

**NOTICE NO. 005/2026**

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

Title: One Research Grant - Bachelor

A competition is open for the award of one Research Grant - Bachelor within the scope of the Co-Promotion Project ALGARVE-FEDER-02276400-SMARTBET H2O-21679, Ref. 10ID0075 SMARTBET H2O – Smart Blockchain Enhanced Telemetry for H2O Management Systems and Generative AI, to be developed at the University of Algarve under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Chemistry

2. **Admission Requirements:** Bachelor's degree in environmental sciences, with a strong background in chemistry, with advanced knowledge in water quality and urban water cycle. Experience working in teams in the field of water management, fluency in spoken and written English, and advanced digital skills. Having a driver's license and independent transportation are preferred.

3. **Project Objectives:** The aim is to contribute to the data collection and analysis relating to various hydraulic and water quality parameters, developing the scientific component for their explicability, which is fundamental to the digital tool that SMARTBET H2O intends to develop.

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

5. **Workplace:** The work will be carried out at Institute of Engineering of University of Algarve, under the scientific supervision of Professor Manuela Moreira da Silva.

6. **Duration of grant(s):** The grant will last 9 months, with the start date scheduled March, 2026. The grant contract may be renewed taking into account the Regulation of Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology (<https://files.diariodarepublica.pt/2s/2019/12/241000000/0009100105.pdf>).

7. **Monthly maintenance allowance amount:** The monthly maintenance allowance is €1040,98. 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 OR the Foundation for Science and Technology Research Grant Regulations In the Science and Technology field, the evaluation of candidates will be based solely on the following criteria: merit of the candidate (100%). The evaluation of the Curriculum Vitae is weighted as follows: absolute merit of the CV highlighting basic training and advanced knowledge in the field of water in the urban cycle (85%), fluency in spoken and written English (5%), skills in computer applications for data analysis (8%), driver's license and autonomy of movement (2%). The Jury reserves the right not to award the scholarship to candidates who do not submit a declaration that they will enroll or are already enrolled in the Master's program at the University of Algarve in Urban Water Cycle or in a similar area. The Jury also reserves the right not to admit to the interview candidates with a curriculum evaluation of less than thirteen (13) points (0-20 points), as well as the right not to award the scholarship to candidates with a final score of less than or equal to thirteen (13) points (0-20 points).

9. The evaluation process may include an interview with some or all of the candidates, as selected by the Evaluation Panel. This will be the case if there are candidates whose CV raises doubts, or if the candidates are considered to be of a similar standard.

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

- Simão Melo de Sousa (President) (Full Professor, FCT/UAlg);
- Pedro Cardoso (Full Member) Coordinator Professor, ISE/UAlg;
- Manuela Moreira da Silva (Full Member) Coordinator Professor, ISE/UAlg;
- Carlos Otero Silva (Full Member) Adjunct Professor, ISE/UAlg.

**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 **19/02/2026 to 04/03/2026**.

**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 post to the address: University of Algarve, Campus Penha, 8005-139 Faro, Ref (005/2026) or by email to [msanti@ualg.pt](mailto:msanti@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. Performance in data collection and analysis activities with the SMARTBET H2O team (60%).
- b. Collaboration in the preparation of Project reports (40%).

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, 11 of february of 2026.

The Principal Investigator

Professor Simão Melo de Sousa