

**Reference: Public notice *BI-1/CESAM/SMARTDEC/2025***

## NOTICE FOR THE AWARD OF RESEARCH GRANTS

A tender is hereby opened for the award of one **Research Grant** (RG) under the scope of the R&D project SMARTDEC: Smart Clusters for Maritime Decarbonisation, funded by European Union, Interreg Atlantic Area programme, EAPA\_0038/2022, under the following conditions:

- 1. Scientific Area:** Environment Sciences and Engineering
- 2. Financing Source:** Interreg Atlantic programme - Interreg Atlantic Area Call 2022
- 3. Admission Requirements:** Master's in Environmental Science and Engineering or related areas (enrolled in a doctoral program or in non-academic degree course), holders of a scientific and professional curriculum that reveals a profile suitable for the activity to be developed.

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 a doctoral program or course without a degree conferencing title.

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.

**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, as well as no. 1 and 2 of article 6 of the Research Grant Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology. The BI(s) awarded to masters who are enrolled in non-academic degree courses may only be awarded to those who do not exceed, with the conclusion of the scholarship contract in question, including possible renewals, an accumulated period of two years in this type of scholarship, consecutive or interpolated, under the terms of paragraph 5 of article 6 of the aforementioned Regulation.

**5. Work plan:** The objective of the grant is to undertake activities that support the execution of SMARTDEC's WP2 – "Profiling decarbonisation maritime technologies: Environmental, Social and Economic aspects", namely: (i) support in organization of workshops, meetings, interviews to Blue Economy sector stakeholders; (ii) Support in preparation and writing reports on scientific research on maritime decarbonisation technologies and innovation; (iii) Planning, organization, implementation and support in a forecast exercise to predict future decarbonisation innovation trends (iv) investigate and compile information on the environmental, social and economic aspects of selected decarbonisation technologies; (v) Participation in SMARTDEC project meetings and contributing to the dissemination and communication of the project's results.

**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 the Department of Environment and Planning of the University of Aveiro, under the scientific supervision of Doctor Helena Vieira.

**8. Duration of the grant(s):** The grant duration will be 12 months, starting in July of 2025, possibly renewable, up to the maximum limit of the approved funding, and may in no case exceed the limits defined in nos. 3 and 4 of article 6, of Regulation no. 950/2019, of November 29, published in Diário da República, no. 241, Series II, of December 16th (Research Grants Regulation of FCT, I.P.).

**9. Amount of monthly maintenance allowance:** The amount of the grant corresponds to **€1,309.64**, according to the table of values of monthly maintenance allowances, set out in Annex I of Regulation no. 950/2019, subject to any updates that may be applicable, under the terms of no. 2 of article 18 of Regulation no. 950/2019, of November 29th, published in Diário da República, no. 241, Series II, of December 16th (Research Grants Regulation of FCT, I.P.). The fellow may also be reimbursed for the amount corresponding to the Voluntary Social Security, in case of adherence to this plan.

**10. Selection methods:** The selection methods to be used will be the following:

Curriculum Assessment (CA):

1.1. Ability to develop research in the area of maritime sector decarbonization (30%)

1.2. Academic qualifications and respective classification (25%);

1.3. English proficiency (20%)

1.4. Experience with analysis and acquisition of environmental, social and economic data (25%)

Final evaluation = CE (100%)

CA method is eliminatory. The jury reserves the right to exclude candidates who do not reach the final classification on the CA component of at least 14 points on a scale of 0-20 points, as well as not to award the scholarship if none of the candidates match the desired profile.

The Interview (E) selection method **may** be used if the jury does not consider itself qualified to decide using the CA method. The three best classified in the Curricular Assessment will be invited to the Selection Interview, considering all others excluded from the competition. In this case, the final assessment will be expressed on a scale of 0 to 20 points, using the following formula: Final assessment = Curricular Assessment (80%) + Interview (20%). The jury reserves the right to exclude candidates who do not reach the final classification of at least 14 points on a scale of 0-20 points in the Interview component, as well as not to award the scholarship if none of the candidates match the desired profile.

**11. Composition of the Selection Jury:** The jury responsible for the selection will be composed by the President Doctor Amadeu Soares (Full Professor) and by the permanent members Doctor Helena Vieira (Coordinator Researcher and ERA CHAIR Holder), Doctor Mariana Almeida (Junior Researcher) and Doctor Alexandra Monteiro (Assistant Researcher with Habilitation). The alternate members will be: Doctor Sofia Caçoilo Corticeiro (Junior Researcher) and Doctor Fátima Alves (Assistant Professor with Habilitation).

**12. Deadline for applications and how to submit applications:** The call is open from 5<sup>th</sup> of May to 20<sup>th</sup> of May, 2025, and only applications submitted within the deadline will be admitted.

Applications must be formalized by sending a letter of application accompanied by the following documents:

- 1) Application form for research grants, available at [Research fellows – sgrh – Universidade de Aveiro \(ua.pt\)](#);
- 2) Motivation Letter;
- 3) Curriculum Vitae;
- 4) Certificate of qualifications;
- 5) Proof of enrolment or declaration of honor;
- 6) Other supporting documents deemed relevant.

They shall also indicate the e-mail address to which by such indication they accept to be notified for all purposes within this procedure.

Applications should be sent by e-mail to [cesam-bolsas@ua.pt](mailto:cesam-bolsas@ua.pt), with Cc to [helena.vieira@ua.pt](mailto:helena.vieira@ua.pt) (the reference to this Notice must be included in the Subject of the e-mail)

**13. Form of publication/notification of results:** The final results of the evaluation will be published through an ordered list posted on the University's website-DAO, within 90 working days after the final date of submission of the application, and the candidates notified by email. For the purposes of prior hearing of interested parties, the deadline of 10 working days is set, as provided for in the Code of Administrative Procedure. At the end of the period for hearing the interested parties, and in the absence of any response from them, the list of candidates will become final. Candidates may lodge a complaint against the final decision within 15 working days, or appeal to the maximum executive body of the funding entity within 30 working days after notification of the final decision, in accordance with the provisions of article 12 of the Research Grants Regulation of the Foundation for Science and Technology.

**14. Tender duration:** The final ranking list of candidates will be valid until October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 for the purpose of constituting a reserve list for selection.

The models of the grant contract and of the final report to be prepared by the grant holder and the supervisor are available at [Research fellows - sgrh - Universidade de Aveiro \(ua.pt\)](#)