

CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS (AE2025-0554)

INESC TEC is now accepting grant applications to award 1 Research Grant (BI) within the scope of the Multiannual Funding of R&D Units 2025-2029, with the reference UID/50014/2025, Funded by national funds through the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), I.P.

1. GRANT DESCRIPTION

Type of grant: Research Grant (BI)

General scientific area: COMMUNICATION SCIENCES

Scientific subarea: Graphic Communication, Audiovisual Communication, Media studies, Science Communication

Area of Work: Scientific communication in robotics for agriculture and industry

Grant duration: 12 months, starting on 2026-01-01, with the possibility of being renewed for a maximum term of four years, in the cases of students enrolled in a PhD.

Scientific advisor: Filipe Neves Santos

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:

- Develop a scientific communication plan focused on robotics for agriculture, adapted to the current context of the sector.
- Create accessible multimedia content (video, animation, infographics, simulations) to explain robotic technology to audiences with different levels of literacy.
- Support the development of teleoperation methodologies that reduce the complexity of using robots, especially for operators with low digital literacy.
- Promote public understanding and acceptance of agricultural and industrial robotics, contributing to technological literacy and digital inclusion in rural areas.
- Produce scientific dissemination materials that strengthen the social and scientific impact of CRIIS and agricultural robotics projects.

3. BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME AND TRAINING:

The work plan focuses on developing an integrated scientific communication strategy centered on robotics applied to agriculture, aligned with ongoing activities and projects at CRIIS. The fellow will begin with a review of the state of the art in scientific communication and robotic technologies for the agricultural and industrial sectors, allowing for an understanding of the current challenges of technological literacy in rural and industrial environments. Based on this analysis, a communication plan will be developed that includes accessible multimedia content—videos, animations, interactive simulations, and infographics—designed to explain complex concepts in a simple way for audiences with different levels of digital literacy. In parallel, the training will include direct contact with real robotic platforms and teleoperation methodologies used in precision agriculture and agile industry. This involvement will allow for an understanding of the difficulties and needs of operators, contributing

to the creation of appropriate communication materials for users with low digital and operational literacy. The scholarship recipient will also learn audiovisual production techniques, scientific storytelling, social media management, and digital dissemination tools. Throughout the project, there will be participation in laboratory activities, field sessions, and technology demonstration events, ensuring the articulation between communication, research, and practical application. The final result will be a coherent set of content and strategies that reinforce public understanding of agricultural and industrial robotics and promote the integration of these technologies into society, contributing to increased scientific and technological literacy in the agroforestry and industrial sectors.

4. REQUIRED PROFILE:

Admission requirements:

Master's degree in multimedia

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

Preference factors:

With a portfolio focused on audiovisual production and knowledge of 3D.

Minimum requirements:

Knowledge in the area of ■■■photography, video and motion graphics production (use of Adobe Premiere and Adobe After Effects tools). Knowledge of design for the digital field, namely Web.

The candidate must be enrolled in a PhD program in Computer Engineering.

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, 45%), Scientific Publications (PC, 5%), Experience (EX, 45%) and Motivation Letter (CM, 5%).

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: Filipe Neves Santos

Full member: Luís Carlos Santos

Full member: André Silva Aguiar

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 2025-11-27 to 2025-12-12

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



REPÚBLICA
PORTUGUESA



Fundação
para a Ciência
e a Tecnologia