

## CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS (AE2024-0020)

INESC TEC is now accepting grant applications to award 1 Research Grant (BI) on the scope iSTENTORE with reference 101096787 funded by the European Commission under the Horizon Europe program for the period 2021-2027.

### 1. GRANT DESCRIPTION

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

**General scientific area:** ENGINEERING

**Scientific subarea:** Electronic engineering

**Area of Work:** Power Systems

**Grant duration:** 12 months, starting on 2024-02-26, with the possibility of being renewed until the end of the project.

**Scientific advisor:** Filipe Joel Soares

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

**Maintenance stipend:** € 930,98 or 1199,64, [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:

- expand the state-of-the-art knowledge in the specific scientific area of the grant;
- identify and select the appropriate methods for the study in question;
- develop research capacity through the application of the selected methods;
- exercise critical thinking in evaluating the research process and the results obtained.

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

- characterize the state of the art in the field of hybrid storage systems and perspectives of their evolution taking into account different use cases;
- contribute to the development and implementation of tools in the energy area, involving hybrid storage systems, renewable production, isolated systems, system services, system dynamics and stability;
- develop APIs for the exchange of information between systems and to enable interaction between new tools and existing platforms;
- specify virtual power plants and their functional applications based on hybrid storage systems and aiming at providing specific system services.
- attend a curricular unit of transversal competences;
- write the grant activity report.

#### 4. REQUIRED PROFILE:

##### Admission requirements:

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

##### Preference factors:

- capability to analyze and process data relating to the operation and control of energy systems;
- experience or knowledge of fundamental concepts of dynamics and stability of isolated systems;
- experience or knowledge of energy conversion systems for storage devices or renewable systems;
- knowledge of Python (or similar);
- knowledge in the area of energy transition and digitalization;
- knowledge of electrical energy storage systems.

##### Minimum requirements:

- knowledge in programming;
- fluency in English (written and spoken).

#### 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, 10%), Experience (EX, 30%) 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 (90%) and EI (10%).

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

- President of the Jury: Filipe Joel Soares
- Full member: Carlos Moreira
- Full member: Leonel Magalhães Carvalho
- Substitute member: Ricardo Jorge Bessa

**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 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 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](http://www.inesctec.pt/bolsas)



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