

NOTICE NO. 074/2025**COMPETITION FOR THE AWARD OF A GRANT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE RESEARCH GRANT REGULATIONS OF UNIVERSITY OF ALGARVE**

Title: Research Grant (BI) – Master's Degree (1 vacancy)

A competition is open for the award of 1 Grant Master`s Degree within the scope of the R&D project/institution WatHer - Water Heritage in European Rural Mediterranean. Re (dis)covering water heritage systems to face climate challenges learning from our past, ref. 10TT00060 funded Interreg Euro-MED program of European Union, under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Cultural Studies
2. **Admission Requirements:** Master's degree in Landscape Architecture with experience in landscape studies and knowledge of geographic information systems (GIS) and computer-aided design (CAD).
3. **Project Objectives:** Study, inventory, mapping (GIS), and design (CAD) of the traditional irrigation system of Barrocal/Geoparque Algarvensis. Survey of hydraulic structures, agricultural crops, and vegetation, and collection of oral information on traditional cultivation and irrigation techniques.
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 Center for Studies in Archaeology, Arts, and Heritage Sciences (CEAACP), part of the University of Algarve, under the scientific supervision of Professors Desidério Batista and Paula Gomes da Silva.
6. **Duration of grant(s):** The grant will last for six months, starting on February 1, 2026. The scholarship contract may be renewable until the end of the project. 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 evaluation of candidates will be based solely on the following criteria: merit of the candidate, including academic qualifications and curriculum vitae (60%), fieldwork experience, knowledge related to landscape studies issues, and knowledge of Geographic Information Systems and Computer-Aided Design (40%).
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:** The Application Evaluation Board is composed of three full members and one alternate (all PhDs):
 - Desidério Batista (President) (Assist. Prof., FCT);
 - Paula Gomes da Silva (Full Member) (Assist. Prof., FCT);
 - Miguel Reimão Costa (Full Member) (Assist. Prof., FCT);

- João Pedro Bernardes (Alternate Member) (Full Prof., FCHS).

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 **18/12/2025 to 05/01/2026**.

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>, it can be sent by mail to the following address: Universidade do Algarve, Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia, Campus de Gambelas, 8005-139 Faro by email to Desidério Batista (dbatista@ualg.pt), Ref^a. Notice No 074/2025. 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) Information gathering (mapping, surveys of hydraulic structures, agricultural crops, vegetation, etc.);
- b) Biophysical analysis of the landscape (geology, soils, hydrography, aquifers, etc.) and documentary and bibliographic research;
- c) Preparation, organization, and interpretation of the information gathered and synthesis work.

The University of Algarve reserves the right to cancel the fellowship award process, within the scope of the Project question, whenever funding is not awarded.

University of Algarve, 28 of November of 2025

The Principal Investigator

Professor Desidério Batista