

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

TITLE: Research Grant for a Master's Degree Holder

It is now open a call for one Research Grant within the project ALGARVE-FEDER-00853600-SYREN-17135 – “Insights on Youth-centred Coastal Risk Engagement”, funded by Programa Operacional Regional do Algarve, Programa Operacional Regional de Lisboa and pela Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, with the following conditions:

Research Field: Geography, Geosciences, Environmental Science, Communication Sciences

Admission Requirements: Master's degree in the research fields of this notice and a proficiency in Portuguese (mandatory) and English (preferential). Preference will be given to candidates with knowledge of coastal dynamics, a good use of methods of data acquisition in the social sciences, and experience in science communication

Work Plan: The work aims to explore new perspectives on the engagement of young people with coastal risk. The main tasks of the work plan are: (1) Literature review on coastal risk to support the definition of literacy; (2) Application of a questionnaire on coastal risk; (3) Follow-up of co-creation work with groups of teenagers; and (4) Collaborative work with specific audiences on coastal risk.

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 Foundation for Science and Technology (<https://files.diariodarepublica.pt/2s/2019/12/241000000/0009100105.pdf>).

Working place: The work will be developed at CIMA (Centro de Investigação Marinha e Ambiental) from the University of Algarve, supervised by the Researcher Ana Margarida Matias.

Duration of the grant: The grant will have a first contract of 6 months duration, beginning on September 2025. The contract may be renewed until the end of the project in 30/06/2028, considering the Regulation of 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 €1.309,64. 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 candidates will be evaluated by following criteria: (a) Curricular and academic merit of the candidate (0-20; 40%), (b) Demonstrated experience or motivation to work in the area of coastal dynamics, with an emphasis on coastal risk (0-20; 20%), (c) Demonstration of work experience in the acquisition and analysis of quantitative and/or qualitative data in the social sciences (0-20; 10%), (d) Demonstration of experience or motivation to work in the area of science communication (0-20; 10%), (e) Interview (0-20; 20%).

Only the first three candidates on the list ranked by the sum of criteria (a) and (b) will be admitted for interview.

The tender jury shall comprise the following members:

- Ana Matias (Presidente) (Investigadora Auxiliar, CIMA – Universidade do Algarve);
- Ana Rita Carrasco (Vogal efetivo) (Investigadora Auxiliar, CIMA – Universidade do Algarve);

- Bruno Pinto (Vogal efetivo) (Investigador Auxiliar, MARE – Universidade de Lisboa);
- António Granado (Vogal Suplente) (Professor Associado com Agregação, FCSH – Universidade Nova de Lisboa).

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 (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 **25/08/2025 a 09/09/2025**

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;
- Curriculum Vitae;
- 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.
- Passport or identification card for European applicants (copy);
- Motivation Letter clearly explaining the candidate's skills and experience in relation to the selection criteria;
- 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 (Ana Matias), Campus de Gambelas, 8005-139 Faro, Reference (NOTICE Nº 047/2025 (1 BI-M) SYREN) or by email to ammatias@ualg.pt (the project's coordinator). 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

- 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;
- 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 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 10 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 is evaluated by the supervisor, by applying the following criteria:

- a) Assessment of the report for each scholarship period, which will include the activities carried out and the resulting technical and scientific output.
- b) Compliance with the project timetable and deadlines for each grant period, defined at the start of each period and assessed by recording emails with the deliverable attached.
- c) The assessment will be expressed qualitatively (negative, insufficient, 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, 17 July 2025

Scientific Coordinator

Doutora Ana Margarida de Almeida Matias