

CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

(AE2026-0270)

INESC TEC is now accepting grant applications to award 1 Research Grant (BI) 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: COMPUTER SCIENCE

Scientific subarea: Programming, Informatics

Area of Work: Artificial Intelligence

Grant duration: 3 months, starting on 2026-11-01, with the possibility of being renewed for a maximum term of one year, in cases where the grant has been awarded to students who are enrolled in non-award courses, or up to two years, in the cases of students enrolled in a master's degree.

Scientific advisor: Ricardo Teixeira Sousa

Workplace: INESC TEC, Porto, Portugal

Maintenance stipend: € 1090.98, [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 objective of the scholarship is to support the scholarship holder's participation in R&D activities of the project, including: i) development and characterization of synthetic data representative of the use cases of procurement and production management; ii) optimization of the functioning of prediction, classification, recommendation and optimization algorithms in the context of the project infrastructure; and iii) implementation of data infrastructure components and model deployment for integration into the project platform.

3. BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME AND TRAINING:

The work plan aims for the scholarship holder to participate in a subset of the project's R&D activities, under the supervision of the research team. The scholarship holder will contribute to: i) the development and characterization of a synthetic data generator representative of the use cases of procurement and production management; ii) optimization of the functioning of prediction, classification, recommendation and optimization algorithms in the context of the project infrastructure; and iii) the design and implementation of data infrastructure components and model deployment (pipelines, APIs, orchestration and monitoring) required to integrate these algorithms into the project platform.

The scholarship holder will also participate in defining experimental protocols, evaluating model performance in the infrastructure context, and producing technical and scientific documentation. The training plan will include regular supervision by the advisor, training in good practices of data engineering and scientific software, computational reproducibility, and communication of results.

4. REQUIRED PROFILE:

Admission requirements:

Degree in Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Data Science 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 Python programming;

Experience or interest in data analysis and engineering, synthetic data generation, and implementation of software components (pipelines, APIs);

Knowledge of MongoDB databases (not mandatory);

Experience or interest in configuration and optimization of machine learning algorithms and system monitoring;

Proficiency in spoken and written Portuguese.

Minimum requirements:

Bachelor's or master's final grade equal to or higher than 15 (out of 20);

Fluency in English (spoken and written).

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, 10%), Experience (EX, 20%) and Motivation Letter (CM, 20%).

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 (70%) and EI (30%).

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: Ricardo Teixeira Sousa

Full member: Ana Rita Nogueira
Full member: Alípio Jorge
Substitute member: João Mendes Moreira

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 2027-09-17 to 2027-09-30

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

