

**NOTICE NO. 56/2026**

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

**Title: 1 Research Fellowship - Bachelor's degree holder**

A competition is open for the award of 1 Research Fellowship - Bachelor's degree holder within the scope of the project ALGARVE-FEDER-03255800 - TIMELEAP - 26130, funded by PT2030-SIID - Business R&D - Co-promotion, under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Computer Science.
2. **Admission Requirements:**
  - a) Academic qualification: Bachelor's degree in Systems Engineering and Computer Technologies, Computer Engineering, Computer Science or related areas, provided that it is accompanied by a demonstrable academic, technical or professional background in computer vision and in other areas relevant to the work plan. For admission and curricular evaluation purposes, proven skills in programming, preferably Python; machine learning and artificial intelligence; software development and integration; databases; technological prototyping; use of version control tools, cloud environments, containerisation or development pipelines; technical documentation; and analytical ability, autonomy and communication in an R&D team context are particularly relevant.
  - b) It is mandatory to have oral and written technical-scientific proficiency in Portuguese, English and Dutch, at a minimum C1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, or equivalent, in each of them. This requirement arises from the need for technical communication with the UALg team, with partners and interlocutors in the Netherlands, analysis of documentation and requirements in Portuguese, English and Dutch, and participation in working meetings. Failure to provide proof or sufficient demonstration of any of these language requirements constitutes grounds for exclusion.
  - c) Taking into account paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 6 of the Research Grant Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology and paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the University of Algarve Research Grant Regulations: "1. Research grants, hereinafter referred to as RG, are intended for the performance of R&D activities by students enrolled in an integrated master's degree, master's degree or doctoral programme, aiming at the consolidation of 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 grants referred to in this article may also be intended for the performance of R&D activities by bachelor's or master's degree holders who are 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:** Exploration, prototyping, integration and validation of computer vision and AI methods applied to visual content and multimodal interaction in the context of 3D avatars, contributing to the team's technical, experimental and documentation activities, in coordination with the consortium partners.
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 on-site, under exclusive dedication, at the Visual Computing Lab, UALg, Building 32, room 1.50, of the Instituto Superior de Engenharia of the University of Algarve, Campus da Penha, under the scientific supervision of Professor Jaime Afonso do Nascimento Carvalho Martins.

6. **Duration of grant(s):** The fellowship will last 12 months, with the start date scheduled for August 2026. The grant contract may be renewed until the end of the project, 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 €1090.98. 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 Article 11(2) of the University of Algarve Research Grant Regulations, candidates will be evaluated by curricular evaluation (CE, 0-20 points). The interview (I, 0-20 points) is optional and may be held by reasoned decision of the Evaluation Board, for all candidates or for part of them, whenever the Board considers it necessary to clarify or confirm curricular, technical or language-related elements. If no interview is held, the final classification (FC) corresponds to the curricular evaluation:  $FC = CE$ . If an interview is held, it will have a maximum weighting of 20%, and the final classification will be calculated by  $FC = 0.80 \times CE + 0.20 \times I$ , on a scale from 0 to 20, rounded to the nearest hundredth.

The candidate must demonstrate, in the curriculum vitae, supporting documents and interview (if held), proven experience and technical skills in the areas of computer vision, machine learning, artificial intelligence, programming, software engineering, integration and technological prototyping.

The mandatory requirements for proficiency in Portuguese, English and Dutch are assessed at the admission stage and, where applicable, during the interview, and failure to verify any of them determines the candidate's exclusion.

9. **Evaluation process:** After the curricular evaluation, the Evaluation Board will decide whether to conduct interviews and which candidates will be interviewed. Candidates with a curricular evaluation below 16 (sixteen) points will not be admitted to the interview. The Evaluation Board reserves the right not to propose the award of the fellowship to candidates with a final score below 16 (sixteen) points.
10. **Composition of the Application Evaluation Board:** The Application Evaluation Board is composed of three full members and one alternate:

Jaime Afonso do Nascimento Carvalho Martins (President) (Adjunct Professor; Instituto Superior de Engenharia);

João Miguel Fernandes Rodrigues (1st full member) (Principal Coordinating Professor; Instituto Superior de Engenharia);

Pedro Jorge Sequeira Cardoso (2nd full member) (Coordinating Professor; Instituto Superior de Engenharia);

Roberto Célio Lau Lam (1st alternate member) (Adjunct Professor; Instituto Superior de Engenharia);

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

12. **Application deadline and submission method:** The competition is open for 10 business days, from **09/07/2026 to 22/07/2026**.

**13. Applications must be accompanied by the following documents:**

- a) Official identification document (simple copy or legal equivalent). Applicants of non-Portuguese nationality must submit 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 honour by the candidate; however, it must be submitted during the scholarship contracting phase, under penalty of forfeiture of the scholarship award;
- b) Curriculum Vitae and supporting documents proving experience and technical skills;

- c) Copy of the qualification certificates for the academic degrees held, mandatorily specifying the final grade and, if possible, the grades obtained in all courses taken;
- d) Proof of proficiency in Portuguese, English and Dutch, at a minimum C1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference, or equivalent, in each of them, or, in its absence, a declaration of honour by the candidate, without prejudice to the Evaluation Board being able to request oral and/or written demonstration of those competences;
- e) Other documents deemed relevant due to the type and modality of the scholarship.
- f) The Application Form for 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 [jamartins@ualg.pt](mailto:jamartins@ualg.pt), Ref.ª TIMELEAP\_BI\_L\_VISAO**. In the aforementioned application, **the candidate must expressly consent to all notifications related to the tender procedure being sent to the indicated email address.**

**14. Documents to be submitted for the scholarship agreement:**

- d) Tax Identification Number; applicants of non-Portuguese nationality must submit it during the scholarship contracting phase, under penalty of forfeiture of the scholarship award;
- e) Documents proving that the candidate meets the conditions required for the award of the respective type of scholarship, namely proof of enrolment and registration in a study cycle or non-degree course;
- f) Declaration from the advisor(s) assuming responsibility for supervising the work plan, pursuant to Article 5-A of the Research Fellow Statute, as well as guaranteeing the necessary conditions for the proper development of the work and compliance with the duties set out in Article 13 of the Research Fellow Statute;
- g) 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 fellowship, 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 Board regarding the commission or omission of any act within 10 business days.

An appeal may be filed against the final decision of the application evaluation panel to the Rector within 10 business days of the respective 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 activity carried out by the fellow(s) by applying the following criteria, in accordance with the attached template:

- a) Compliance with working hours, attendance and exclusive dedication regime;
- b) Compliance with the work plan and contribution to the R&D activities of the TIMELEAP vision track;
- c) Technical quality of deliverables, documentation produced, communication with the team and partners, autonomy and reporting of results.

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

University of Algarve, 06 July 2026

The Principal Investigator

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Professor Jaime Afonso do Nascimento Carvalho Martins