

## CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS (AE2020-0077)

INESC TEC is now accepting grant applications to award 1 Research Grant (BI) within the scope of the AIDA, funded by ANI co-financed by the Fundação para a Ciência and the Tecnologia I.P. (PIDDAC) and by the Fundo Europeu de Desenvolvimento Regional - FEDER, through COMPETE - Programa Operacional Fatores de Competitividade (POFC), project (reference POCI-01-0247-FEDER-045907), for 30 months.

### 1. GRANT DESCRIPTION

**Type of grant:** Research Grant (BI)

**General scientific area:** COMPUTER SCIENCE

**Scientific subarea:** Informatics

**Grant duration:** 6 months, starting on 2020-08-01, with the possibility of being renewed for a maximum term of one year, in cases where the grant has been awarded to students who are enrolled in non-award courses, or up to four years, in the cases of students enrolled in a PhD.

**Scientific advisor:** Ricardo Pereira Vilaça

**Workplace:** INESC TEC, Braga, Portugal

**Maintenance stipend:** € 1064,00, according to the table of monthly maintenance stipend for FCT grants, paid via bank transfer. Grant holders may be awarded potential supplements, according to a quarterly evaluation process (Articles 19, 21 and 22 of the Regulations for Grants of INESC TEC and Annex II), up to a maximum limit of 50% of the monthly maintenance stipend.

Costs attributable to INESC TEC may include registration, enrolment or tuition fee stipend, either directly or through reimbursement, during the grant duration.

The grant holder will benefit from health insurance, supported by INESC TEC.

### 2. OBJECTIVES:

The purpose of this grant is to explore, design and implement protocols to distribute the Mobileum (<https://www.mobileum.com/>) RAID software components to achieve greater levels of scalability, by leveraging the increasing edge computing capacity made available by the IoT and the imminent large-scale deployment of 5G cellular technology. In detail, the protocols should be able to handle diverse hardware and software deployment environments with different security/safety assumptions. In particular, they should be able to delegate processing to the edge or use central servers, according to the nature of the computation and the type and localization of monitoring and reference data.

### 3. BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME AND TRAINING:

- Edgefication of the current risk monitoring platform that deals with the issues of distributing components to non-co-located computing platforms as micro services and the orchestration of those micro services. The developed distribution and orchestration framework must also be integrated with the 5G network.
- Holistic monitoring, instrumentation and adaptation of the platform.
- Data lakes support that would allow to collect information from dynamic data sources at the edge
- Design a prototype of the solution and evaluate it.

#### 4. REQUIRED PROFILE:

##### Admission requirements:

MSc Degree in Informatics Engineering

The awarding of the fellowship is dependent on the applicants' enrolment in study cycle or non-award courses of Higher Education Institutions.

##### Preference factors:

- Experience in orchestration of micro services - Experience in data lakes

##### Minimum requirements:

- Solid knowledge on distributed systems and edge computing.
- Solid knowledge in systems benchmarking

#### 5. EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION PROCESS:

**Selection criteria and corresponding valuation:** the first phase comprises the Academic Evaluation (AC), based on the criteria referred to in Article 12 of the Regulations for Grants of INESC TEC, while the second phase comprehends the Individual Interview (EI). All factors are evaluated on a scale of 0 to 100, taking into account the applicants' merit, suitability and conformity with the preference factors.

The weight of the AC factors are as follows: Academic Qualifications (FA, 50%), Scientific Publications (PC, 20%), Experience (EX, 20%) and Motivation Letter (CM, 10%).

Candidates who score less than 50 points in the AC average will be considered excluded on absolute merit. The top five candidates approved on absolute merit will be qualified for the individual interview. The Final Grade (CF) is obtained by the weighted average of AC (80%) and EI (20%).

##### The Selection Jury is composed of the following members:

President of the Jury: Ricardo Pereira Vilaça

Full member: João Tiago Paulo

Full member: Fábio André Coelho

Substitute member: Ana Nunes Alonso

**Release of results and prior hearing:** the results of the selection process, as well as the terms and procedures for prior hearing, will be released to the applicants by email, under the terms referred to in Article 13 of the Regulations for Studentships and Fellowships of INESC TEC.

#### 6. FORMALISATION OF APPLICATIONS:

##### Application Documents:

1. Motivation letter;
2. Curriculum Vitae (must include the list of previous fellowships, their type, beginning and end dates, funding entities and host institutions);
3. Certificate or diploma degree fully recognised in Portugal;
  - Documents proving the awarding of academic degrees and diplomas, or the according recognition - in cases of academic degrees or diplomas granted by a foreign higher education institution - can be dismissed in the application process, and replaced by the applicant's declaration of honour, with the verification of said condition taking place during the grant's hiring stage.
4. Proof of enrollment in a degree awarding study cycle or in a non degree awarding Higher Education program.
  - The proof of enrollment may be presented just during the grant hiring stage.
5. Signed declaration stating the infringement of the grant holder's duties (article 14, no. 4)
6. Documental evidence to support the country of residence, residence permit or other legally equivalent document, in cases where the applicant is a foreigner or non-resident in Portugal - valid until the beginning of the grant.
7. Other supporting documents relevant to the final assessment.

Failure to deliver the required documents within the 90-day period after the date of the notice of the conditional awarding of the grant implies its cancellation.

**Application period:** From 2020-06-26 to 2020-07-09

**Submission of applications:** the application will be formalised by submitting the form available in the *Work With Us* section of INESC TEC website.

## 7. BINDING LEGISLATION AND REGULATION

The hiring process shall comply with the current legislation regarding the Research Grant Holder Statute, approved by Law no. 40/2004 of August 18, in its current wording, as well as by the Regulations for Grants of INESC TEC and for [FCT Grants Regulation in force](#).

For more information, please check the Regulations for Grants of INESC TEC and relevant annexes at [www.inesctec.pt/bolsas](http://www.inesctec.pt/bolsas)



Cofinanciado por:



UNIÃO EUROPEIA  
Fundo Europeu de Desenvolvimento Regional

