

NOTICE NO. 068/2025

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

Title: One research fellowship for master holder

A competition is open for the award of one (1) Grant for a master holder within the scope of the R&D project (project UID/06210/2025 - ABC-RI, funded by the Portuguese Science and Technology Foundation (FCT), under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Biological Sciences.

2. **Admission Requirements:**

- Bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in biology or a related field.
- Proven experience in working with animals and laboratory animal models.
- Proven experience in managing animal facilities and colonies of transgenic laboratory animals.
- Proven experience in PCR genotyping and PCR fragment analysis.

3. **Project Objectives:**

- Management of small rodent colonies (*Mus musculus*)
- Genotyping of small rodent colony lines, especially mice (*Mus musculus*)
- Accounting for costs associated with animal maintenance, medications, and other supplies
- Management of the animal facility database to keep the different mouse colony lines up-to-date

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 Regulation for Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology (<https://files.dre.pt/2s/2019/12/241000000/0009100105.pdf>).

5. **Workplace:** The work will be carried out at Algarve Biomedical Center Research Institute (ABC-Ri) of the University of Algarve, under the scientific supervision of Professor Clévio Nóbrega.

6. **Duration of grant(s):** The grant will last 12 months, with the start date scheduled for January of 2026. The grant contract may be renewed until the maximum allowed taking into account the Regulation for Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology (<https://files.dre.pt/2s/2019/12/241000000/0009100105.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 evaluation of candidates will be based solely on the following criteria: 1) merit of the candidate: academic qualifications, curriculum vitae, and experience relevant to the functions described; 2) motivation to perform the functions, with the respective total value of 18 points, with a weighting of 75% for criterion 1 and 25% for criterion 2.

9. The evaluation process may include an interview with the candidates or a portion of them, to be selected by the Evaluation Panel, which will have a maximum weighting of 20%.

10. **Composition of the Application Evaluation Board:**

- Clévio Nóbrega (President) (Associate Professor with Habilitation, Faculdade de Medicina e Ciências Biomédicas);
- Vítor Fernandes (Effective voter) (Technician and Invited Assistant Professor, Faculdade de Medicina e Ciências Biomédicas);
- Marta Vitorino (Effective voter) (Invited Assistant Professor, Faculdade de Medicina e Ciências Biomédicas);
- Inês Araújo (Substitute voter) (Associate Professor, Faculdade de Medicina e Ciências Biomédicas).

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 **28/10/2025 a 12/11/2025**.

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 President of the Competition Evaluation Panel, <https://www.ualg.pt/sites/default/files/documentos/2022-12/anexo-iii-requerimento-para-candidatura-bolsa-pt.pdf>, by email to abcricri@ualg.pt. In the aforementioned application, **you must expressly consent to all notifications related to the bidding process being sent to the indicated email address.**

14. Documents to be submitted for the scholarship agreement:

- 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(s):

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:

- a) Knowledge and ability to manage small rodent (*Mus musculus*) colonies in the animal facility.
- b) Knowledge of animal welfare essential for monitoring small rodents (*Mus musculus*)
- c) Knowledge of the management and containment of small rodents (*Mus musculus*)
- d) Knowledge and ability to genotype small rodent (*Mus musculus*) colony lines
- e) Management of the animal facility database to keep the different mouse colony lines up-to-date.
- f) Accounting for costs associated with animal maintenance, drugs, and other supplies and reporting of associated costs to the responsible researchers

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, 22 of October of 2025

The Principal Investigator

Professor Clévio Nóbrega