

**NOTICE NO. 070/2025****COMPETITION FOR THE AWARD OF A GRANT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE RESEARCH GRANT REGULATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALGARVE (BI)**

Title: Two (2) research grants (BI)

A competition is open for the award of 2 Grant(s) (BI) within the scope of the R&D project (Impulso Mais Digital - SoUAlg 2.0 (ref. 10IS00054), funded by B9 - PRR-Impulso mais Digital, under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Computer Science

2. **Admission Requirements:** Graduates (Licenciatura) in computer engineering or related area, with experience in Machine Learning/Deep Learning methods/techniques.

3. **Project Objectives:** Develop and install a virtual assistant for UAlg's e-tutoring and deep learning-based models for the early detection of the risk of academic dropout at the University.

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 carried out at the Departamento de Engenharia Eletrónica e Informática da Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia da Universidade do Algarve, under the scientific supervision of Professor Professor Doutor José Valente de Oliveira.

6. **Duration of grant(s):** The grant will last 6 months, with the start date scheduled for November of 2025 (year). The grant contract may be renewable until the end of the project, considering 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 €1.040,98. The maintenance allowance will be paid monthly by bank transfer ([https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Tabela\\_valores\\_SMM\\_2025.pdf](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: merit of the candidate, with the respective weighting of 100%.

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

- Eduardo Bruno Oliveira Esteves (President) (Professional Coordenador, ISE);
- José Valente de Oliveira (Full Member) (Professional Associado com Agregação, Category FCT)
- Adriano Pires (Full Member) (SI);
- Helder Aniceto Amadeu de Sousa Daniel (Alternate Member) (SI).

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 **31/10/2025** a **13/11/2025**.

**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 [eesteves@ualg.pt](mailto:eesteves@ualg.pt) e [jvo@ualg.pt](mailto:jvo@ualg.pt) (Project Ref.<sup>a</sup> 10IS00047 or Notice nº 070/2025). 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) Achievement of objectives – this component aims to assess the level of achievement of the results by the grant holder, considering the work plan to be developed (50%).
- b) Behavioural skills – this component aims to assess the personal characteristics evidenced during the period under evaluation (25%).
- c) Personal attitude – this component aims to assess the personal commitment and availability expressed during the period under evaluation, considering factors such as interest, effort and motivation (25%).

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, 28 of October of 2025

The Principal Investigator

Professor Eduardo Bruno Oliveira Esteves