

PUBLIC NOTICE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF A RESEARCH GRANT
Reference PRBI/19/2026

A call for applications is now open for the awarding of a Research Grant within the scope of the “REFORCE” project, at the Polytechnic Institute of Coimbra, funded by national funds through the IGNIT Projetos@IPC Program, under the following conditions:

The grant aims to support the implementation and development of the following activities:

1. Field data collection
2. Questionnaire design
3. Questionnaire distribution
4. Data analysis
5. Dissemination

General scientific area: Forest Sciences

Specific scientific area: Fire Prevention

Requirements:

- Bachelor’s degree in Forest Sciences, Biology, Environmental Sciences, or related fields
- If the candidate holds a higher education degree obtained abroad, it must be formally recognized, where applicable
- Enrollment in a Master’s program in the field of Forest Sciences or in a non-degree academic course
- Valid driving license and own vehicle

Work Plan:

The work plan consists of: field data collection; questionnaire design; questionnaire distribution; data analysis; and dissemination.



The grant will last for six months, on an exclusive basis, in accordance with the IPC Grant Regulations, with an expected start date of July, 2026, and ending on December 2026.

Monthly Maintenance Allowance:

€1,090.98, in accordance with the table of values for Research Grants in Portugal awarded by FCT, I.P. (<https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Tabela-de-Valores-SMM-2026>), with payment made monthly by bank transfer.

This amount is supplemented by voluntary social security corresponding to the first contribution level, should the candidate opt for enrollment, and also includes personal accident insurance.

Workplace:

The work will be carried out at the Coimbra Agriculture School of the Polytechnic Institute of Coimbra (IPC), under the scientific supervision of Joaquim Sande Silva and Sara Rute Monteiro da Silva e Sousa.

Selection Criteria:

The evaluation criteria for applications are as follows:

- Knowledge of fire ecology, 40%
- Knowledge of GIS and statistics, 30%
- Interview, 30%

Only the top three ranked candidates will be invited for an interview.

Selection Committee:

The selection process will be conducted by a committee composed of the following Professors (PhD):

Members:

Full Members:

- Professor Joaquim Sande Silva (PhD)
- Professor Sara Rute Monteiro Silva Sousa (PhD)

Alternate Members:

- Professor Raúl Salas Gonzalez (PhD)
- Professor David Rodrigues (PhD)

Application Documents:

The application must be accompanied by the following documents:

- Application form available on the internet page for this competition at https://www.ipc.pt/bupc/concursos/form/concursos_bolseiros
- Motivation letter from the candidate;
- Curriculum vitae;
- Document(s) proving the academic degree and/or diploma(s) required for the call. Candidates holding foreign qualifications must provide proof of their academic degree and foreign diploma in accordance with Decree-Law no. 66/2018 of August 16;
- Document proving enrollment and registration in a Master's/PhD program or a non-degree course.

Deadline for receipt of applications:

It will be 10 business days, **between 08/06/2026 to 22/06/2026.**

Candidates must access and register on the website: <https://www.ipc.pt/sobre/rh/a-decorrer-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.

Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

The granting of the scholarship is based on the following legal frameworks:

- Law no. 40/2004, of August 18, in its current version (Statute of the Scientific Research Fellow);
- Order no. 5963/2020, of June 1, in its current version (Research Grant Regulation of the Polytechnic Institute of Coimbra);
- Regulations for Research Grants of the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), currently in force.

The grant contract model and the final report templates to be prepared by the fellow and the coordinator are those included in the annexes to the Research Grant Regulation of the Polytechnic Institute of Coimbra, mentioned above.

Publication/Notification of Results:

The evaluation results will be disclosed within up to 90 working days from the application submission deadline, via email notification to the candidates. After the results are announced, candidates will be notified to, if they wish, present their comments during the prior hearing phase within a maximum period of 10 working days from that date.

After this period, the selected candidates must declare, in writing, their acceptance and communicate the effective start date of the grant. Unless a duly justified reason is provided, failure to submit this declaration within the specified period will be considered as a waiver of the grant.

In the event of withdrawal or resignation by the selected candidate, the next highest-ranked candidate will be notified.

For further information, please contact:

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