

Notice of the 1st Edition of the Call for Applications for PhD Research Scholarships

PREAMBLE

The European University of the Seas (SEA-EU) Alliance is composed of nine universities: the University of Cádiz, the University of Western Brittany, the University of Kiel, the University of Gdańsk, the University of Split, the University of Malta, the University of Naples Parthenope, the University of Algarve, and Nord University. The SEA-EU Alliance seeks to foster a co-creative relationship among universities, driven by people, environmentally sustainable, and grounded in the advancement of knowledge for all.

Within the framework of the SEA-EU Alliance, the University of Algarve hereby opens a call for the award of 20 (twenty) research scholarships, hereinafter referred to as PhD Research Scholarships, in the fields of Science and Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences, Economics, and Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, under the Research Fellowship Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) and the Research Fellowship Holder Statute.

The scholarships will be funded by the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) under the Collaboration Protocol concluded between FCT and the University of Algarve (UAlg) on 11 July 2025.

1. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The call is open from 27 October 2025, at 17:00 (Lisbon time), until 26 November 2025, at 23:59 (Lisbon time). Applications, together with all supporting documents required under this Notice, must be submitted exclusively via email to seaeuphd@ualg.pt, with the subject line “Candidatura SEA-EU_PHD_2025”.

Each applicant may submit only one application to this call; otherwise, all submitted applications will be cancelled.

The provision of false statements or the practice of plagiarism by applicants shall result in the cancellation of the application, without prejudice to the adoption of other sanctioning measures.

2. TYPE AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The PhD Research Scholarships are intended to support the pursuit, by the scholarship holder, of research activities leading to the award of the doctoral degree at the Faculties of the University of Algarve, within the following Doctoral Programmes:

- PhD Programme in Marine, Earth, and Environmental Sciences (Faculty of Sciences and Technology)

- PhD Programme in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (Faculty of Sciences and Technology)
- PhD Programme in Biological Sciences (Faculty of Sciences and Technology)
- PhD Programme in Biotechnological Sciences (Faculty of Sciences and Technology)
- PhD Programme in Mathematics (Faculty of Sciences and Technology)
- PhD Programme in Chemistry (Faculty of Sciences and Technology)
- PhD Programme in Economics and Business Sciences (Faculty of Economics)
- PhD Programme in Quantitative Methods Applied to Economics and Management (Faculty of Economics)
- PhD Programme in Sociology (Faculty of Economics)
- PhD Programme in Tourism (Faculty of Economics)
- PhD Programme in Archaeology (Faculty of Human and Social Sciences)
- PhD Programme in Heritage Studies (Faculty of Human and Social Sciences)
- PhD Programme in Digital Media-Art (Faculty of Human and Social Sciences)
- PhD Programme in Psychology (Faculty of Human and Social Sciences)
- PhD Programme in Biomedical Sciences (Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences)
- PhD Programme in Clinical Research and Translational Medicine (Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences)
- International PhD Programme in Cancer (Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences)

In accordance with the ranking of candidates based on the total score obtained, 6 scholarships shall be awarded to Doctoral Programmes of the Faculty of Science and Technology, 5 scholarships to Doctoral Programmes of the Faculty of Economics, 6 scholarships to Doctoral Programmes of the Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, and 3 scholarships to Doctoral Programmes of the Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

If the number of applications within a given Academic Unit is insufficient, or if the applications submitted do not achieve the minimum score required for the award of a scholarship, the unallocated scholarships shall be automatically reassigned to the highest-ranked candidates on the overall merit list.

The work plan shall be carried out predominantly at the University of Algarve, while allowing for the development of joint supervision (*cotutelle*) arrangements with SEA-EU partner universities (mixed scholarships). Research periods undertaken at SEA-EU partner universities shall have a minimum duration of six 6 months and a maximum duration of 24 months.

Scholarships shall be awarded for a period of 1 year, renewable annually up to a maximum of 4 years (48 months). No scholarship shall be granted for a period of less than 3 consecutive months.

