

**NOTICE NO. 013/2026**

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

Title: Competition for the granting of one (1) Masters research scholarship (1 BI-M)

A competition is open for the award of one (1) Grant BI-M within the scope of the R&D project BEAP-MAR – “Blue Bioeconomy in the Atlantic Area”, EAPA\_0032/2022, funded by the Interreg Atlantic Area Program, under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Chemistry

2. **Admission Requirements:** Bachelor and Master degrees in the disciplinary area of Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Pharmaceutical Sciences, or related areas, with a final Master's grade of 14 points (in a grading scale ranging from 0 to 20), or higher; good knowledge of English (written and spoken). Preference will be given to candidates with laboratory experience, practical knowledge of chromatographic techniques, basic knowledge of algae, and proactive attitude.

Taking into account paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 5, Research Grants, of the University of Algarve Grants Regulations:

“1. Research grants, hereinafter referred to as BI, are intended for R&D activities by students enrolled in an integrated master's degree, a master's degree or a doctorate, with a view to consolidating their scientific training through the development of research work leading to the award of the respective academic degree, whether or not integrated into R&D projects.

2. The scholarships referred to in this article may also be intended for the performance of R&D activities by graduates or masters enrolled in non-degree courses integrated into the educational project of a higher education institution, developed in association or cooperation with one or more R&D units.”

3. **Project Objectives:** The fellow will develop experiments in the extraction and fractionation of extracts from non-commercially exploited marine organisms, namely algae. The fellow will also be involved in characterization studies and identification of molecules with bioactive potential, with the aim of creating innovative, sustainable, and high value-added products. The fellow will also collaborate in the organization, writing, and dissemination of results.

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 Faculty of Sciences and Technology of University of Algarve, at the Laboratory of Organic Reactivity and Medicinal Chemistry of the Centre for Marine Sciences (CCMar), at Campus de Gambelas of the University of Algarve, under the scientific supervision of Doctor Joana Ferreira Leal and Professor Maria de Lurdes dos Santos Cristiano.

6. **Duration of grant:** The grant will last for 6 months, with the start date scheduled for March/April of 2026. The grant contract may be renewed 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](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: *Curriculum vitae* evaluation, laboratory experience, and, possibly, an interview, with the respective weighting of 9 (45 %), 7 (35 %) and 4 points (20 %).

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):

- Maria de Lurdes dos Santos Cristiano (President) (Full Professor, Department of Chemistry and Pharmacy, FCT-UAlg);

- João Paulo Gil Lourenço (Full Member) (Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry and Pharmacy, FCT-UAlg);

- Joana Ferreira Leal (Full Member) (PhD Researcher, The Centre of Marine Sciences of the Algarve);

- André Duarte Lopes (Alternate Member) (Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry and Pharmacy, FCT-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 **23/02/2026 to 06/03/2026**.

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 of Gambelas, Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia, 8005-139 Faro, Ref. BEAP-MAR, Edital 013/2026, or by email to [mcristi@ualg.pt](mailto:mcristi@ualg.pt) and [jfleal@ualg.pt](mailto:jfleal@ualg.pt). In the aforementioned application, **you must**



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**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 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:

- a) Laboratory work developed.
- b) Bibliographic research to support experimental work and ability to apply prior knowledge.
- c) Ability to write and present results.
- d) Ability to work in a team and interaction of the scholarship recipient with other group members.



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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, 18 of February of 2026.

The Principal Investigator

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Professor Doctor Maria de Lurdes dos Santos Cristiano