

NOTICE NO. 82/2026

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/institution (Alentejo Green Hydrogen Valley delivering integrated full-chain sustainable hydrogen ecosystem with technical, economic, social and environmental benefits and superior upscaling/replicability), Projeto 101137611 - H2tALENT, funded HEUROPE), under the following conditions:

- 1. Scientific Area:** Engineering, Technology, Environmental Sciences, Sociology, or other related fields.
- 2. Admission Requirements:** Master's degree, with preference given to candidates who have:
 - (a) Experience in managing, monitoring, or supporting the implementation of research, innovation, or territorial development projects, preferably funded by national or European programmes;
 - (b) Experience in preparing technical, administrative, and financial documentation related to project implementation, including reports, activity monitoring, key performance indicators (KPIs), business travel/missions, procurement, or expenditure processes;
 - (c) Experience in liaising with institutional partners and external entities—including higher education and research institutions, public administration, businesses, associations, or local communities—as well as organizing meetings, events, or participatory activities;
 - (d) Relevant experience or knowledge in projects focused on the energy transition, renewable energy, energy communities, green hydrogen, sustainability, or territorial/community development.

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:

a) 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.

b) 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 H2tALENT project is a European Union-funded initiative (through the Horizon Europe programme) that aims to establish a Green Hydrogen Valley in southern Portugal, integrating the entire renewable hydrogen value chain—from large-scale production and distribution to end-use in key sectors such as industrial decarbonization, buildings, and sustainable mobility. Beyond technological and infrastructural development, H2tALENT focuses on talent development, skilled job creation, and regional innovation, featuring three pilot sites, including one on Culatra Island in the Algarve, Portugal."
- 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 Laboratório de Sistemas Inteligentes e Sustentáveis, Instituto Superior de Engenharia, under the scientific supervision of Professor/PhD Jânio Miguel Evangelista Ferreira Monteiro.
- 6. Duration of grant(s):** The grant will last 6 months, with the start date scheduled for October of 2026. The grant contract may be renewed until 28/02/2029, 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 11.2 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) Candidate Merit (0 to 80%); (b) Candidate Interview (0 to 20%).
- 9. Composition of the Application Evaluation Board:** The Application Evaluation Board is composed of three full members and two alternate (all PhDs):
- José Luís Valente de Oliveira (Presidente) (Professor associado com agregação; Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia);
- Jânio Miguel Evangelista Ferreira Monteiro (1º Vogal efetivo) (Professor adjunto; Instituto Superior de Engenharia);
- André Miguel Duarte Pacheco (2º Vogal efetivo) (Investigador auxiliar; Centro de Investigação Marinha e Ambiental);
- Cristiano Lourenço Cabrita (1º Vogal suplente) (Professor adjunto; Instituto Superior de Engenharia);
- Helder Aniceto Amadeu de Sousa Daniel (2º 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.
- 11. Application Deadline and Submission Method:** The competition is open from **28/08/2026 to 10/09/2026.**

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;
- 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>, and may be submitted by postal mail to the address: Attn: Prof. Doutor Jânio Monteiro, Universidade do Algarve, Instituto Superior de Engenharia, Campus da Penha, 8005-139 Faro, Portugal, or by email to jmmonte@ualg.pt, quoting the Notice No. 82/2026. 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:

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

- a) Achievement of objectives – this component aims to assess the grant holder's level of achievement of the expected results, taking into account the work plan to be developed (50%).
- b) Behavioral competencies – this component aims to assess the personal attributes demonstrated during the evaluation period (25%).
- c) Personal attitude – this component aims to assess the personal commitment and availability shown during the evaluation period, considering factors such as interest, effort made, and motivation (25%).

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, 25th of August 2026

The Principal Investigator

Professor José Luís Valente de Oliveira