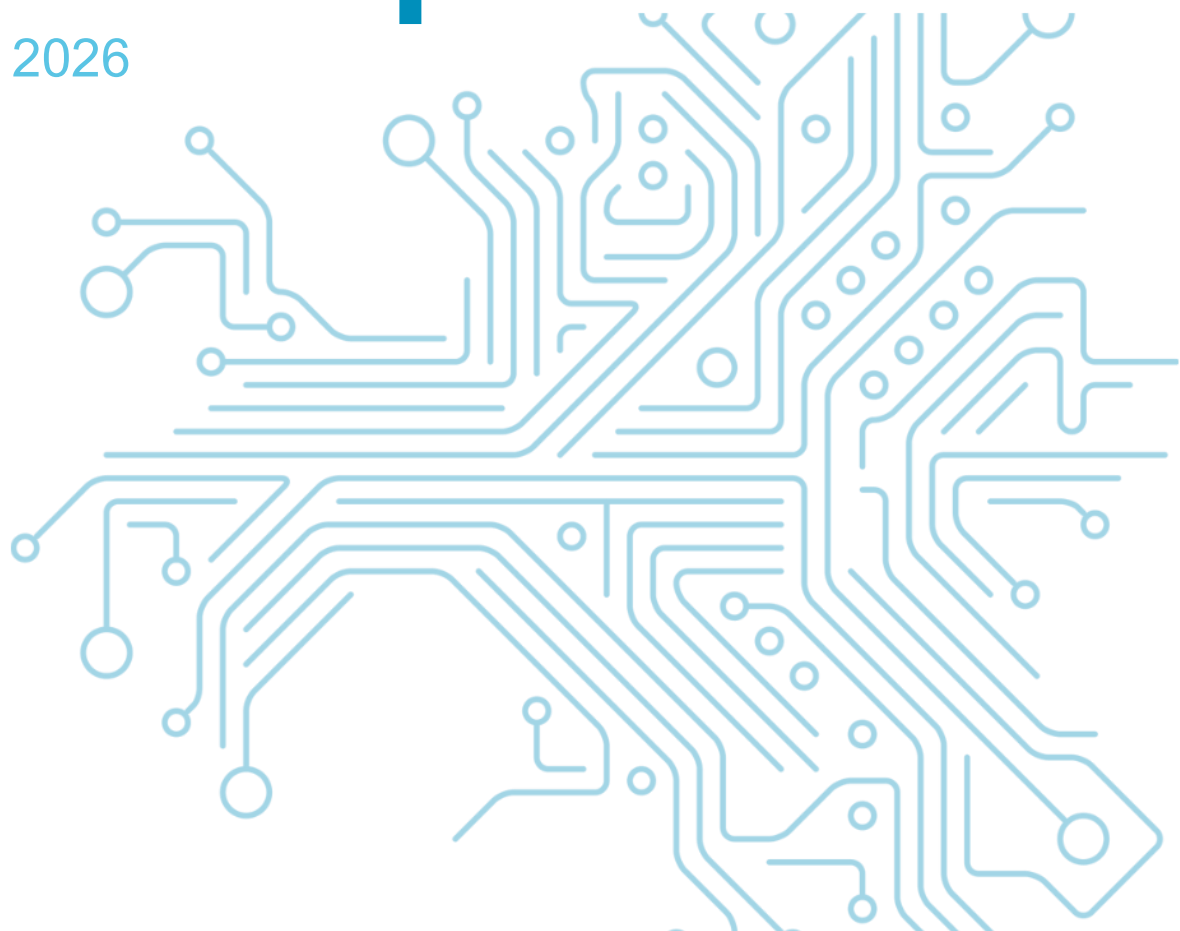


INESC TEC Summer Research Internships

Call | March 2026



General Presentation

*Do you already know what you're going to do this holiday?
Are you looking for a summer internship?*

If you're curious about research, and passionate about learning and creating, join us and turn theory into practice through **INESC TEC's Summer Research Internships**.

We have a wide range of internship topics organized by the following scientific domains:

- **Artificial Intelligence**
- **Bioengineering**
- **Communications**
- **Computer Science and Engineering**
- **Power and Energy Systems**
- **Photonics**
- **Robotics**
- **Systems Engineering and Management**

The internships will have a minimum duration of **four weeks**, taking place during the month of July.

Some internships may give you the opportunity to work on real challenges proposed by INESC TEC's partner organizations. You'll have the chance to join research teams and collaborate with professionals in the field. In some cases, you may even spend time within the organisations themselves — a unique opportunity to see how science and technology solve everyday problems!

At the end of the internship, you'll be able to present the results of your work in a dedicated session, where the best internships will be recognized and awarded! You will also receive an internship completion certificate that you can add to your CV.

These internships are not paid, as they are considered a complement to your academic training.

Moreover, in case you are interested, you can also ensure **equivalence with the curricular internship**, mandatory to complete the degree at certain Higher Education Institutions, with which INESC TEC has agreements.

