

NOTICE OF COMPETITION FOR FOUR RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS – STUDENTS WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE ENTOLLED IN A MASTER'S PROGRAM IN AQUACULTURE, OR RELATED AREAS – SINES NEXUS PROJECT

Bearing in mind Regulation No. 437/2020 on Research Grants of the Polytechnic Institute of Setúbal, published in the 2nd series of the Official Gazette No. 83, of April 28, it is made public that, by order of 20-02-2026 from the President of the IPS, a competition is open for the award of four **Master Research Grant (MRG) aimed at carrying out R&D activities for Students with a Bachelor's degree enrolled in a Master's program in Aquaculture or related areas**, within the scope of the Sines Nexus project, financed through Recovery and Resilience Program (PRR) **with the period for receiving applications from 23-02-2026 to 06-03-2026**, in accordance with the following conditions:

- 1. Duration of the Scholarship** - The grant is for a period of 3 months, non-renewable, and cannot exceed the project's end date, which is June 30, 2026.
- 2. Recipients** - The scholarship is intended for candidates with the following profile:
 - Graduates enrolled in a Master's program in Aquaculture or a related field;
 - Sense of responsibility and ability to communicate and integrate into multidisciplinary work teams.
- 3. Financial component** - According to the Table, contained in Annex I to the FCT Scholarship Regulation, approved by Regulation No. 950/2019, published in the Diário da República, 2nd series of December 16 (updated version), the value of the Scholarship corresponds to € 1040,98 being paid monthly, by bank transfer.
- 4. Workplace** - The work will be carried out exclusively at the Marketing and Logistics Department of the School of Business Sciences under the scientific supervision of Professor Rui Madeira or Professor Ana Mata (2 scholarship holders), Ricardo Salgado (2 scholarship holders).
- 5. Activity plan** - The candidate will perform functions in one of the Work Package 8 (WP) in which IPS is participating:
 - WP8 - Green and energy solutions for ports and logistics
- 6. Assessment and ranking criteria:**
 - 6.1. Curriculum (CV) – (scale of 0-15 values)**

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a) Evaluation of Advanced Training (weighting of 0,25) - maximum 15 values

Bachelor's degree holder enrolled in a Master's program in Aquaculture	15 val.
Bachelor's degree holder enrolled in a Master's program in a related field	10 val.

b) Knowledge of data analysis (weighting of 0,15) - maximum 15 values

With advanced knowledge and experience in data analysis	15 val.
With knowledge and experience in data analysis	10 val.
With knowledge in data analysis	5 val.
With no knowledge in data analysis	0 val.

c) Analysis of knowledge in the area of laboratory water analysis (weighting 0,30) - maximum 15 values

With knowledge and experience in laboratory work involving water analysis	15 val.
With knowledge in laboratory work involving water analysis	10 val.
With knowledge of physical-chemical analysis	5 val.
Without knowledge of physicochemical analysis	0 val.

d) General analysis of the Curriculum Vitae (weighting 0,30) - maximum 15 values

Very good	15 val.
Good	10 val.
Satisfies	5 val.
Does not satisfy	0 val.

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6.2. Letter of Motivations (scale of 0-5 values)

In the interview, 4 evaluation parameters are defined and their classification results from the following formula: $E=MI+TTK+CS+VEF$

- Motivation and Interest (MI)
- Theoretical and Technical Knowledge (TTK)
- Critical Sense (CS)
- Verbal Expression and Fluency (VEF)

Each parameter is valued from 0 points to 1.25 points according to the candidate's demonstration of competence or behavior.

6.3. The classification of each candidate will be calculated by the sum of the values obtained in the **CURRICULAR EVALUATION** and in the **LETTER OF MOTIVATIONS**.

6.4. The classification of each candidate will be calculated by the sum of the values obtained in the selection methods specified in the previous point and the ordering of the candidates will be expressed on a scale of 0 to 20 values, rounded to the nearest tenth.

6.5. For the candidate to be admitted, they must achieve a minimum total classification of 9.5 values and must have obtained at least half of the maximum possible score in Curriculum Assessment method.

6.6. In the event of a tie, the one who achieved the highest rating in c) Analysis of knowledge in the area of laboratory water analysis will be used as the tiebreaker.

6.7. Based on the final ranking list, a recruitment reserve will be created, which will be used to potentially hire successful candidates in the event of withdrawal from those placed in positions eligible for hiring.

7. Application documents - The application must be accompanied by the following documentation:

- Letter of motivation addressed to the President of the IPS;
- Candidacy form (signed)
- Detailed CV;
- Proof of Bachelor's degree;

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- Proof of student status for the course and degree attended at a Portuguese Higher Education Institution, issued by the respective academic services;
- Documents and visas relating to residency in the national territory (for applicants without Portuguese citizenship).

8. How to submit your application - The application must be made by filling out the standard form, available on the IPS website, at www.ips.pt, and sent to bolsas.investigacao.dgp@ips.pt or through the address, Campus do IPS, Estefanilha, 2910 761 Setúbal, until the application deadline.

9. The jury is made up of:

President

Professor Ana Maria Álvares Tavares da Mata, PhD, Adjunct Professor at the Higher School of Technology of Setúbal/IPS.

Effective vowels

Professor Ricardo Nunes Manuel Salgado, PhD Adjunct Professor, from the Higher School of Technology of Setúbal/IPS.

Professor Nuno Miguel Formiga Borges, PhD, Assistant Researcher at the Polytechnic Institute of Setúbal.

Substitute members

Professor Luís Manuel Rodrigues Coelho, PhD, Coordinating Professor at the Higher School of Technology of Setúbal/IPS;

Professor Pedro Félix, PhD, at the Higher School of Technology of Setúbal/IPS.

10. Applicable legislation and regulations - The scholarship is awarded under Law No. 40/2004 of August 18, in its updated version (Statute of the Scientific Research Fellow) and Regulation of Scholarships and Research of the Foundation for Science and Technology, available for consultation at <https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml>

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