3. BENEFICIARIES OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

The PhD Research Scholarships are intended for candidates who are enrolled in one of the Doctoral Programmes listed in Section 2 of this Notice, or for candidates who meet the necessary conditions to enrol in one of those Doctoral Programmes and who intend to carry out research activities leading to the award of the degree of Doctor at the University of Algarve, under joint supervision with at least one of the other universities belonging to the SEA-EU Alliance (<https://sea-eu.org/>). The research work must be jointly supervised by academic staff or researchers from both SEA-EU universities and may also include the participation of external partner universities of the SEA-EU Alliance located in non-European countries (<https://sea-eu.org/external-partners-2/>). Applicants must hold a Master's degree, or a Bachelor's degree with a minimum of five years of study, in the scientific areas identified in the preamble of this Call for Applications.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Applicant Eligibility Requirements

The following are eligible to apply to this call:

- National citizens or citizens of other Member States of the European Union;
- Citizens of third countries;
- Stateless persons;
- Citizens holding refugee status or recognised as refugees from a Humanitarian Emergency Zone.

To apply for a PhD Research Scholarship, applicants must:

- Hold either an undergraduate degree (with a minimum study plan of five years) or a Master's degree;
- To reside permanently and habitually in Portugal at the start date of the work plan period, a requirement applicable to both national and foreign citizens;
- Not have previously benefited from a PhD Scholarship or a PhD in Industry Scholarship directly funded by FCT, regardless of its duration;
- Not already hold a doctoral degree.

4.2 Application Eligibility Requirements

The following documents must be attached to the application, under penalty of non-admission to the Call:

- Copy of identity card/citizen card/passport;
- Candidate's curriculum vitae in the CIÊNCIAVITAE platform format. Registration and completion are required [here](#);
- Degree certificates of academic qualifications held, expressly stating the final grade and, if possible, the grades obtained in all completed course units, or, alternatively, a sworn statement by the candidate declaring that the bachelor's or master's degree has been completed by the closing date of the application period;
- Where applicable, proof of recognition and registration of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions, as well as the registration of the conversion of the respective final classification to the Portuguese grading scale, or, alternatively, a sworn statement by the applicant declaring that the recognition of the foreign degree equivalent to a Bachelor's or Master's degree will have been obtained by the closing date of the application period. Failure to provide proof of the academic degree or its recognition at the contracting stage shall result in the annulment of the candidate's evaluation due to an error of fact. Failure to submit the conversion of the final classification to the Portuguese grading scale at the application stage shall result in the attribution of the minimum score (zero points) for sub-criterion A1 "Academic record";
- A preliminary proposal of the work plan to be developed within the scientific area of the Doctoral Programme applied for, indicating, in order of preference, the Faculty and Doctoral Programme at the University of Algarve where the candidate intends to carry out the research work;
- A signed motivation letter in which the applicant explains the reasons for applying to one of the Doctoral Programmes covered by this Notice; in particular, the motivation letter must specify the applicant's preferences and the reasons for their interest in the area(s) of research they wish to pursue within the framework of the collaboration with the European University of the Seas (SEA-EU) and its partner higher education institutions;
- Two letters of recommendation, one of which may be a letter of support from a higher education institution, employer, or another relevant entity;
- The application and all accompanying documents, including the motivation and recommendation letters, must be written in Portuguese or English.

Regarding the eligibility requirements listed above, the following should be noted:

- Academic degrees obtained abroad will only be accepted if duly recognised by the Directorate-General for Higher Education or by a Portuguese public higher education institution, in compliance with the applicable legislation on the recognition of foreign qualifications, namely Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of 16 August. All formalities established therein must be fulfilled by the time of contracting (<https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/reconhecimento>).

Only candidates who have completed the study cycle leading to a bachelor's degree (with a minimum study plan of five years) or a master's degree by the closing date of the application period will be admitted. Where the certificate of completion is not yet available, a sworn statement by the candidate attesting to completion of the required qualifications by the end of the application period will be accepted. The award of the scholarship is conditional upon the submission, at the contracting stage, of the supporting documents attesting to the required academic qualifications.

5. WORK PLAN AND SCIENTIFIC SUPERVISION OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

The work plan associated with the PhD Research Scholarship, submitted at the application stage, may be subsequently adjusted within the framework of the doctoral programme application process and in accordance with the supervisors' guidance.