The main goal of the Summer Research Internships is to provide a first research experience to those who seek to learn more about research and development activities, complementing their training and eventually creating conditions for future collaborations.

Who we are

INESC TEC is a private non-profit research association, with Public Interest status, dedicated to scientific research and technological development, technology transfer, advanced consulting and training, and pre-incubation of new technology-based companies.

INESC TEC integrates more than 800 researchers with complementary skills, always focused on the international market. As an institution operating at the interface of the academic and business worlds, bringing closer together academia, companies, public administration, and society, INESC TEC typically applies the knowledge and results generated as part of its research in technology transfer projects, seeking value creation and immediate social relevance.

What do we have to offer?

Four Weeks of Immersion in Research: We offer a hands on research experience lasting at least four weeks, during which you will be integrated into one of our centres to explore and understand how research is conducted and how it contributes to the development and creation of innovative solutions.

Access to Technologies and Laboratories: During the internship, you will have access to state of the art infrastructure, equipment, and technologies, allowing you to work under real research conditions.

Practical Experience: You will have the opportunity to expand your practical knowledge by applying the academic skills you have acquired throughout your degree, using advanced research techniques, methodologies, and equipment.

Skills Development: You will also be able to develop transversal skills such as collaboration, cooperation, and teamwork.

Exposure to Real World Problems: Working in a professional research environment, on development and innovation projects, will give you a better understanding of how scientific research is applied to solve real world problems.

Supervision and Guidance: You will receive mentoring, guidance, and career advice from experienced researchers who may open doors to future research opportunities with us.

Curricular Bonus: If you are interested, you may obtain equivalence for the curricular internship required to complete your degree at certain Higher Education Institutions. It is your responsibility to ensure in advance that all requirements are met with your institution.

Who can apply?

Undergraduate or master's **students** exploring areas associated with INESC TEC scientific domains, as described in the general presentation chapter of this document.

All applicants must be enrolled in a Higher Education Institution at the time of applying for the Summer Internships.

How it works

We will have several topics available across different scientific domains. **The list of topics will be made available [here](#) soon.**

More than one candidate may be accepted for each theme. The total number to be offered will vary according to the nature of the work plan, the availability of resources and the quality of the candidates.

The internships require **full-time participation**. The work can be done in person, online, or in a hybrid format, depending on the nature of the work plan. The topics on offer indicate which format is desirable, but another format can be agreed with the supervisor, subject to availability.

How you can apply

To apply for INESC TEC's Summer Research Internships, **you must fill in the application form that will be made available on our website** on April 16 (indicative date).

You must indicate, in order of preference, the **three internship** topics you identify with the most, along with your personal information. You will also have to submit some **keywords that best describe your research preferences**. These keywords will be taken into consideration if the topics you selected are not available.

You can also add a short text to your application explaining your motivation for taking part in this internship. Use this text to better contextualize the keywords you provided, briefly describing the research themes you are most interested in, highlighting any experience you may have had, or would like to have, and indicating what you plan to pursue in the near future.

In case none of the topics you have chosen are available, we may propose another topic within the same scientific domain, in line with your research preferences expressed in your application.

You should choose the topics you identify with the most so we can assign you to those that genuinely interest you. Places are limited, and if you are selected, you will later receive instructions on how to proceed with the formalization of your internship.

Evaluation, Selection and Notification

All applications will be evaluated and ranked by the supervisors within the same research area. This evaluation process will have in account the preferred internship topics. Accepted applications will depend on the match between the interest expressed by the candidate, and the positions available in each area. The selection panel may also request further interviews or additional information, whenever deemed necessary.

The evaluation and selection processes are expected to last two weeks; after this period, all applicants will be notified by email with the results.

If you are one of the selected candidates, you will receive further instructions on how to proceed with your internship.

Final presentation and closing session

At the end of the internship, you will give a **short presentation on the work you carried out, during a final session** that will also serve as a moment of synthesis and presentation of your research internship report. Throughout this process, you may request support from your supervisor regarding the structure, writing, and organization of the presentation/report.

The internships will be evaluated, and during the final session, a **'Best Internship' distinction will be awarded** to participants who stand out for their rigor, the quality of the work carried out, and the excellence demonstrated throughout the internship period.

In the end, everyone will receive a certificate of participation and completion of the internship.

Curricular equivalence

If you wish to have an **equivalence with the curricular internship**, it will be your responsibility to **make sure, before applying, that all the necessary requirements are met** so that this summer internship is recognised by the HEI where you are enrolled. [Here](#) you can find a brief example of the conditions and procedures necessary.

Important dates

Expected calendar

April 22, 2026 – Announcement of internship topics / start of the application period

May 19, 2026 – Application deadline

June 2, 2026 – Announcement of application results

June 9, 2026 – Confirmation of accepted candidates

June 29, 2026 – Welcome Session / Start of the internship

July 31, 2026 – Closing Session / End of the internship

Contacts

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