

CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS (AE2025-0349)

INESC TEC is now accepting grant applications to award 1 Research Grant (BI) within the scope of the Funding for Technology and Innovation Centres (CTI), Co-financed by Component 5 - Capitalization and Business Innovation of core funding for Technology and Innovation Centres (CTI), integrated in the Resilience Dimension of the Recovery and Resilience Plan within the scope of the Recovery and Resilience Mechanism (MRR) of the European Union (EU), framed in the Next Generation EU, for the period 2021 - 2026, with reference 21.

1. GRANT DESCRIPTION

Type of grant: Research Grant (BI)

General scientific area: ENGINEERING, INFORMATION SCIENCE

Scientific subarea: Knowledge engineering, Systems engineering, Information management

Area of Work: Systems Engineering; Information Systems

Grant duration: 6 months 22 days, starting on 2025-09-10.

Scientific advisor: António Lucas Soares

Workplace: INESC TEC, Porto, Portugal

Maintenance stipend: € 1309.64, [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:

- broaden knowledge of the state of the art in the specific scientific area of the scholarship;
- identify and select the appropriate methods for the study in question;
- develop research skills through the application of the selected methods;
- exercise critical thinking when evaluating the research process and the results obtained.

3. BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME AND TRAINING:

The generic training area of the scholarship is the digital transformation of industry in which the scholarship holder will deepen their knowledge of data management. This research scholarship is the ideal opportunity to develop advanced skills and take part in an innovative project with real impact. The scholarship focuses on data management in industrial environments, addressing key issues such as:

- Digital maturity and its assessment in different industrial sectors
- Data sharing and the development of data ecosystems
- Methodologies for designing and implementing effective data management strategies
- Application of the results in the creation of advanced consultancy services.

Over the course of the scholarship, the scholarship holder will have the opportunity to:

- Explore and characterise innovative tools for assessing the maturity of corporate data management.
- Create a personalised methodology for assessing data management maturity, adapted to the Portuguese industrial fabric.
- Contribute to the definition of strategies for the development of data sharing ecosystems in industrial sectors.

- To apply and validate the concepts by creating pilot ecosystems in two industrial sectors.
- Participate in the production of technical-scientific documents and the final report of the scholarship.

If you are interested in digital transformation, data management and industrial innovation, this scholarship gives you the chance to join a reference project, gain practical experience and collaborate with experts in the field.

4. REQUIRED PROFILE:

Admission requirements:

- Master's degree in computer engineering, industrial engineering, information systems, information science, management 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:

- Experience in data management models.
- 1 paper published in a conference or peer-reviewed journal.

Minimum requirements:

- Average of bachelor's and master's degrees higher than 14;

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, 20%), Experience (EX, 20%) 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%).

DISABILITY INCENTIVE

Candidates who present a degree of disability equal to or greater than 90% will benefit from an incentive (20) in the score of the CV Assessment.

Candidates who present a degree of disability equal to or greater than 60% and less than 90% will also benefit from an incentive (10) in the score of the CV Assessment.

Said score may, in these cases, exceed 100 points.

Candidates must demonstrate the degree of disability during the application, namely through the submission of the Multi-Purpose Medical Certificate of Disability, issued in accordance with Decree-Law no. 202/96, of October 23 - currently in effect.

Candidates must declare, in the application form, the type of disability used throughout the selection process, in order to proceed with the required adaptations.

The Selection Jury is composed of the following members:

- President of the Jury: António Lucas Soares
- Full member: Davide Rua Carneiro
- Full member: Cristovão Sousa
- 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;
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 2025-07-31 to 2025-08-13

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

