

Reference: Public notice BI/CESAM/BESIDE/2024

NOTICE FOR THE AWARD OF RESEARCH GRANTS

A tender is hereby opened for the award of one **Research Grant** (RG) under the project “BESIDE - Institutional, Behavioural, critical and adaptive economics towards Sustainable Development, management of natural capital and circular Economy”, (GA 951389) of the Centre for Environmental and Marine Studies (CESAM) under the following conditions:

1. Scientific Area: *Business and Economics*

2. Financing Source: *European Commission – H2020*

3. Admission Requirements: A minimum classification of 15 values is required, which results from the weighted average (3/5 undergraduate + 2/5 master's) of the final classification of bachelor's and master's degrees or the final classification of the integrated master's classification (study cycle with 300 to 360 ECTS credits). Candidates who have a pre- or post-Bologna degree with a classification higher than 15 and who present a declaration from the Scientific Council of the University of Aveiro attesting the competence to carry out the doctorate may also be accepted. The candidate must not be, nor have previously been, the recipient of a doctoral scholarship.

Priority is given to students who have academic training in the areas of economics, management, or finance, marine biological sciences and/or socio-economic sciences. Others may also be admitted who, without specific training in these areas, demonstrate irrefutable evidence of professional experience relevant to the project.

If the qualification has been conferred by a foreign higher education institution it must be **recognized by a Portuguese higher education institution**, under the terms of the provisions of article 25 of Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of August 16th, which approves the legal regime of recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of Higher Education, attributed by foreign higher education institutions, and of paragraph e) of no. 2 of article 4 of Decree-Law no. 60/2018, of August 3rd, and any formalities established therein must be fulfilled by the date of the hiring act.

The selected candidate must enrol in the Doctoral Programme in Economics and Business at the University of Aveiro. The proof of enrolment must be made available until the contract is awarded, and the candidate may attach a declaration of honor to confirm that they meet the requirements for enrolment in an integrated master's degree, master's or doctoral program or in a course that does not confer an academic degree.

4. Eligibility: Applicants are eligible if they comply with paragraph a) of no.1 of article 2, of the Research Fellow Statute in the wording given by Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of August 28th, and also the provisions of article 9 of the Scientific Research Grant Regulations of the University of Aveiro.

5. Work plan: The PhD work plan to be carried out, in the doctoral program in Economic and Business Sciences, at the University of Aveiro, will be anchored on the BESIDE platform, under the topic of sustainable blue economy, and integrated in the WIN-BIG - *Women IN Blue economy Intelligence Gathering and capacity boosting*, funded by the European Commission through the Horizon Europe, call CINEA EMFAF-2022-PIA-WBE).

The work plan with reference A addresses the scientific question – *How are the different challenges related to sustainable development goal 5, gender equality, reflected on the European Blue Economy as a whole, and within each sea basin in particular. Additionally, it will focus on which way can science and data contribute to the development of novel and adequate capacity building models while supporting the setup of more inclusive policies to end gender inequality in this relevant economic sector?*

The workplan will imply the development of technical and scientific work within the scope of socioeconomic characterization of the status of gender equality at different levels within the blue economy in different European sea basins, including the mapping of specific needs for regional capacitation and training of women in this sector. It will also include the preparation of a Roadmap to EU Blue Economy Gender Equality and a set of public policy recommendations



to support the path to a more gender balanced blue economy in Europe. The work to be carried out by the grant holder will also include (but not limited to) the following of crosscutting tasks:

- Development of a detailed research plan to obtain a doctor's degree, within the framework of the strategic objectives of ERA CHAIR, namely in terms of research activity within sustainable blue economy; and its contributions to sustainable development goals;
- Bibliographic research, literature review, document and data analysis;
- Writing and contributing to publications in journals and/or reference scientific events within the scope of the research topic;
- Elaboration of technical and scientific reports and of documents intended for different stakeholders and audiences;
- Participation in related project/projects meetings (national and/or international);
- Development of actions for the communication and dissemination of the project(s) and its results;
- Other tasks assigned to support the development of the project(s) and the associated team.

6. Applicable legislation and regulations: Research Fellow Statute, as amended by Decree-Law No. 123/2019, of August 28th; Scientific Research Grant Regulation of the University of Aveiro, Regulation No. 292/2020, published in Diário da República No. 61, Series II, of March 26th; Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of August 16th (Legal regime of recognition of academic degrees and diplomas of higher education awarded by foreign higher education institutions).

