

CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS (AE2024-0016)

INESC TEC is now accepting grant applications to award 1 Research Initiation Grant (BII) within the scope of the TEXPACT funded by IAPMEI with reference 61 Co-financed by Component 5 - Capitalization and Business Innovation, integrated in the Resilience Dimension of the Recovery and Resilience Plan within the scope of the Recovery and Resilience Mechanism (MRR) of the European Union (EU), framed in the Next Generation EU, for the period 2021 - 2026.

1. GRANT DESCRIPTION

Type of grant: Research Initiation Grant (BII)

General scientific area: COMPUTER SCIENCE,ENGINEERING

Scientific subarea: Programming,Electronic engineering

Area of Work: Smart medical devices (microprogramming and signal processing)

Grant duration: 3 months, starting on 2024-03-01, with the possibility of being renewed for a maximum term of one year.

Scientific advisor: Miguel Velhote Correia

Workplace: INESC TEC, Porto, Portugal

Maintenance stipend: € 541,12, [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.

INESC TEC supports costs with registration, enrolment or tuition fees, during the grant duration, under the terms established in the internal document: "[Payment of Tuition fees to grant holders](#)".

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

2. OBJECTIVES:

- Algorithms for analyzing signals in real time and identifying characteristics and recognizing personalized patterns;
- Mobile application for the user;
- Testing and validation of software developed in a controlled laboratory environment;
- Scientific article for publication in a magazine or international conference.

3. BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME AND TRAINING:

- Research and development of algorithms for analyzing signals acquired in real time by a system with integrated sensors, which will perform measurements, for example, of body temperature, heart rate and respiration and peripheral oxygenation during daily activities;
- Identification of characteristics and recognition of personalized patterns in an objective and efficient way and creation of a mobile application for the user to improve their performance;
- Collaboration in a research, development and innovation project, in the textile and clothing sector, to create smart clothing with movement, biometric and physiological sensing;
- Collaboration with project partners in signal collection and database organization;
- Collaboration in the writing of scientific articles, patent proposals and work reports.

4. REQUIRED PROFILE:

Admission requirements:

MSc student in Biomedical Engineering or related areas.

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

Preference factors:

Minimum requirements:

Good knowledge of programming and signal processing.

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, 30%), Scientific Publications (PC, 30%), Experience (EX, 20%) and Motivation Letter (CM, 20%).

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 (60%) and EI (40%).

The Selection Jury is composed of the following members:

President of the Jury: Miguel Velhote Correia

Full member: João Paulo Cunha

Full member: Susana Cristina Rodrigues

Substitute member:

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;
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 not having benefited from any other research fellowship (Article 5, no. 5)
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 2024-01-25 to 2024-02-07

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



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