The work plan to be developed must be submitted in detail and shall necessarily include the following sections: abstract (maximum 250 words), subject of study and its relevance, objective(s), state of the art, methodology, expected results (including an indication of the number of scientific articles foreseen), timetable, and bibliography. The work plan must not exceed 10 A4 pages, including a timetable and a bibliography. The required formatting is Times New Roman, font size 12, line spacing 1.5, with standard margins (2.54 cm).

The taught component of a doctoral programme shall not be considered part of the work plan.

Applicants may propose up to three supervisors. One supervisor must, without exception, be a PhD professor or researcher belonging to the staff of UAlg or its research centres; another supervisor must, without exception, be a PhD professor or researcher from another university of the SEA-EU Alliance, to ensure the joint supervision agreement (*cotutelle*).

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND BONUS POINTS

6.1 Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation shall consider both the merit of the candidate and the merit of the work plan.

Applications considered eligible will be scored on a scale from 1.000 (minimum) to 5.000 (maximum) in each of the following evaluation criteria:

- Criterion A – Candidate's Merit, weighting 70%
 - Sub-criterion A1 – Academic record, weighting 50%
 - Sub-criterion A2 – Personal curriculum, weighting 40%
 - Sub-criterion A3 – Motivation letter, weighting 10%

The score to be awarded under Sub-criterion A1 shall be calculated based on the final grades stated in the academic degree certificates submitted by the candidate in the application form: i) Bachelor's degree + Master's degree/Integrated Master's degree; ii) Bachelor's degree only; or iii) Master's degree only, in accordance with Table 1.

Table 1. Reference table for defining the score of sub-criterion A1 – Academic Record

Bachelor + Master		Bachelor (5 years)	
Grade	A1 Score	Grade	A1 Score
≥ 18	5,0	≥ 17	3,5
17	4,5	16	3,0
16	4,0	15	2,5
15	3,5	14	2,0
14	3,0	<14	1,5
<14	2,5		

Note: The grade to be considered shall be the one stated in the respective degree certificates submitted with the application. In cases where the final grade is presented with decimal places, it shall be rounded to the nearest whole number according to the following rule: when the decimal is equal to or greater than 5, the grade shall be rounded up; when the decimal is less than 5, the grade shall remain unchanged. In the case of calculating the simple arithmetic mean between the bachelor's and the master's grades, the grades indicated on the certificates shall be considered (even if presented with decimal places), with rounding applied only after the average has been calculated.

IMPORTANT: Average grade on a scale of 0 to 20; in cases where no valid degree certificates are submitted, the score to be awarded under Sub-criterion A1 shall be zero (A1 = 0).

For the application of the scores provided in Table 1, it is mandatory to submit, at the time of application, the following documents:

- a) Degree certificate(s) of academic qualifications, expressly indicating the final grade and, if possible, the grades obtained in all completed course units. In the case of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions, and to guarantee equal treatment for candidates holding foreign and national degrees, recognition of such degrees and the conversion of the respective final grade into the Portuguese grading scale is compulsory.
- b) The recognition of foreign academic degrees and diplomas, as well as the conversion of the final grade into the Portuguese grading scale, may be requested from any public higher education institution, or from the Directorate-General for Higher Education (DGES, in the case of automatic recognition only). For further information, applicants are advised to consult the DGES portal at the following address: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt>.

For the purposes of applying Table 1, the following shall be considered:

- a) The final average of “bachelor’s + master’s” results from the simple arithmetic mean of the final grade obtained in the 1st cycle and the final grade obtained in the 2nd cycle, according to the following formula:

$$\text{Final average} = \frac{\text{final grade of 1st cycle (bachelor's degree)} + \text{final grade of 2nd cycle (master's degree)}}{2}$$

- b) In the case of integrated master’s degrees awarded by institutions that do not issue certificates with separate final grades for the 1st and 2nd cycles, the final grade indicated on the degree certificate after completion of the study cycle [300 to 360 ECTS credits] shall be considered.
- c) In cases where both an integrated master’s degree certificate [300–360 ECTS credits] and a pre-Bologna or 2nd cycle master’s degree certificate are submitted, the final grade of the integrated master’s degree shall mandatorily be considered.
- d) In cases where only bachelor’s or master’s degree certificate(s) are submitted, the grades indicated in the respective columns of Table 1 shall apply.

