

NOTICE NO. 055/2025

COMPETITION FOR THE AWARD OF A GRANT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE RESEARCH GRANT REGULATIONS OF UALG

1 Doctoral fellowship

A competition is open for the 1 PhD Research Fellowship within the project 101052761 - DISPERSALS - ERC-2021-ADG - Dispersals, resilience, and innovation in Late Pleistocene SE Africa, funded by European Research Council (ERC) with the following conditions:

1. Scientific Area: Archaeology.

2. Admission Requirements:

1. Fluency in English;
2. MA in Archaeology;
3. Field research experience in African Stone Age with specific relevance for the DISPERSALS project
4. Experience in lithic analyses.

3. Project Objectives: The main objective of the project is to research dispersals in and from Africa between 100,000 and 20,000 years ago. The grant will be awarded for the development of a doctoral dissertation. The research work will be conducted within the scope of the DISPERSALS project "Dispersals, resilience, and innovation in Late Pleistocene SE Africa," a grant from the ERC-2021-ADG program. The fellow will receive specific training in the analysis of lithic materials, with the thesis topic being Out-of-Africa migration, based on the lithic industries of East Africa.

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 developed at ICAREHB, University of Algarve, and in Mozambique, jointly with the DISPERSALS team, under the supervision of Nuno Bicho.

6. Duration of grant(s): The grant will last 12 months, with the start date scheduled for September, 2025. The grant contract may be renewed for another 12 months 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 €1 309,64. The maintenance allowance will be paid monthly by bank transfer. (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Tabela_valores_SMM_2025.pdf).

8. Candidate evaluation: In accordance with the provisions of Article 11.2 of the University of Algarve Research Grant Regulations the selection criteria will be the applicant's merit based on the CV with the respective scoring of 80%.

The evaluation process may include one interview, to all or some candidates selected by the panel, weighing a maximum of 20% of the total score.

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

- Nuno Bicho (President) (Professional Category and Organizational Unit);
- Jeff Rose (Effective member) (Professional Category and Organizational Unit);
- Li Li (Effective member) (Professional Category and Organizational Unit);
- João Cascalheira (Substitute member) (Professional Category and Organizational Unit);

11. 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.

12. Application Deadline and Submission Method: The competition is open from **30/07/2025 to 12/08/2025**.

13. 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 Chair of the Competition Evaluation Panel, <https://www.ualg.pt/sites/default/files/documentos/2022-12/anexo-iii-requerimento-para-candidatura-bolsa-pt.pdf>. Ref. (Notice nº 055/2025) or by email to nbicho@ualg.pt. In the aforementioned application, if the candidate submits his/her application by email, **he/she must expressly consent to all notifications related to the public competition being sent to the email address indicated.**

14. Documents to be submitted for the scholarship Contract:

- a. Individual Taxpayer Registry (INV) information, if the applicant is a nationality other than Portuguese, must be 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

15. 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.

16. Scholarship Contract: After receiving all required documentation, a scholarship contract will be signed with the selected candidate(s) in accordance with the attached template.

17. Evaluation of Fellow: 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. At the end of each period of duration of the scholarship contract, the activity developed by the scholarship holder is evaluated by the supervisor, based on the:

a) Productivity and its quality attending to the objectives of the fellowship.

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.

University of Algarve, 21 of July of 2025

The Principal Investigator

Prof. Doutor Nuno Bicho