

**NOTICE N.º 053/2025**

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

**TITLE:**

It is now open a call for one Research Fellowship within the project 10ID00196 "Valorização de recursos genéticos tradicionais, novas culturas e gestão de água de rega em contexto de alterações climáticas"), funded by PRR-Plano de Recuperação e Resiliência, with the following conditions:

**Research Field:** Agricultural Sciences

**Admission Requirements:** Master's degree in Agronomy or related fields. Candidates should have proven experience in citrus grafting, vegetative plant propagation, fertilization, irrigation systems, and greenhouse plant maintenance. They should have proven experience in laboratory work in molecular biology and master techniques such as ELISA and PCR. Candidates should be fluent in the R language and have the ability to communicate and present scientific data. Candidates should demonstrate fluency in both written and spoken English.

**Work Plan:**

The work to be carried out consists of supporting the planned the work foreseen in the project "10ID00196 – Valorisation of traditional genetic resources, new crops and irrigation water management in the context of climate change, (PRR-C05-i03-I-000010)", namely:

- Micrografting.
- Grafting micrografted plants onto indicator plants to detect viruses and viroids.
- Analysis of the presence of viruses and viroids in micrografted plants using molecular biology techniques.
- Greenhouse plant maintenance.

**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 of Research Grants of the University of Algarve (<https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/10/210000000/0013700149.pdf>)

**Working place:** The work will be developed at the University of Algarve and field experimental sites, under supervision of the Prof. Natália Tomás Marques.

**Duration of the grant:** The grant will have a first contract of 4 months duration, beginning on September 2025, considering UAlg's Research Grants Regulation. (<https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/10/210000000/0013700149.pdf>).

**Value of monthly maintenance allowance:** The monthly maintenance allowance corresponds to **1.309,64** euros. The maintenance allowance will be paid monthly by bank transfer.

**Selection criteria will be as follows:**

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of article 11 of the Regulation for Research Grants of the University of Algarve, the selection methods to be used will be the following: Curricular evaluation and face to face interview with a maximum assessment of 20 (twenty) values. In a first phase, the evaluation of candidates focuses on the following criteria: scientific area of graduation (30%), final average of the courses (graduation and master's degree) weighted by ECTS (30%), and experience in research and experimentation (40%) . If justified, candidates may be selected for an individual interview. In the case of doing the interview, the weighting for calculating the final classification will be: 80% for curriculum evaluation and 20% for the interview.

**The tender jury shall comprise the following members:**

Maria Alcinda dos Ramos das Neves (President) (Prof.ª Aux. FCT)

- Natália Tomás Marques (Effective member) (Prof.<sup>a</sup> Aux. FCT)
- Maria Leonor Faleiro (Effective member) (Prof.<sup>a</sup> Assoc. FCT)
- Amílcar Manuel Marreiros Duarte (Substitute member) (Prof. Aux. FCT)

**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 8 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 **23/07/2025 a 05/08/2025**.

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 degree 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/FCT (a/c Maria Alcinda Neves), campus de Gambelas, 8005-139 Faro, Reference 'Notice nº 053/2025' or by email to [maneves@ualg.pt](mailto:maneves@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.

#### **Documents to be submitted for contracting the grant**

-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) Complete report of activities carried out
- b) Compliance with the work plan defined with supervisors and scientific rigor in data delivery and analysis
- c) Participation in demonstration events and and dissemination of the results of the project.

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, 16/07/2025

Scientific Coordinator

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Prof. Maria Alcinda dos Ramos das Neves