

NOTICE NO. 16/2026

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

Title: 3 Research grants (Master)

A competition is open for the award of three Master's research fellowships within the scope of the R&D project UID/05183/2025 MED – MED Research Centre-UAlg, funded through national funds allocated in the FCT budget and, when eligible, co-funded by European Union funds, under the following conditions:

1. **Scientific Area:** Agricultural Sciences.

2. **Admission Requirements:** The fellowships are intended for candidates holding a Master's degree in Agronomy, Biology, Biotechnology, Food Engineering or Technology, or related areas, with research experience in one of the following subareas: A) Agronomy (Crop Production); B) Food Science (Food Packaging Biomaterials) and C) Biological Resources (Natural Products Biotechnology)

3. **Project Objectives:**

Subarea A – Agronomy: Evaluation of the development of agronomically relevant plants under abiotic stress conditions.

Subarea B – Food Science: Development of bio-coated and heat-resistant paper packaging for heating ready-to-eat foods in microwave ovens.

Subarea C – Biological Resources: Chemical and biological characterization of plant matrices, analysis of biological activity, and evaluation of potential applications.

Taking into account paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 6 (Research Grants) of the Research Grants Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology. Or 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.”

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

5. **Workplace:** The work will be carried out at the Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development (MED Research Centre), University of Algarve, under the scientific supervision of:

- **Pedro José Realinho Gonçalves Correia** (Subarea A – Agronomy)

- **Maria Margarida Vieira** (Subarea B – Food Science)
- **Anabela Romano** (Subarea C – Biological Resources)

6. **Duration of grant(s):** The grant will last six months, with the start date scheduled for July of 2026. The grant contract may be renewed until 31/12/2028, taking into the Foundation for Science and Technology Research Grant Regulations (<https://files.diariodarepublica.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 Foundation for Science and Technology Research Grant Regulations In the Science and Technology, the evaluation of candidates will be based solely on the following criteria: Candidate Merit (80%), Motivation Letter (20%). The candidate Merit will be assessed as follows: Overall merit of the Curriculum Vitae (60%); Research/experimental experience in the relevant area (40%). The evaluation process may include an interview, conducted with all or some candidates selected by the evaluation panel, with a maximum weight of 20%.

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

- Bruno Filipe Figueiras Medronho, Chair, Invited Principal Researcher, Faculty of Sciences and Technology
- Pedro José Realinho Gonçalves Correia, Full Member, Associate Professor, Faculty of Sciences and Technology
- Maria Margarida Vieira, Full Member, Coordinating Professor with Habilitation, Institute of Engineering
- Maria Dulce Antunes, Alternate Member, Associate Professor with Habilitation, Faculty of Sciences and Technology

10. **Publication/Notification of Results:** The final evaluation results will be published on the Ualg website, Final evaluation results will be published in the form of a ranked list according to the final score obtained, and the approved candidates will be notified by email.

11. **Application Deadline and Submission Method:** The competition is open from **16/03/2026 to 27/03/2026**.

12. **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 address: Universidade do Algarve, Campus de Gambelas, 8005-139 Faro, Ref.³ (EDITAL Nº 16/2026) or by Applications must be sent by email to bfmedronho@ualg.pt. Candidates 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 (75%)
- b) Professionalism and rigor in the activities carried out (15%)
- c) Personal commitment and availability during the evaluation period (10%)

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.



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The Principal Investigator

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