7. Workplace: The work will be carried out at CESAM, the Department of Environment and Planning of the University of Aveiro, under the scientific supervision of Doctor Helena Margarida Moreira de Oliveira Vieira, Professor Doctor Teresa de Carvalho, University of Aveiro, and Professor Doctor Stephen Heynes, University of Galway.

8. Duration of the grant(s): The grant duration is annual, starting in 01 of November of 2024. It is renewable up to a maximum of three years, up to the maximum limit of approved funding. Under no circumstances shall it exceed the limits defined in nos. 5 and 6 of article 9, of Regulation no. 292/2020, of February 28th, published in Diário da República, no. 61, Series II, of March 26th (Scientific Research Grant Regulation of the University of Aveiro).

9. Amount of monthly maintenance allowance: The amount of the grant corresponds to €1259,64, according to the table of values of monthly maintenance allowances, set out in *Appendix III of the Scientific Research Grant Regulation of the University of Aveiro*, subject to any updates that may occur and are applicable. The fellow may also be reimbursed for the amount corresponding to the Voluntary Social Security, in case of adherence to this plan. This scholarship also includes the payment of fees associated with obtaining a doctor's degree, the amount of which is defined in Dispatch n. 8-REIT/2022.

10. Selection methods: The evaluation and selection of the candidates will follow the principles of objectivity, fairness, equal opportunity, merit and ability. The aim is to evaluate the proven and the potential academic excellence of the candidates and will be made in two steps.

1st step - The first step will evaluate the students' academic qualifications, experience, motivation and research objectives based on documental information supplied with the application. The following criteria and weights will be used:

- i) Curriculum Vitae: 70%, including degree grades (50%), and experience measured as number and significance of publications, participation in projects and other relevant components (20%);
- ii) Letters of endorsement: 10%;
- iii) Motivation Letter: 20%, considering its quality and clarity.

Each of the above criteria will be classified in a 0-20 scale, and the final score will be obtained as the weighted average of the separate scores.

2nd step - In the second step, an interview will evaluate the maturity, motivation, availability to carry out an international research project, ability to communicate and intellectual merit of the candidate. Candidates will be classified using a 0-20 scale.

The final ranking of the candidates will be obtained using the formula: Result of the First Step * 50% + Result of the Interview * 50%.

11. Composition of the Selection Jury: President: Professor Doctor Helena Margarida Moreira De Oliveira Vieira, Coordinator Researcher and ERA CHAIR Holder of University of Aveiro. Vowels: Professor Doctor Ana Isabel Lillebø Batista, Principal Researcher with Habilitation, Vice-Rector of University of Aveiro; Professor Doctor Sara Moreno Pires, Assistant professor of University of Aveiro.

12. Deadline for applications and how to submit applications: The call is open from 3 September to 25 September of 2024, and only applications submitted within the deadline will be admitted.





The following documents **must** be submitted:

- i) *Curriculum vitae* of the candidate, indicating previous studies and grades, research experience and professional activities;
- ii) Two letters of endorsement from previous professors, supervisors or employers;
- iii) Motivation letter, where the candidate should describe the motivation for the development of the work plan (interest in the project's theme, alignment of the project's theme with their personal/academic/professional career, ...);
- iv) Copies of the relevant academic degree diplomas;
- v) Copies of the transcripts of the degrees mentioned in the candidate's *curriculum vitae*, including courses/units/disciplines followed and respective credits and classifications;
- vii) A recent certificate of B2 proficiency in the English language; this certificate can be substituted by a signed declaration that the candidate has the English proficiency necessary for understanding, speaking and writing scientific English at a post-graduate level.

The documentation can be presented in Portuguese or in English.

Copies of foreign academic diplomas must either be authenticated by the official education services of the respective country, recognized by the appropriate Portuguese diplomatic or consular authority, or carry the Hague Apostille Convention.

Applications must be addressed to the project coordinator Doctor Ana Lillebø and Chair Holder Doctor Helena Vieira, using the address: cesam-erachairbeside@ua.pt

13. Form of publication/notification of results: The results of the evaluation shall be made public no later than 60 working days after the closing date for submission of applications and shall be notified to the applicants. The candidates are informed, in a prior hearing, under the terms established in the Code of Administrative Procedure, of the probable meaning of the final decision, and may, within 10 working days of this notification, express their opinion on this decision. The final results may be appealed to the Rector, to be submitted within 10 working days from the respective notification.

14. Tender duration: The final ranking list of candidates will be valid until 01 February 2025 for the purpose of constituting a reserve list for selection.

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(Vice-Rector, Prof. Doutor Artur Silva)

