

CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS (AE2023-0003)

INESC TEC is now accepting grant applications to award 1 Research Grant (BI) within the scope of the eduBEST funded by National Funds through FCT - Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P., project (reference 2022.08686.PTDC)

1. GRANT DESCRIPTION

Type of grant: Research Grant (BI)

General scientific area: ENGINEERING

Scientific subarea: Industrial engineering

Grant duration: 6 months, starting on 2023-02-09 with the possibility of being renewed for a maximum term of one year, in cases where the grant has been awarded to students who are enrolled in non-award courses, or up to two years, in the cases of students enrolled in a master's degree.

Scientific advisor: Flávia Barbosa

Workplace: INESC TEC, Porto, Portugal

Maintenance stipend: € 875,98, according to the table of monthly maintenance stipend for FCT grants (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/valores>), paid via bank transfer. Grant holders may be awarded potential supplements, according to a quarterly evaluation process (Articles 19, 21 and 22 of the Regulations for Grants of INESC TEC and Annex II), up to a maximum limit of 50% of the monthly maintenance stipend.

INESC TEC supports costs with registration, enrolment or tuition fees, during the grant duration, under the terms established in the internal document: "[Payment of Tuition fees to grant holders](#)".

The grant holder will benefit from health insurance, supported by INESC TEC.

2. OBJECTIVES:

Analysis of educational outcomes in European regions.

3. BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME AND TRAINING:

Assessing the efficiency of public services is at the top of the agenda of governments to ensure the competitiveness, prosperity, and social cohesion of countries. Education is one of the critical sectors usually addressed in the literature. Although several countries are currently participating in international large-scale assessments to monitor educational outcomes in basic and secondary education (PISA, TIMSS, PIRLS), assessing achievements at other stages of education, taking into account the heterogeneity of contextual conditions, remains to be explored.

One of the difficulties concerns heterogeneity in the contextual conditions faced by the units under evaluation (e.g., economic development, regulatory environment, cultural diversity). This research will do a regional analysis (at NUTS II level) using data of the Education and Training Strategy (ET2020) targets. This involves conducting a robust conditional analysis, based on Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) models, to account for factors that might influence the achievement of the ET2020 targets, and thus explore in greater detail what should be expected from each region given the contextual conditions affecting the educational system.

Thus, for the regions that may be considerably away from the ET2020 targets in a few dimensions, this research will explore to what extent this is explained by the contextual conditions. In the presence of an adverse context, the distance to the best-practice frontier cannot be entirely attributable to inefficiency, as it may be determined by uncontrollable factors that compromise the achievement of excellence in education outcomes.

4. REQUIRED PROFILE:

Admission requirements:

Bachelor Degree in Industrial Engineering and Management.

The awarding of the fellowship is dependent on the applicants' enrolment in study cycle or non-award courses of Higher Education Institutions.

Preference factors:

Good knowledge of the English language. The letter of motivation must be written in English to allow the assessment of the candidate's English proficiency and motivation. International academic experience.

Minimum requirements:

Average mark of 15 in the Bachelor Degree in Industrial Engineering and Management.

5. EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection criteria and corresponding valuation: the first phase comprises the Academic Evaluation (AC), based on the criteria referred to in Article 12 of the Regulations for Grants of INESC TEC, while the second phase comprehends the Individual Interview (EI). All factors are evaluated on a scale of 0 to 100, taking into account the applicants' merit, suitability and conformity with the preference factors.

The weight of the AC factors are as follows: Academic Qualifications (FA, 50%), Scientific Publications (PC, 0%), Experience (EX, 20%) and Motivation Letter (CM, 30%).

Candidates who score less than 50 points in the AC average will be considered excluded on absolute merit. The top five candidates approved on absolute merit will be qualified for the individual interview. The Final Grade (CF) is obtained by the weighted average of AC (60%) and EI (40%).

The Selection Jury is composed of the following members:

President of the Jury: Ana Camanho

Full member: Flávia Barbosa

Full member: Miguel Alves Pereira

Substitute member: Henriqueta Nóvoa

Release of results and prior hearing: the results of the selection process, as well as the terms and procedures for prior hearing, will be released to the applicants by email, under the terms referred to in Article 13 of the Regulations for Studentships and Fellowships of INESC TEC.

6. FORMALISATION OF APPLICATIONS:

Application Documents:

1. Motivation letter;
2. Curriculum Vitae (must include the list of previous fellowships, their type, beginning and end dates, funding entities and host institutions);
3. Certificate or diploma degree fully recognised in Portugal;
 - Documents proving the awarding of academic degrees and diplomas, or the according recognition - in cases of academic degrees or diplomas granted by a foreign higher education institution - can be dismissed in the application process, and replaced by the applicant's declaration of honour, with the verification of said condition taking place during the grant's hiring stage. The submission of the certificate is mandatory when signing the contract.
 - Academic degrees or diplomas awarded by a foreign higher education institution require an authentication by a Portuguese higher education institution, and the corresponding registration on the DGES platform, in conformity with Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16, and Ordinance no. 33/2019, of January 25. More information available on the website <https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/reconhecimento?plid=374>
4. Proof of enrollment in a degree awarding study cycle or in a non degree awarding Higher Education program.
 - The proof of enrollment may be presented just during the grant hiring stage.
5. Signed declaration stating the infringement of the grant holder's duties (article 14, no. 4)
6. Documental evidence to support the country of residence, residence permit or other legally equivalent document, in cases where the applicant is a foreigner or non-resident in Portugal - valid until the beginning of the grant.
7. Other supporting documents relevant to the final assessment.

Failure to deliver the required documents within the 90-day period after the date of the notice of the conditional awarding of the grant implies its cancellation.

Application period: From 2023-01-11 to 2023-01-24

Submission of applications: the application will be formalised by submitting the form available in the *Work With Us* section of INESC TEC website.

7. BINDING LEGISLATION AND REGULATION

The hiring process shall comply with the current legislation regarding the Research Grant Holder Statute, approved by Law no. 40/2004 of August 18, in its current wording, as well as by the Regulations for Grants of INESC TEC and for [FCT Grants Regulation in force](#).

For more information, please check the Regulations for Grants of INESC TEC and relevant annexes at www.inesctec.pt/bolsas



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