- e) When candidates present more than one bachelor's and/or master's degree of equivalent level (equivalent number of ECTS credits), it shall be for the evaluation panel to determine which degree(s) are most relevant to the proposed work plan and should therefore be considered in calculating the academic record score (Sub-criterion A1). For example, if a candidate submits a bachelor's degree certificate and more than one master's degree certificate, the panel shall consider the master's degree that is most relevant to the proposed work plan. However, if a candidate submits certificates of an integrated master's degree and of a 2nd cycle master's degree (without a bachelor's or 1st cycle certificate), the panel shall be required to consider the integrated master's degree in calculating the academic record score, as indicated above. The evaluation panel shall take into consideration any additional course(s) submitted by the candidate under the assessment of Sub-criterion A2, thereby valuing the candidate's personal curriculum. In all cases, the methodology decided upon and applied by the panel must be explicitly stated in the respective evaluation reports and minutes.
- f) For the purposes of calculating Sub-criterion A1, certificates that indicate only a qualitative grade (for example, pre-Bologna master's degrees) shall be converted according to the provisions set out in Table 2, for the purpose of calculating the final average (bachelor's + master's) and the subsequent determination of the academic record score (through the application of Table 1).

Table 2: Conversion table of qualitative grades

Qualitative grade	Converted grade
Excellent Very Good with Distinction and Honours Magna Cum Laude Summa Cum Laude	18
Very Good Pass with Distinction Good with Distinction Cum Laude	16
Good Pass Pass with Unanimity	14
Satisfactory	12

A score of zero (A1 = 0) shall be awarded under Sub-criterion A1 in all cases not covered by the situations provided in Table 1. Examples include:

- a) When both national certificates, bachelor's and master's, do not contain any reference to the final grade obtained (neither qualitative nor quantitative);
 - b) When both foreign certificates, bachelor's and master's, have not been formally recognised, or their respective final grades have not been converted to the Portuguese grading scale.
- Criterion B – Merit of the work plan, weighting 30%
 - Sub-criterion B1 – Well-founded relevance of the subject of study and research objectives, weighting 40%
 - Sub-criterion B2 – Scientific quality of the state of the art and of the methodology of the work plan, weighting 50%
 - Sub-criterion B3 – Feasibility of the work plan, weighting 10%

The Evaluation Panel may decide to conduct interviews to clarify any of the evaluation criteria.

For awarding scholarships, candidates shall be ranked according to the weighted average of the scores obtained in each of the two criteria, expressed by the following formula:

$$\text{Final Score} = (0.7 \times A) + (0.3 \times B)$$

For the purposes of tie-breaking, candidates shall be ranked based on the scores awarded under each evaluation criterion, in the following order of precedence: Criterion B, Criterion A.

The Evaluation Panel shall ensure a balanced distribution of the scholarships awarded, in accordance with the quota allocated to each Faculty, as referred to in Section 2 of this Notice of Call.

Important notice for candidates holding diplomas issued by foreign higher education institutions:

- Applicants holding degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions may apply and will be assessed according to the same criteria as those holding degrees awarded by Portuguese institutions, provided that they submit, at the application stage, proof of the recognition of their academic degrees and of the conversion of the final classification to the Portuguese grading scale, in accordance with the applicable legislation.

- Candidates holding foreign diplomas who do not submit proof of the conversion of their final grade to the Portuguese grading scale shall be assessed with a score of 0.000 points under Sub-criterion A1.
- In any case, scholarship contracts with candidates holding diplomas issued by foreign institutions shall only be executed upon presentation of proof of degree recognition and grade conversion, as indicated above.

Applicants whose application is assessed with a final score lower than 3.500 points shall not be eligible for the award of a scholarship.

6.2 Bonus

To strengthen external partnerships in research and teaching with non-European universities within the framework of SEA-EU, candidates coming from UAlg's external partner universities under the SEA-EU Alliance, located in developing countries, shall receive a bonus of 1.000 point in Criterion A – Candidate's Merit. The external partner universities of UAlg within the SEA-EU Alliance, located in developing countries, are listed in Table 3.

