

Reference: BI-3/CESAM/SEAFOODTURE/2025

NOTICE FOR THE AWARD OF RESEARCH GRANTS

A tender is hereby opened for the award of 1 **Research Grant** (RG), subject to prior approval by the funder, under SEAFOODTURE – Integral valorisation of seaweed biomass for the development of sustainable, high nutritional quality food products criteria, SBEP/0007/2023 of Centre for Environmental and Marine Studies under the following conditions:

- 1. Scientific Area:** Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Biology and related areas
- 2. Financing Source:** Foundation for Science and Technology, through national funds (PIDDAC)
- 3. Admission Requirements:** Students enrolled in PhD program at the University of Aveiro in the area of Environmental Sciences and Engineering. In addition, candidates should have the following preferential requirements: have demonstrable experience in life cycle assessment and oral and written command of the Portuguese language.

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 doctoral program.

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, and also the provisions of article 9 of the Scientific Research Grant Regulations of the University of Aveiro.

5. Work plan: The work to be carried out during the fellowship includes identifying the value chain of innovative food products with seaweed as their protein source, and food packaging materials produced from waste from the extraction of seaweed ingredients, life cycle modelling in the SimaPro software and participation in the preparation of reports, scientific articles, communications and other publications. The work plan also includes developing a method for assessing the nutritional footprint of the products developed.

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 Department of Environment and Planning of the University of Aveiro, under the scientific supervision of Doctor Paula Sofia Gil Neto Quinteiro and co-supervision of Doctor Ana Cláudia Relvas Vieira Dias.

8. Duration of the grant: The grant duration will be 12 months, starting in 01 September of 2025, and may be renewed 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 **€1309.64**, 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.

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

The selection method to be used will be Curricular Assessment, with the option of an interview.

The Curricular Assessment, weighted 0 - 20, will be carried out in accordance with the following criteria and weightings:

- Academic qualifications and curriculum vitae in the scientific area of the competition (80%);
- Proven experience in life cycle assessment (20%).

The selection method Interview may be used if the jury does not consider itself duly qualified to decide based on the Curriculum Evaluation. In the event of an interview, the final assessment will be weighted 80% by the curricular assessment and 20% by the interview.

The jury reserves the right not to admit candidates with a score of less than 10 points on a scale of 0-20 points for an interview, or not to award the grant if none of the candidates has a final score of at least 10 points.

11. Composition of the Selection Jury: Chair: Doctor Amadeu Soares; Full members: Doctor Paula Sofia Gil Neto Quinteiro, Doctor Ana Cláudia Relvas Vieira Dias; Alternative members: Doctor Marta Alexandra da Costa Ferreira Dias, Doctor Luis António da Cruz Tarelho.

12. Deadline for applications and how to submit applications: The call is open from 01/07/2025 to 20/07/2025, 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: Curriculum Vitae, certificate of qualifications, declaration of honor and other motivation letter. 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, with CC to p.sofia@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 31/10/2025 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 \(ua.pt\)](https://ua.pt/research-fellows-sgrh).

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