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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS No. 63/2026

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF A RESEARCH GRANT UNDER THE UALG RESEARCH GRANTS REGULATIONS

Call for applications for one Research Grant (BI) for a Bachelor's degree holder

Applications are open for the award of one (1) Research Grant (BI) for a Bachelor's degree holder, within the framework of the project "COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERMUNICIPAL COMMUNITY OF VISEU DÃO LAFÕES AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ALGARVE", under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific field: History and Archaeology.**

2. **Eligibility requirements:** applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree in Archaeology or in History and Archaeology. Relevant technical experience related to the tasks set out in the work plan, particularly in the processing of archaeological and environmental sediments and in the organisation and management of archaeological finds, will be considered an asset. Applicants must also meet the eligibility conditions laid down in the University of Algarve Research Grants Regulations.

   Having regard to paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 6 of the Research Grants Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology, or paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the University of Algarve Research Grants Regulations:

   "1. Research grants, hereinafter referred to as BI, are intended to support the conduct of R&D activities by students enrolled in an integrated Master's, Master's or doctoral programme, with a view to strengthening their scientific training through research work leading to the respective academic degree, whether or not integrated into R&D projects.
   2. The grants referred to in this Article may also be awarded for the conduct of R&D activities by Bachelor's or Master's degree holders enrolled in non-degree courses forming part of the educational programme of a higher education institution and developed in association or cooperation with one or more R&D units."

3. **Project objectives and work plan:** Within the framework of the cooperation project between the University of Algarve and the Intermunicipal Community of Viseu Dão Lafões, the grant holder will contribute to the processing and study of archaeological and environmental sediments and to the organisation and management of archaeological materials recovered through research activities conducted in the Viseu Dão Lafões territory. The work plan comprises the following tasks: (i) field sampling and processing of archaeological and environmental sediments, including water sieving and flotation; (ii) preparation of sediment samples for chemical analyses; (iii) preparation of undisturbed sediment samples and production of thin sections for micromorphological observation and analysis; and (iv) washing, marking, labelling, organisation, inventory, packaging and storage of archaeological assemblages, including artefacts and ecofacts.

4. **Applicable legislation and regulations:** Research Fellow Statute, approved by Law No. 40/2004 of 18 August, as currently amended, and the University of Algarve Research Grants Regulations (https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/10/210000000/0013700149.pdf).

5. **Place of work:** Laboratory of Archaeology and Conservation, Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, University of Algarve, under the scientific supervision of Professor António Manuel Faustino de Carvalho.

6. **Duration of the grant:** The grant will last for 3 (three) months, starting on 1 February 2027. It is not renewable.

7. **Monthly maintenance allowance:** The monthly maintenance allowance is €1,090.98 and will be paid by bank transfer.https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM-2026.pdf

8. **Assessment of applicants:** Selection will be based exclusively on curriculum assessment (100%), with no interview or knowledge tests, on the basis of the applicants' curriculum vitae and supporting documentation of their academic qualifications. Assessment will cover the following criteria: (1) Experience in the processing of archaeological and environmental sediments (50%) — experience in field sediment sampling and sediment-processing techniques, namely water sieving and flotation, preparation for chemical analyses, and preparation of undisturbed sediment samples and production of thin sections for micromorphological observation and analysis. Participation in megalithic and palaeoenvironmental research in the Viseu Dão Lafões territory will be given additional value; (2) Experience in the organisation and management of archaeological assemblages (50%) — experience in washing, marking, labelling, organising, inventorying, packaging and storing archaeological materials, including artefacts and ecofacts. Participation in research work in megalithic contexts will be given additional value. Each criterion will be graded on a scale of 0 to 20, and the final score will be the weighted average of the scores awarded.

9. The assessment process will not include an interview; selection will be based exclusively on the curriculum assessment described in the previous section.

10. **Composition of the Application Assessment Panel:** the Panel comprises the following members, all of whom hold a doctoral degree:
    - **António Manuel Faustino de Carvalho** (Chair), Associate Professor with Habilitation, Department of Arts and Humanities, Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, University of Algarve;
    - **João Pedro Pereira da Costa Bernardes** (Full Member), Full Professor, Department of Arts and Humanities, Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, University of Algarve;
    - **Maria João de Sá Viana Sampaio e Melo Valente** (Full Member), Assistant Professor, Department of Arts and Humanities, Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, University of Algarve;
    - **Catarina Maria dos Santos Guerra Tente** (Alternate Member), Associate Professor with Habilitation, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, NOVA University Lisbon.

11. **Publication and notification of results:** the final assessment results will be published on the University of Algarve website in a ranked list according to the final score. Applicants will be notified by email at the address provided in their application.

12. **Application period and submission procedure:** applications are open from **10 November 2026 to 23 November 2026**. The application period shall comply with the applicable minimum legal/regulatory period.

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

a) Official identity document (simple copy or equivalent legal document). Applicants who are not Portuguese nationals must submit a residence permit, permanent residence certificate or long-term resident status document, valid on the grant start date, or a declaration of honour, as provided for in this call.
b) *Up-to-date curriculum vitae, including detailed information on experience relevant to the assessment criteria.*
c) Copy of the academic qualification certificate, indicating the Bachelor's degree and the final grade awarded.
d) Any other documents supporting experience and skills relevant to the assessment criteria, such as project participation certificates, reports or other pertinent evidence.
e) The application form, dated and signed, must be addressed to the Chair of the Application Assessment Panel, using the form available at https://www.ualg.pt/sites/default/files/documentos/2022-12/anexo-iii-requerimento-para-candidatura-bolsa-pt.pdf. Applications may be submitted by email to afcarva@ualg.pt, quoting "Call No. 63/2026 — BI". Applicants must expressly consent to receiving all notifications relating to the competition at the email address provided.https://www.ualg.pt/sites/default/files/documentos/2022-12/anexo-iii-requerimento-para-candidatura-bolsa-pt.pdf

14. **Documents to be submitted for the formalisation of the grant**:

a) Tax Identification Number (NIF).
b) Documents proving that the applicant meets the conditions required for the award of the grant, including, where applicable, proof of enrolment in a non-degree course, in accordance with the University of Algarve Research Grants Regulations.
c) Declaration by the scientific supervisor accepting responsibility for supervising the work plan, pursuant to Article 5-A of the Research Fellow Statute.
d) Declaration of commitment to the exclusive dedication regime.

15. Deadlines and procedures for complaints and appeals:

Applicants may, if they so wish, submit comments on the draft decision to award the requested grant during the prior hearing of interested parties, within 10 working days, pursuant to Article 121 of the Code of Administrative Procedure. Applicants may lodge a complaint with the Panel against any act or omission by the Application Assessment Panel within 10 working days.

An appeal against the final decision of the Application Assessment Panel may be lodged with the Rector within 10 working days of notification of that decision.

16. **Grant agreement**:

Once all required documentation has been received, a grant agreement will be concluded with the selected applicant in accordance with the applicable template.

17. **Assessment of the grant holder**:

During the grant period, the supervisor will assess the grant holder's activity according to the following criteria, in accordance with the relevant form:

a) Completion of the tasks set out in the work plan and the quality of their execution;
b) Compliance with the deadlines agreed with the scientific supervisor.

The University of Algarve reserves the right to cancel this grant award procedure within the framework of the above-mentioned Project if the funding does not materialise or if the grant period extends beyond the project's completion date.

University of Algarve, 2 November 2026.

The Principal Investigator

Professor António Manuel Faustino de Carvalho