientific advisor Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Professor from the University of Algarve.

### FIFTH CLAUSE

1.The value of the monthly maintenance subsidy is of €\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_, to be transferred to the bank account indicated by the grant holder, for that purpose, in accordance with Annex I of the University of Algarve Research Grant Regulations and with the rectoral order authorising the signature of the present contract, issued on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_.

2.The Second Party shall also be covered by a personal accident insurance for the duration of the grant, which conditions he/she declares to have read and to accept without reservation.

### SIXTH CLAUSE

1. Considering that the present grant contract does not generate or establishes an employment relationship, and the grant holder may benefit from a specific Social Security regime, he/she may exercise that right in accordance with the provisions of article 10 of the Research Grant Holder Statute.

2. In the cases referred to in the previous number, and under the terms of no. 5 of article 10 of the Research Grant Holder Statute, the University of Algarve will reimburse the voluntary social security contributions, against presentation of the

contribuições que incidam sobre o primeiro dos escalões considerados para efeito deste regime.

#### **CLÁUSULA SÉTIMA**

A Primeira Outorgante poderá cancelar a bolsa e a Segunda Outorgante ser obrigado a restituir a totalidade ou parte das importâncias que tiver recebido nos casos a seguir indicados:

- a) Incumprimento grave e reiterado dos deveres da Segunda Outorgante constantes do Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação e do Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação da Universidade do Algarve, por causa que lhe seja imputável;
- b) Avaliação negativa do desempenho da Segunda Outorgante realizada pelo orientador ou pela entidade de acolhimento nos termos previstos no Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação da Universidade do Algarve;
- c) Prestação de falsas declarações pela Segunda Outorgante sobre matérias relevantes para a concessão e renovação da bolsa ou para a apreciação do seu desenvolvimento.

#### **CLÁUSULA OITAVA**

Sem prejuízo do disposto na cláusula anterior, este contrato cessa automaticamente:

- a) Com a conclusão do plano de atividades;
- b) *Terminus* do prazo pelo qual a bolsa é atribuída;
- c) Incumprimento reiterado por umas das partes;
- d) Revogação por mútuo acordo;
- e) Constituição de relação jurídico-laboral com a entidade de acolhimento.

respective payment, in the amount corresponding to the contributions that fall into the first of the brackets considered for the purposes of this regime.

#### **SEVENTH CLAUSE**

The First Party may cancel the grant and the Second Party may be required to reimburse all or part of the amounts that they have received in the following cases:

- a) Serious and repeated failure to comply with the Second Party's duties contained in the Research Grant Holder Statute and the University of Algarve's Research Grant Regulations, for a cause attributable to him/her;
- b) A negative evaluation of the Second Party's performance, by the supervisor or the host entity under the terms of the University of Algarve Research Grant Regulations;
- c) The Second Party makes false statements regarding issues relevant to the granting and renewal of the grant or the assessment of its development

#### **EIGHT CLAUSE**

Without prejudice to the provisions of the previous clause, this contract automatically terminates:

- a) with the completion of the plan of activities;
- b) End of the period for which the scholarship is awarded;
- c) Repeated non-fulfilment by one of the parties;
- d) Revocation by mutual agreement;
- e) Establishment of a legal-employment relationship with the host entity.

#### CLÁUSULA NONA

1. Os direitos e deveres das partes são os que resultam do preceituado no Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação.
2. A Bolseira declara ter tomado conhecimento do Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação e do(s) Regulamento(s) aplicável(eis) e compromete-se a observar as suas disposições.

#### CLÁUSULA DÉCIMA

Convenciona-se, por acordo entre as partes, que em caso de necessidade e para dirimir todas as questões emergentes do presente contrato será competente o Tribunal da Comarca de Faro, com expressa renúncia a qualquer outro.

#### CLÁUSULA DÉCIMA PRIMEIRA

Qualquer alteração a introduzir no contrato no decurso da sua execução será objeto de acordo prévio sob forma escrita.

#### CLÁUSULA DÉCIMA SEGUNDA

1. O presente contrato produz os seus efeitos na data da sua assinatura por ambos os outorgantes.

Autorizo a celebração de contrato produzindo o mesmo efeito à data de \_\_\_/\_\_\_/20\_\_.

Data/Date: Faro, \_\_\_/\_\_\_/20\_\_

University of Algarve  
Vice-Reitor

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Nuno Bicho)

#### NINTH CLAUSE

1. The rights and duties of the parties are those resulting from the provisions in the Research Grant Holder Statute.
2. The Research Grant Holder declares to have read and understood the Research Grant Holder Statute and the applicable Regulation(s) and undertakes to comply with their provisions.

#### TENTH CLAUSE

It is agreed between the parties that, should the need arise and to settle all issues arising from the present contract, the competent court is the District Court of Faro, with express renunciation of any other.

#### ELEVENTH CLAUSE

Any alteration to be made to the contract during its execution shall be subject to prior written agreement.

#### TWELFTH CLAUSE

1. The present contract shall become effective on the date it is signed by both parties.

I authorize the contract to be concluded with the same effect on \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

A Bolseira / The Grant Holder

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Hannah Caroline Franz)  
(The Grant Holder or his Posecuter)

**Anexo III**

**RELATÓRIO DE ATIVIDADES DO BOLSEIRO**

RELATÓRIO INTERCALAR

RELATÓRIO FINAL

**IDENTIFICAÇÃO DO BOLSEIRO**

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Nome completo: \_\_\_\_\_

**IDENTIFICAÇÃO DA BOLSA**

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Tipo de Bolsa: \_\_\_\_\_

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Referência do Projecto: \_\_\_\_\_

Título do Projeto: \_\_\_\_\_

Orientador Científico: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATIVIDADES DESENVOLVIDAS**

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(Descrever de forma sucinta as principais atividades desenvolvidas e os resultados obtidos, aplicando como referência o Plano de Trabalhos aprovado para o período de bolsa)

**PUBLICAÇÕES DE TRABALHOS ELABORADOS NO ÂMBITO DA BOLSA**

**O BOLSEIRO**

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Data: \_\_\_\_\_

Assinatura: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORIENTADOR CIENTÍFICO**

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Data: \_\_\_\_\_

Assinatura: \_\_\_\_\_

**Anexo IV**

**RELATÓRIO FINAL DE AVALIAÇÃO DO BOLSEIRO**

(A preencher pelo Orientador Científico)

RELATÓRIO INTERCALAR

RELATÓRIO FINAL

**IDENTIFICAÇÃO DO BOLSEIRO**

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Nome completo: \_\_\_\_\_

**IDENTIFICAÇÃO DA BOLSA**

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Tipo de Bolsa: \_\_\_\_\_

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Título do Projecto: \_\_\_\_\_

Orientador Científico: \_\_\_\_\_

**AVALIAÇÃO DO BOLSEIRO**

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**1. Análise crítica do trabalho desenvolvido pelo Bolseiro**

(indicar as comunicações, publicações e criações científicas resultantes da atividade desenvolvida)

**2 . Avaliação final do trabalho desenvolvido**

**ORIENTADOR CIENTÍFICO**

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Assinatura: \_\_\_\_\_