

NOTICE N.º 040/2025

**OPEN CALL FOR RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION WITHIN THE TERMS LAID DOWN OF THE
REGULATIONS FOR RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALGARVE**

TITLE: Scientific Research Fellowship for a Master

It is now open a call for one Research Grant within the project RECAP - REduce atmospheric Carbon by Alkalinity enhancement in intertidal environments: Potential and impacts, reference PTDC/CTA-CLI/1065/2021, funding by Foundation for Science and Technology, with the following conditions:

Research Field: Biological Sciences, Environmental Sciences or Geosciences

Admission Requirements: Master's degree in one of the scientific areas of this call. Proved experience or motivation to work in marine or coastal areas; Proved experience work or research in the field of micropaleontology, biology and/or marine ecology, preferably with experience in the analysis diatoms.

Work Plan: Activities to be developed by the grant holder forseen: analyse diatoms in samples collected during the field experiment carried out as part of the RECAP project; integrate of the data with environmental parameters and other biological communities; and support with writing scientific articles and disseminating results.

Applicable legislation and regulations: Statute of the Scientific Research Fellow, approved by Law nº 40/2004, of August 18, in the current wording conferred by Decree-Law nº 123/2019, of August 28 and the Regulation for Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology (<https://files.diariodarepublica.pt/2s/2019/12/241000000/0009100105.pdf>).

Working place: The work will be developed at Centre for Marine and Environmental Research (CIMA), from the University of Algarve, under the scientific supervision of Doctor Isabel Mendes, principal investigator of the RECAP project.

Duration of the grant: The grant will have a first contract of 3 months duration, beginning on 01 09 2025. The contract may be renewed until the end of the project, considering Regulation for Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology (<https://files.diariodarepublica.pt/2s/2019/12/241000000/0009100105.pdf>).

Value of monthly maintenance allowance: The monthly maintenance allowance corresponds to 1309.64 euros. The maintenance allowance will be paid monthly by bank transfer.

Selection criteria will be as follows: In accordance with nº2 of the article 11º of the FCT Research Grants Regulation, the selection criteria will be: the curricular and academic merit of the candidate (0-4 points); demonstration of experience or motivation to work in marine or coastal areas (0-3); work or research experience in the field of micropaleontology, biology and/or marine ecology, preferably with experience in the analysis of diatoms (0-3 points).

The tender jury shall comprise the following members:

- Isabel Maria de Paiva Pinto Mendes (President)
- Ana Isabel de Sousa Horta Dias Gomes (Effective member)
- Alexandra Maria Francisco Cravo (Effective member);
- Ana Rita Zarcos Carrasco (Substitute member)

Publication and notification of the results: Final results will be publicized through an ordered list according to the final grade and posted in a conspicuous and public local of Building 7 at CIMA and communicated to the applicants by e-mail to the addresses indicated by each candidate.

Deadline for applications and submission forms: the call is open from **07/07/2025 a 18/07/2025**

Applications must be accompanied by the following documents:

Official identification document (simple copy or legal equivalent). If you have a nationality other than Portuguese, you should present a residence permit, permanent residence certificate or long-term resident status, valid on the scholarship start date, any of which may be replaced, in its absence, by a declaration of commitment. However, one of the previous must be delivered at the contracting phase, under penalty of forfeiture of the granting of the scholarship;

Copy of the qualification certificates of the academic degrees held, specifying the final classification and, if possible, the classifications obtained in all subjects taken;

If the doctorate has been awarded by a foreign higher education institution, it must conform to the rules established in Decree-Law no. 66/2018 of August 16, and all required formalities must be complied with up to the date of termination deadline for submission of the application. If the completed process is not found until the end of the application deadline, the candidate must prove that he / she has requested the recognition of the degree.

Curriculum Vitae;

Passport or identification card for European applicants (copy);

Taxpayer Identification Number (NIF), if you have a nationality other than Portuguese, it must be submitted during the scholarship contracting phase, under penalty of forfeiture of the scholarship award;

Other documents considered important

The Application Request, dated and signed, must be addressed to the President of the Evaluation Panel (<https://www.ualg.pt/sites/default/files/documentos/2022-12/anexo-iii-requerimento-para-candidatura-bolsa-en.pdf>) for the following address: Universidade do Algarve/ CIMA (Isabel Mendes), Campus de Gambelas, 8005-139 Faro, Reference call nº 039/2025 or by email to imendes@ualg.pt. If the Application Request is sent by email, the applicant must duly express his/her consent that all notifications regarding this application are sent to the email address given.

-Supporting documents stating that the applicant gathers all the requirements for this grant, namely the enrolment certificate in an awarding degree study cycle or in a postgraduate course;

-Supervisor Declaration taking the responsibility for the Work plan supervision, according to article 5º-A of the Statute of Scientific Research Fellow, as well as assuring the necessary conditions for the development of the work plan and in compliance with article 13 º of the Statute of Scientific Research Fellow;

-Declaration of the Grant acceptance;

-Declaration of commitment stating the exclusivity regime

Complaints and Appeal Deadlines and procedures

On the decision for granting the Research Grant, candidates may, if they wish, comment on the hearing of interested parties, within 10 working days, under the terms provided for in the Administrative Procedure Code.

From the practice or omission of any act of the evaluation panel, candidates can complain to the body, within 10 working days.

The final decision of the evaluation panel can be appealed to the Rector within 15 working days after the respective notification.

Scholarship contract

With the applicant(s) selected, and after receiving all the required documentation, a scholarship contract will be signed in accordance with the attached model.

Assessment of the scholarship holder(s)

At the end of each period of duration of the scholarship contract, the activity developed by the scholarship holder(s) is evaluated by the supervisor, by applying the following criteria, in accordance with the attached model:

a) Evaluation of the report for each scholarship period, which must include the activities carried out and the resulting technical, teaching or scientific output. The evaluation will be expressed qualitatively (negative, sufficient, positive, very positive).

University of the Algarve reserves the right to cancel this application procedure if by any means the contract celebration with the funding entity is not established.

University of Algarve, 23/06/2025

Scientific Coordinator

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