

RESEARCH GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT (BI)

Reference: PRBI/4/2026

IPC-IIA/INOV4Industry

A call is now open for the award of a Research Grant (BI) within the scope of the project “INOV4Industry - Transferir conhecimento científico e tecnologia para a Indústria” of the Instituto Politécnico de Coimbra, with the operation code COMPETE2030-FEDER-01458200, under the Notice Code (COMPETE2030-2024-6), co-financed by the European Union through the COMPETE 2030 Programme and Portugal 2030, within the Sistema de Ações Coletivas – Transferência do conhecimento científico e tecnológico, under the following conditions.

Scientific Areas: Business Sciences (CNAEF 34) or Communication and Design

Admission Requirements

Applicants must:

- i) Hold a Bachelor’s degree in Business Sciences (CNAEF 34) or Communication and Design, and
- ii) Be enrolled in a Master’s degree, Integrated Master’s degree, or a non-degree awarding course¹;

or

- iii) Hold a Master’s degree in Business Sciences (CNAEF 34) or Communication and Design, and
- iv) Be enrolled in a non-degree awarding course.

Candidates must meet requirement ii) or iv) and submit, at the time of application, proof of enrolment in a degree-awarding cycle or in a non-degree awarding course.

¹ “Non-degree awarding courses” are those referred in alínea e) do n.º 3 do artigo 4.º do Decreto-Lei n.º 74/2006, de 24 de março, in its current wording, carried out in association or cooperation between the higher education institution and one or more R&D units, as stipulated in alínea e) do Artigo 3.º do Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação da FCT.

Work Plan

The work to be carried out during the scholarship period will be framed within the “INOVA4Industry - Transferir conhecimento científico e tecnologia para a Indústria”. The fellow will carry out the following activities:

- Internal (partners) and external communication related to the organization and implementation of awareness, information, and demonstration activities;
- Promotion and dissemination of the project's activities and results, including creative development and production of graphic materials;
- Coordinating the production of audiovisual or multimedia content;
- Supporting the management and communication of the Polytechnic of Coimbra's knowledge portfolio;
- Promoting initiatives directed at companies;
- Monitoring all dissemination, interaction, and demonstration activities of the project in order to create content for dissemination across various communication channels.

Duration and Grant Conditions

The grant will have an initial duration of 12 months, under an exclusive dedication regime, and does not establish or entitle the fellow to an employment contract. The fellow will be awarded the status of IPC Research Fellow, in accordance with the Research Fellowship Holder Statute and the FCT Research Fellowships Regulation, both in their current wording. The fellow start date is 1 March 2026.

Renewal: The fellowship may be renewed for an additional 6 months, in the case of master's and integrated master's students.

Scientific Supervision: Professor Marta Helena Fernandes Henriques and Professor Ana Cristina Araújo Veloso.

Monthly Maintenance Allowance

The monthly maintenance allowance is €1,040.98, for the performance of R&D activities by Master's degree students, Integrated Master's degree students, or Bachelor's/Master's degree holders enrolled in non-degree awarding courses (BI), in accordance with the current FCT table of values (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Tabela_valores_SMM_2025.pdf). Payment will be made monthly by bank transfer.

The amount includes Voluntary Social Security (first level) if the fellow opts for enrolment and covers personal accident insurance.

Work Place

Polytechnic University of Coimbra, Rua da Misericórdia, Lagar dos Cortiços – S. Martinho do Bispo, 3045-093 Coimbra.

Selection Methods

The selection process will consist of Curriculum Evaluation (100%).

Curriculum Evaluation (CE) will consider:

- CE1. Final classification of Bachelor's, Master's, or Integrated Master's degree (45%)²
- CE2. Additional academic/professional training (15%)
- CE3. Relevant professional experience, preferably related to the activities to be performed in the project (25%)
- CE4. Motivation/cover letter (15%)

The final classification (FC), on a scale of 1 to 20, will be calculated as follows:

$$FC = (0.45 \times CE1) + (0.15 \times CE2) + (0.25 \times CE3) + (0.15 \times CE4)$$

The Jury reserves the right not to select any candidate if none meets the required profile.

Jury Composition

Associate Professor Marta Helena Fernandes Henriques (Presidente);

Associate Professor Ana Cristina Araújo Veloso and Assistant Professor Carla Henriques (Effective members);

Doutora Diana Lima e a Doutora Sónia Chelinho (Alternate member).

Application Submission

² If the candidate holds multiple academic degrees, the highest classification will be considered.

Candidates must access and register on the website: https://www.ipc.pt/bupc/concursos/form/concursos_bolseiros to submit the application, selecting the procedure for which they intend to apply.

Applications must be delivered exclusively in digital format, in portable document format (pdf), with the exception of documents whose delivery is scheduled in other digital formats.

Application instructions are completed by filling in the sections available at the aforementioned link.

When formalizing the application, if it contains a classified document that reveals commercial or industrial secrets, or secrets relating to literary, artistic or scientific property, the candidate must expressly indicate such reservation, under penalty of the work in question being freely accessed by any one of the other candidates, in consultation with the process.

When submitting the application, the candidate must provide the data strictly necessary for the purpose, under the terms of this public notice, and must hide personal data that may exist in the documentation submitted, otherwise these data may be freely accessed by any of the other candidates, in the process query. Applicable legislation and regulations:

The awarding of scholarships is based on Law No. 40/2004 of 18 August (Statute of Scientific Research Scholarships), amended and republished by Decree-Law No. 202/2012 of 27 August, updated by: Decree-Law No. 233/2012, Law No. 12/2013, and Decree-Law No. 89/2013; the Scholarship and Research Regulations of the Foundation for Science and Technology in force (www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/docs/RegulamentoBolsasFCT2015.pdf), Order No. 12709/2016 published in DR, II series of 21/10/2016, of the Polytechnic Institute of Coimbra, regarding the IPC Scholarship Regulations.

The model scholarship contract and final reports to be prepared by the scholarship holder and the coordinator are those contained in the annexes to the Scientific Research Scholarship Statute mentioned above.

Documents to be submitted

Applications must include the following documents:

- - Application form available on the internet page for this competition at https://www.ipc.pt/bupc/concursos/form/concursos_bolseiros
- Personal identification, address, identification document number, and tax identification number;

- Cover letter clearly stating the candidate's motivation for the work plan and availability to start on the scheduled date;
- Updated Curriculum Vitae, clearly describing qualifications and skills;
- Official academic degree certificate(s) with final grade(s);
- Proof of enrolment in a cycle of studies or non-degree awarding course;
- For degrees obtained abroad: recognition certificate in accordance with applicable legislation.

Application Deadline

10 working days, from 22/01/2026 to 04/02/2026.

Applicable Legislation and Regulations

The fellowship is awarded under the Portuguese Lei n.º 40/2004, de 18 de agosto, in its current wording (Estatuto do Bolseiro de Investigação Científica); and the Despacho n.º 5963/2020, de 01 de junho, in its current wording (Regulamento de Bolseiro de Investigação do Instituto Politécnico de Coimbra).

The fellowship contract and final report templates (for both fellow and supervisor) are those annexed to the Estatuto de Bolseiro de Investigação Científica.

Publication / Notification of Results

The results will be published as a ranked list of candidates by final classification within 15 working days after the deadline for applications, via email to all candidates. Candidates will have 10 working days from notification to request a hearing. Selected candidates must confirm acceptance in writing; failure to do so within the given period, without valid justification, will be considered a withdrawal. In case of withdrawal, the next highest-ranked candidate will be contacted.

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