

CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

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INESC TEC is now accepting grant applications to award 1 Research Grant (BI) within the scope of the project HumanAI4PM, with reference 18281 (NORTE2030-FEDER-01435000) Co-funded by ERDF - European Regional Development Fund through the NORTE 2030 Regional Program under the scope of Portugal 2030.

1. GRANT DESCRIPTION

Type of grant: Research Grant (BI)

General scientific area: ENGINEERING

Scientific subarea: Systems engineering

Area of Work: Systems Engineering

Grant duration: 6 months, starting on 2026-09-01, with the possibility of being renewed until the end of the project.

Scientific advisor: Davide Rua Carneiro

Workplace: INESC TEC, Porto, Portugal

Maintenance stipend: € 1359.64, [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 fellowship;
- Identify and select the methods appropriate to the study in question;
- Develop research skills through the application of the selected methods;
- Exercise critical thinking in the evaluation of the research process and the results obtained.

3. BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME AND TRAINING:

The research fellowship is situated at the intersection of human-centred Artificial Intelligence, production management, and AI systems governance. Its objective is to investigate how the lifecycle of AI systems, from data preparation to model use, monitoring, and updating, should be aligned with human activities, organisational processes, and decision-making in industrial contexts.

The fellowship aims to contribute to the development of integration models that explicitly define the roles of different actors, the points requiring human oversight, the mechanisms for collaboration between workers and AI systems, and the requirements related to trust, explainability, accountability, and intervention capabilities. Different



production management contexts will be considered, including planning, operations, maintenance, and quality control.

Specifically, the main activities to be carried out by the fellowship holder are:

- Analyse the state of the art in AI lifecycles, MLOps, Human-Centred AI, AI governance, and organisational integration in industrial contexts;
- Identify and model, notably using BPMN 2.0, the activities, actors, decisions, and organisational structures associated with the AI lifecycle in production management;
- Support elicitation and validation sessions with experts and industrial stakeholders, refining the models developed;
- Identify the integration points between AI systems and production routines and propose policies for accountability, escalation, auditability, oversight, and compliance;
- Develop maps of interdependencies between workers and AI systems, including task allocation modes, handover and fallback mechanisms, and responsibility assignment;
- Investigate policies for the documentation, versioning, access, sharing, updating, monitoring, and retirement of AI models;
- Translate the results into functional and non-functional requirements for the project's technological platform, including requirements for logging, traceability, monitoring, and control;
- Collaborate in the preparation of reports, methodological documentation, scientific articles, and other technical and scientific project outputs.

The training plan will combine literature review, conceptual and process modelling, analysis of industrial cases, stakeholder engagement, and iterative validation of the artefacts produced, contributing to the responsible and human-centred integration of Artificial Intelligence in production management.

4. REQUIRED PROFILE:

Admission requirements:

Master's degree in Computer Engineering, Information Systems, or a 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:

- Knowledge of AI governance and the lifecycle of AI systems
- Experience in the analysis, specification, or modelling of organisational processes.

Minimum requirements:

Master's degree final grade above 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, 35%), Scientific Publications (PC, 20%), Experience (EX, 30%) and Motivation Letter (CM, 15%).

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: Davide Rua Carneiro

Full member: António Lucas Soares

Full member: Hugo Miguel Ferreira

Substitute member: Carla Pereira

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 2026-07-23 to 2026-08-05

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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