Table 3: SEA-EU external partner universities in developing countries

University	Country
Agostinho Neto University	Angola
University of Namibe	Angola
State University of Amapá	Brazil
Federal University of Western Pará	Brazil
Federal University of Pernambuco	Brazil
Atlantic Technical University	Cape Verde
Shanghai Ocean University	China
University of Magdalena	Colombia
University of Saint Peter	Ivory Coast
Takoradi Technical University	Ghana
Abdelmalek Essaâdi University	Morocco
Hassan I University	Morocco
Eduardo Mondlane University	Mozambique

National University of Itapúa	Paraguay
National Evangelical University	Dominican Republic
Constanța Maritime University	Romania
University of São Tomé and Príncipe	São Tomé and Príncipe
Cheikh Anta Diop University	Senegal
University of Ruhuna	Sri Lanka

Given that the purpose of this call is to encourage doctoral studies under joint supervision (*cotutelle*) with other universities of the SEA-EU Alliance, an additional score of one (1.000) point shall be awarded under Criterion A – Merit of the Applicant. This bonus shall be added to the score obtained in that criterion by candidates who have been enrolled for less than one year at the University of Algarve in one of the Doctoral Programmes listed in Section 2 of this Notice, or by candidates who meet the necessary conditions to enrol in one of those Doctoral Programmes. This bonus shall not be cumulative with the one referred to in the preceding paragraph.

7. EVALUATION

The evaluation panel for candidates shall be composed of the following members of the University of Algarve:

Chair:

Professor Maria Alexandra Anica Teodósio, Full Professor, Faculty of Sciences and Technology, UAlg.

Full Members:

Professor Patrícia Susana Lopes Guerrilha dos Santos Pinto, Full Professor, Faculty of Economics, UAlg;

Professor Alice Newton, Full Professor, Faculty of Sciences and Technology, UAlg;

Professor Dora Lúcia Miguel Agapito, Assistant Professor with Aggregation, Faculty of Economics, UAlg;

Professor Pedro Jorge Gomes Teodósio Castelo Branco, Associate Professor with Aggregation, Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, UAlg;

Professor Saul Neves de Jesus, Full Professor, Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, UAlg.

Alternate Members:

Professor João Pedro Pereira da Costa Bernardes, Full Professor, Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, UAlg;

Professor Maria de Lurdes Santos Cristiano, Full Professor, Faculty of Sciences and Technology, UAlg;

Professor Natércia Maria da Silva Conceição, Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, UAlg.

The evaluation panel shall assess applications in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in this Notice of Call, considering the respective assessment elements.

All members of the panel, including the chair, undertake to comply with a set of essential responsibilities inherent to the evaluation process, such as the duties of impartiality, the disclosure of any potential conflicts of interest, and confidentiality. At all times during the evaluation process, confidentiality shall be fully protected and ensured to safeguard the independence of all opinions produced.

Members of the panel, including the chair, may not act as supervisors or co-supervisors of candidates whose applications are submitted to the evaluation panel.

For each application, the panel shall produce a final evaluation sheet in which the reasoning leading to the scores awarded to each of the criteria and sub-criteria is presented clearly, coherently, and consistently, also indicating any bonuses awarded.

Minutes of the meetings of the evaluation panel shall be drawn up and shall be the responsibility of all its members.

The minutes and their annexes must mandatorily include the following information:

- Name and affiliation of all members of the evaluation panel;
- Identification of all applications considered non-assessable;
- Final evaluation sheets for each candidate;
- Provisional ranking list of candidates, in descending order of final score, of all applications assessed by the panel, without ties;
- Declarations of confidentiality, independence, and absence of conflict of interest (CDI) from all members of the panel;
- Any delegation of vote and responsibilities due to justified absence.

8. DISCLOSURE OF RESULTS

The evaluation results shall be communicated by email to the electronic address used by the candidate for the submission of the application, and proof of receipt of the email must be requested.

9. DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES FOR PRIOR HEARING, COMPLAINTS, AND APPEALS

Following communication of the provisional list of evaluation results, candidates shall have a period of 10 working days in which to exercise their right to be heard, in accordance with Articles 121 et seq. of the Code of Administrative Procedure.

The final decision shall be issued after analysis of the statements submitted during the prior hearing of interested parties. Against the final decision, a complaint may be lodged within 15 working days, or alternatively, an appeal may be lodged within 30 working days, both periods starting from the date of notification.

