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NOTICE NO. 116/2026

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

Title: 1 Research Grant – "Licenciado"

A competition is open for the award of 1 research grant – "Licenciado" within the scope of the R&D project Promove 2024: ALCAROB - Centro de Investigação MED – "Aplicabilidade da cultura da alfarrobeira na sustentabilidade da agricultura no Alentejo", funded Projectos FCT e Fundação LA CAIXA), under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area**: Biological Sciences and Agricultural Sciences

2. **Admission Requirements**: Degree in Biological Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Biotechnology, Biochemistry or related fields. Candidates should have a strong academic background in areas covered by the project work plan and, preferably, previous laboratory and/or fieldwork experience in these areas. Good knowledge of Portuguese and/or English, initiative and the ability to work effectively in a team are also required.

   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**: Acquisition of spectral profiles from freeze-dried samples of carob leaves collected throughout the year, covering periods with and without cold stress; identification of the prevalent chemical groups responsible for the recorded spectral absorption/reflectance bands; and analysis and interpretation of the spectral data in relation to the main physiological effects and mechanisms associated with cold tolerance, resistance and sensitivity across the different carob cultivars studied in the project, supported by the previously obtained metabolomic profiles.

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 the MED, CEOT and CENSE research centres of the University of Algarve, under the scientific supervision of Dr Bruno Filipe Figueiras Medronho (MED), Dr Ana Margarida Vicente Cavaco Guerra (CEOT), Professor Ana Maria dos Santos Rosa da Costa (CENSE), and Professor Rui Manuel Farinha das Neves Guerra (CEOT).

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6. **Duration of grant(s):** The fellowship will have a duration of six months, with an expected start date in January 2027. The fellowship contract is non-renewable.

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 the provisions of Article 11.2 of the Foundation for Science and Technology Research Grant Regulations In the Science and Technology field, the candidate will be assessed based on their academic qualifications and merit (Degree grade – 20%), academic and research experience in the project's field (60%), and publications relevant to the project's work plan (20%). Proficiency in Portuguese and/or English is also required.

9. The final score will be determined by the candidates' curriculum assessment (80%) and interview (20%). Only candidates who meet the eligibility requirements will be invited for an interview.

10. Composition of the Application Evaluation Board: The Application Evaluation Board is composed of three full members and two alternate members (all PhD holders):

- Bruno Filipe Figueiras Medronho (Chair) – Invited Principal Researcher, Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development (MED);
- Ana Margarida Vicente Cavaco Guerra (First Full Member) – Assistant Researcher, Centre for Electronics, Optoelectronics and Telecommunications (CEOT);
- Ana Maria dos Santos Rosa da Costa (Second Full Member) – Associate Professor, Faculty of Science and Technology;
- Rui Manuel Farinha das Neves Guerra (First Alternate Member) – Associate Professor, Faculty of Science and Technology;
- Hélia Cardoso (Second Alternate Member) – Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, University of Évora.

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

12. **Application Deadline and Submission Method:** The competition is open from **25/11/2026 to 10/12/2026.**

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. For degrees obtained abroad, candidates must submit a Certificate of Recognition of the Degree;

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, applications may be submitted by post to the following address: University of Algarve, Gambelas Campus, 8005-139 Faro, Ref. (NOTICE No. 116/2026), or by email to bfmedronho@ualg.pt.by. 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 in accordance with the attached template.

17. **Evaluation of Fellow**:

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) Scientific skills appropriate for carrying out the planned tasks (research, laboratory work, etc.);

b) Strong work ethic, demonstrating responsibility, commitment, resilience, scientific rigor and creativity;

c) A high degree of autonomy and the ability to integrate effectively into the team;

d) Ability to establish and maintain professional networks both within and beyond the team.

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, 05 of November 2026

The Principal Investigator

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