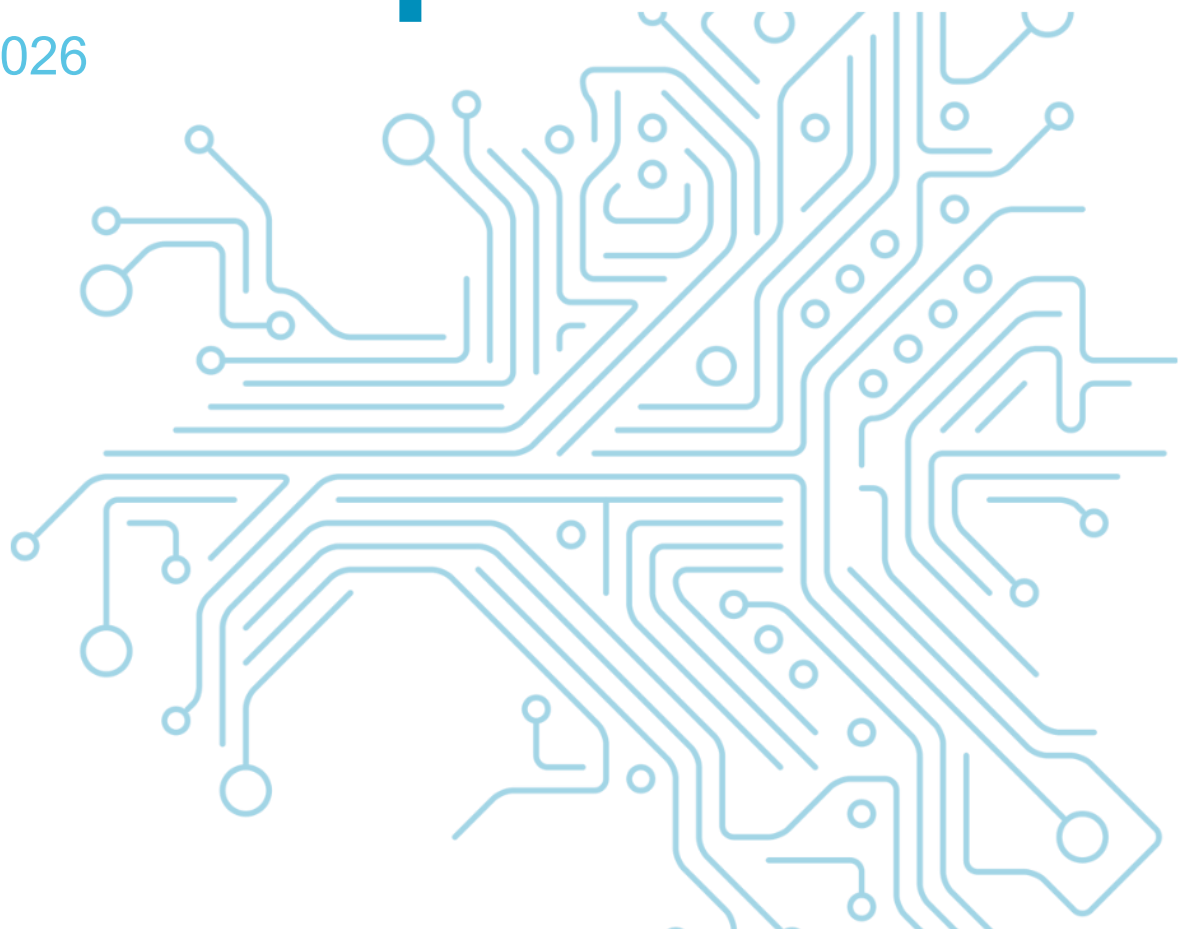


# INESC TEC Summer Research Internships

Call | April 2026



# General Presentation

*Are you an undergraduate or master's student looking for your first contact with research?*

If you're curious about scientific research and eager to explore new areas of knowledge, this is your opportunity to discover how the future is built.

The INESC TEC Summer Research Internships offer you a hands-on research experience in a real-world context, designed to support the development of relevant skills and enrich your curriculum:

- 1. Discover:** Explore a scientific challenge aligned with your interests in one of INESC TEC's scientific areas.
- 2. Research:** Move **from theory to practice** and discover how research is carried out in a real context.
- 3. Build Your Future:** Develop skills relevant to your academic path and tackle today's scientific challenges, that will help build your future and shape ours.

If you are interested, you may also obtain equivalence to a curricular internship - when all required conditions are met - or develop ideas for your future master's thesis, with potential continuity at INESC TEC through future collaborations.

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

There are **80 internship topics available**, organized by the following scientific domains:

- AI – Artificial Intelligence**
- BIO – Bioengineering**
- COM – Communications**
- CSE – Computer Science and Engineering**
- PES – Power and Energy Systems**
- PHO – Photonics**
- ROB – Robotics**
- SEM – Systems Engineering and Management**

For a **quick overview** of the programme, check our digital flyer [\[here\]](#).

All relevant information is available on our website [\[here\]](#).

# 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 brings together 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 Infrastructure:** 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 in a real context:** 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 Continuity Potential:** You will receive mentorship and guidance from experienced researchers, potentially opening the door to future research opportunities at INESC TEC, while also enabling interaction with other interns.

**Curriculum Enrichment:** 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** in fields aligned with INESC TEC's scientific domains, as described in the General Presentation section, who:

- Seek an impactful summer experience and wish to explore new areas of knowledge;
- Demonstrate an interest in scientific research and in solving concrete, real-world challenges;
- Look for exposure to professional research project environments;
- Are available full-time during July;
- Are interested in exploring potential future research collaborations.

All interested applicants **must be enrolled** at the time of application in a Higher Education Institution.

## How it works

There are **80 internship topics available**, distributed across different scientific domains. More than one candidate may be accepted per topic. The total number of internships offered will vary depending on the nature of the work plan, resource availability, and the quality of the candidates.

The internships require **full-time participation for 4 to 5 weeks**. The work may be carried out **on-site, remotely, or in a hybrid format**, depending on the nature of the work plan. Each topic indicates the preferred format and duration; however, alternative arrangements may be agreed upon with the supervisor, subject to availability.

## Apply in just 3 steps

1. Consult the list of internship topics [\[here\]](#).
2. Select up to 3 topics that best match your interests.
3. Submit your application via the online form [\[here\]](#), indicating your order of preference.

Each topic is identified by a **reference (e.g., S26-AI01)**. You should use these references in the application form to indicate, in order of preference, the three topics you are most interested in.

To maximize your chances, you will also be asked to provide **keywords** that best describe your **research preferences**. This helps ensure a better match between your profile and the assigned topic and may result in the proposal of an alternative topic within the same scientific domain, aligned with your indicated preferences.

If none of the proposed topics match your interests, you may use the **motivation letter** section of the application form to describe the research areas you would most like to explore. Please indicate the relevant scientific domain.

# 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 closing 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 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.

Everyone will receive a **certificate of 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 - Applications Open  
May 19, 2026 - Application deadline  
June 2, 2026 - Announcement of results  
June 9, 2026 - Confirmation from selected candidates  
June 29, 2026 - Start of the internship  
July 31, 2026 - End of the internship

*(please keep in mind that these may still be subject to change)*

## Contacts

For more information, please contact us through the following email:  
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