Candidates who choose to lodge a complaint must submit their statement to the delegated member of the Board of Directors of the FCT. Candidates who choose to lodge an appeal must submit it to the Board of Directors of the FCT.

10. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AWARD OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

Research scholarship contracts shall be concluded directly with the FCT.

The following documents must be mandatorily submitted at the time of the award of the scholarship for the purposes of contracting:

- a) Copy of the civil identification, tax identification (Portuguese), and, where applicable, social security document¹;
- b) Copy of the degree certificates of academic qualifications held;
- c) Candidate's curriculum vitae;
- d) Proof of recognition of foreign academic degrees and conversion of the respective final grades to the Portuguese grading scale, where applicable;
- e) Formal application to the doctoral programme to be attended, together with proof of registration and enrolment in one of the Doctoral Programmes identified in this Notice;
- f) Work plan to be carried out;
- g) Statement from the supervisor(s) assuming responsibility for the supervision of the work plan (template of the statement to be provided by FCT);
- h) Document attesting to the candidate's acceptance by the institution(s) where the research activities will be carried out, confirming that the necessary conditions for their proper development are ensured, as well as

¹ The submission of these documents may, at the candidate's option, be replaced by their presentation in person at the funding entity, which shall retain the elements deemed pertinent for the validity and execution of the contract, including the civil, tax, and social security identification numbers, as well as the validity of the respective documents.

compliance with the obligations set out in Article 13 of the Research Fellowship Holder Statute (template of the statement to be provided by FCT);

- i) Updated document attesting to compliance with the exclusive dedication regime (template of the statement to be provided by FCT);
- j) Document proving the Portuguese IBAN (in which the candidate is the account holder).

The award of the scholarship is furthermore conditional upon:

- Compliance with the requirements laid down in this Notice of Call;
- The result of the scientific evaluation;
- The absence of any unjustified breach of duties by the scholarship holder under a previous scholarship contract funded, directly or indirectly, by FCT;
- The budgetary availability of FCT.

Failure to submit any of the documents required to complete the contracting process of the scholarship within 6 months from the date of notification of the conditional award decision shall result in the expiry of said award and the closure of the process.

Following the award of the scholarship, UAlg shall ensure coordination with the partner universities of the SEA-EU Alliance in the appointment of coordinators of the corresponding doctoral programmes at those institutions, to facilitate the application process at each of those universities and thereby ensure the implementation of the *cotutelle* process.

11. FUNDING

The payment of the scholarships shall commence upon the return by the candidates of the duly signed scholarship contract, which must occur within a maximum of 15 working days from the date of receipt.

The scholarships awarded under this call shall be funded by FCT with funds from the State Budget and, where eligible, with funds from the European Social Fund through the Demography, Qualifications, and Inclusion Programme (PDQI), in accordance with the regulatory provisions established for this purpose.

12. SCHOLARSHIP COMPONENTS

Scholarship holders shall receive a monthly maintenance allowance in accordance with the table set out in the FCT Research Fellowship Regulations (RBI) No. 234/2012 [https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Tabela_valores_SMM_2025.pdf], updated with effect from 1 January 2025.

The scholarship may also include other components, as provided for in Article 18 of the RBI and in the amounts established in Annexe II thereto.

All scholarship holders shall benefit from personal accident insurance in relation to their research activities, funded by FCT.

All scholarship holders not covered by any social protection scheme may secure the exercise of their right to social security by joining the voluntary social insurance scheme, under the terms of the Code of Contributory Schemes of the Social Security System, with FCT assuming the costs of contributions within the terms and limits set out in Article 10 of the Research Fellowship Holder Statute.

13. PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMPONENTS

Payments due to the scholarship holder shall be made by bank transfer to the account indicated by the holder. The monthly maintenance allowance shall be paid on the first working day of each month.

Payments relating to enrolment, registration, or tuition fees shall be made by FCT directly to the University of Algarve.

14. TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR RENEWAL OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The renewal of the scholarship shall always be subject to a request submitted by the scholarship holder within 60 working days prior to the renewal start date, accompanied by the following documents:

- a) Opinions issued by the supervisor(s) and the host institution(s) regarding the monitoring of the scholarship holder's work and assessment of activities;
- b) Updated document proving compliance with the exclusive dedication regime;
- c) Proof of renewal of enrolment in the doctoral study cycle.

15. INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY OF THE FUNDING AWARDED

During the scholarship period, students shall be duly monitored by their supervisors at the UAlg Faculties and at the partner universities of the SEA-EU Alliance, who will coordinate all activities leading to the doctoral degree within the doctoral programme applied for.

In all R&D activities directly or indirectly funded by the scholarship – in all communications, publications, and scientific works, including theses – reference must be made to the financial support of FCT and, where applicable, of the European Social Fund through the Demography, Qualifications, and Inclusion Programme (DQIP). For this purpose, documents relating to these activities must include the logos of FCT, MCTES, ESF, and the EU, in accordance with the graphic standards of the relevant funding programme.

The documents must also include the logos of the European Commission and the SEA-EU Alliance, in accordance with the graphic standards of the relevant funding programme.

The dissemination of research results funded under the RBI must comply with FCT's open access policy regarding data, publications, and other research outputs.

In all scholarships, and particularly in the case of actions supported by EU funding, monitoring and control activities may be carried out by national and European bodies in accordance with the applicable legislation. Scholarship holders are obliged to cooperate and provide any requested information, including participation in surveys and evaluation studies in this area, even after the scholarship has ended.

16. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL ACCESS POLICY

FCT promotes a policy of non-discrimination and equal access. No candidate shall be privileged, benefited, prejudiced, deprived of any right, or exempted from any duty based on ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family situation, economic situation, education, social origin or condition, genetic heritage, reduced work capacity, disability, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic or racial origin, place of origin, language, religion, political or ideological beliefs, or trade union membership.

17. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

This Call is governed by this Notice of Call, by the FCT Research Fellowship Regulations, approved by Regulation No. 950/2019, published in Series II of the Official Gazette of 16 December 2019, by the Research Fellowship Holder Statute, approved by Law No. 40/2004 of 18 August, in its current wording, and by all other applicable national and European legislation.

18. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applicants are strongly advised to read carefully all information required for the submission of applications to the University of Algarve's Doctoral Programmes. General information regarding admission to Doctoral Studies in the academic year 2025/2026 is available at:

- PhD Programme in Marine, Earth and Environmental Sciences (Faculty of Sciences and Technology): <https://fct.ualg.pt/curso/1562>
- PhD Programme in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (Faculty of Sciences and Technology): <https://fct.ualg.pt/curso/1826>
- PhD Programme in Biological Sciences (Faculty of Sciences and Technology): <https://fct.ualg.pt/curso/1559>
- PhD Programme in Biotechnological Sciences (Faculty of Sciences and Technology): <https://www.ualg.pt/curso/1668>
- PhD Programme in Mathematics (Faculty of Sciences and Technology): <https://fct.ualg.pt/curso/1558>
- PhD Programme in Chemistry (Faculty of Sciences and Technology): <https://www.ualg.pt/curso/1565>
- PhD Programme in Economics and Business Sciences (Faculty of Economics): <https://fe.ualg.pt/curso/1672>
- PhD Programme in Quantitative Methods Applied to Economics and Management (Faculty of Economics): <https://fe.ualg.pt/curso/1674>
- PhD Programme in Sociology (Faculty of Economics): <https://www.ualg.pt/curso/1786>
- PhD Programme in Tourism (Faculty of Economics): <https://fe.ualg.pt/curso/3000>
- PhD Programme in Archaeology (Faculty of Human and Social Sciences): <https://fchs.ualg.pt/curso/1673>
- PhD Programme in Heritage Studies (Faculty of Human and Social Sciences): <https://fchs.ualg.pt/curso/1911>
- PhD Programme in Digital Media-Art (Faculty of Human and Social Sciences): <https://fchs.ualg.pt/curso/1714>
- PhD Programme in Psychology (Faculty of Human and Social Sciences): <https://fchs.ualg.pt/curso/1542>
- PhD Programme in Biomedical Sciences (Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences): <https://fmcb.ualg.pt/curso/1919>
- PhD Programme in Clinical Research and Translational Medicine (Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences): <https://fmcb.ualg.pt/curso/1922>
- International PhD Programme in Cancer (Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences): <https://fmcb.ualg.pt/curso/1969>