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NOTICE NO. 120/2026

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 (AquaLOOP - Melhorar a circularidade do tratamento de águas residuais: Concepção de uma nova solução/CENSE, Center for Environmental and Sustainability Research), ALGARVE-FEDER-00742000 - AquaLOOP - 16259, funded SACCCT - Proj IC&DT (ALGARVE2030)), under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Environmental Sciences.

2. **Admission Requirements:** 1) Master's degree in Environmental Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biological Engineering, or Biotechnology; 2) Experience in a chemistry lab, including analytical techniques like HPLC and GC/MS, and in the production of adsorbent materials; 3) Letter of motivation.

   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**: The work to be developed falls within the scope of scientific research to develop an easy-to-apply methodology for wastewater treatment regarding its reuse, with the following tasks:
   (i) Design and develop a recyclable filter medium capable of removing micropollutants from wastewater;
   (ii) Develop methods to valorise the pollutants adsorbed and removed, regenerating the filter medium for reuse;
   (iii) Engage the stakeholders in the methodology design and testing;
   (iv) Test the best method at pilot scale and assess its environmental impacts;
   (iv) Produce scientific publications and science communication.

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 CENSE, Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia, from the University of Algarve, under the scientific supervision of Professor/PhD Margarida Ribau Teixeira.

6. **Duration of grant(s):** The grant will last 12 months, with the start date scheduled for January of 2027. The grant contract may be renewed until 13/07/2028, 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 11.2 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, scored on a scale of 0 to 100:
   - Criterion A - Academic and professional background and grades obtained.
     - o Sub-criterion A1 [0 - 100] - Academic and professional path (if applicable), with a weight of 30%.
     - o Sub-criterion A2 [0 - 100] - Classifications obtained in the academic course, with a weight of 20%.
   - Criterion B [0 - 100] – Facultative interview (in person or via Zoom), with a weight of 20%; in case the jury decides not to interview the candidates, criterion A1 will have a weight of 40% and criterion C will weigh 30%.
   - Criterion C [0 - 100] - Research activity and publications in the research field of the work plan, and complementary training, with a weight of 20%.
   - Criterion D [0 - 100] - Letter of motivation and letters of recommendation/institutional support, with a weight of 10%.

   The Evaluation Panel reserves the right not to propose the award of the scholarship to candidates with a final score less than or equal to 60 (sixty) points.

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

   Maria Margarida da Cruz Godinho Ribau Teixeira (Presidente) (Professor catedrático; Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia);

   Ana Maria dos Santos Rosa da Costa (1º Vogal efetivo) (Professor associado; Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia);

   Luís Miguel de Amorim Ferreira Fernandes Nunes (2º Vogal efetivo) (Professor associado com agregação; Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia);

   João Paulo Gil Lourenço (1º Vogal suplente) (Professor associado; 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 addresses indicated by each candidate.

11. **Application Deadline and Submission Method:** The competition is open from **18/11/2026 to 02/12/2026**.

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 mribau@ualg.pt, Ref.ª AquaLOOP - 16259 (10ID00244)). 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, mustbe 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) Achievement of objectives - this component aims to assess the level of achievement of results by the grantee, considering the plan of activities to be developed (50%);

b) Behavioral competencies - this component aims to evaluate the personal characteristics shown during the evaluation period (25%);

c) Personal attitude - this component aims to evaluate the personal commitment and availability shown during the evaluation period, considering factors such as effort, interest, and motivation demonstrated (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, 13 of November 2026

The Principal Investigator,

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Professor (Maria Margarida da Cruz Godinho Ribau Teixeira)