

CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS (AE2023-0367)

INESC TEC is now accepting grant applications to award 1 Research Grant (BI) funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, through the EEA Grants, on scope of the Blue Growth Programme, operated by DGPM, with reference PT_INN_0095

1. GRANT DESCRIPTION

Type of grant: Research Grant (BI)

General scientific area: ENGINEERING

Scientific subarea: Computer engineering

Grant duration: 6 months, starting on 2023-10-30, with the possibility of being renewed until the end of the project.

Scientific advisor: Bruno Miguel Ferreira

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:

Assist in the development of the automatic docking functionality of a surface marine vehicle.

- Implement and test precision control algorithms for maritime surface vehicles;
- Carry out field tests;
- Process data and evaluate the performance of the control layer;
- Produce documentation: internal reports and publications.

3. BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME AND TRAINING:

The work plan consists of the implementation, validation and performance evaluation of the control layer for automatic docking. The activities carried out by the candidate will be the following:

- Assist in the implementation of the control layer (control software);
- Carry out validation and characterization through laboratory tests;
- Implement fallback strategies in potential risk situations;
- Carry out field tests and adjustment of parameters;
- Evaluate performance (accuracy) based on field tests;
- Port the control layer from smaller scale autonomous surface vehicles to the full scale manned surface vessel.

The grant holder will participate in project meetings with members of the internal team and project partners. Documentation, such as of scientific reports and publications addressing the aforementioned topics, is required throughout the duration of the proposed work plan.

4. REQUIRED PROFILE:

Admission requirements:

Bachelor Degree in Electrical Engineering, Mechanical, IT or related field.

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

Preference factors:

Previous experience in robotics projects (aquatic), estimation/control.

Minimum requirements:

Programming experience, basic knowledge of dynamic/control systems

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, 40%) and Motivation Letter (CM, 10%).

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 (80%) and EI (20%).

The Selection Jury is composed of the following members:

President of the Jury: Nuno Cruz

Full member: Bruno Miguel Ferreira

Full member: Nuno Miguel Abreu

Substitute member:

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 2023-09-21 to 2023-10-12

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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