CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS
(AE2023-0290)

INESC TEC is now accepting grant applications to award 2 Research Grant (BI) within the scope of the Plurianual_LA funded by National Funds through FCT - Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P., project (reference LA/P/0063/2020

1. GRANT DESCRIPTION

Type of grant: Research Grant (BI)

General scientific area: ENGINEERING,TECHNOLOGY

Scientific subarea: Knowledge technology

Grant duration: 12 months, starting on 2023-10-01with the possibility of being renewed for a maximum term of two years, in the cases of students enrolled in a master's degree.

Scientific advisor: Alexandra Xavier

Workplace: INESC TEC, Porto, Portugal

Maintenance stipend: € 930,98, according to the table of monthly maintenance stipend for FCT grants , 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:

The Center for Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship (CITE) has the mission of valuing the knowledge resulting from R&D activities, INESC TEC and the projects in which it intervenes, focusing on the areas of Innovation Management, Technology Transfer and Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Business Internationalization Processes, Innovation and Corporate Social Responsibility. Within the framework of these activities, the goal is to develop a varied set of activities in the areas of Technology and Innovation Management, Technology-Based Entrepreneurship, and Technology Transfer, including carrying out R&D and knowledge enhancement projects associated with specific projects in progress or to be started.

3. BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME AND TRAINING:

- Collaborate in the development, implementation, testing and evaluation of open innovation campaigns for specific applications and industries, within the scope of the centre's projects, namely the FIRE-RES project;
- Collaborate in benchmarking processes, development and testing of business models, for example for 5G Private Port Networks, within the scope of the centre's projects, namely the NEXUS project;
- Collaborate in the development, implementation and evaluation of the research results exploration plan, within the scope of the centre's projects, namely the AI4REALNET project;
- Collaborate in the design, development, implementation, testing and evaluation of initiatives to promote the enhancement and commercialization of technology, within the scope of the centre's projects;
- Collaborate in the design and development of applications for projects and national and international funding programs.

4. REQUIRED PROFILE:

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

Preference factors:
- experience in entrepreneurship, innovation and technology management;
- experience in consulting and business development;
- experience in research and development and project management;
- training or professional experience in an international context;
- fluency in English and Portuguese (spoken and written).

Minimum requirements:
Knowledge of innovation, business models, value co-creation methodologies;
Graduation.

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, 15%), Scientific Publications (PC, 5%), Experience (EX, 40%) and Motivation Letter (CM, 40%).
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: Cristina Machado Guimarães
Full member: José Coelho Rodrigues
Full member: João José Ferreira
Substitute member: Alexandra Xavier

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 dully 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 2023-07-27 to 2023-09-08

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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