

Call for Applications Ref. 01-BIPD-ERTA2026

Announcement for the awarding of 1 Post-Doctoral Research Grant

A call for applications is open for the awarding of 1 Post-Doctoral Research Grant, for the development of research activities in the area of Educational Technology / Education / Psychology or related areas, within the scope of the ERTA project – European Robotics Teachers’ Academy – Educational Robotics for STEM Skills, Arts and Humanities, Computational Thinking, Creativity, Emotional Intelligence, and Inclusion in Preschool and Early Primary Education, with reference 101249425 — ERTA — ERASMUS-EDU-2025-PEX-TEACH-ACA), funded by the EUROPEAN EDUCATION AND CULTURE EXECUTIVE AGENCY (EACEA) – within the scope of the ERASMUS+ program.

1. Admission Requirements: Candidates who cumulatively meet the following requirements may apply for this competition:

- Hold a PhD in Educational Technology, Education, Psychology, or related scientific fields;
- Possess excellent command of spoken and/or written English, proven through academic, scientific, or professional experience;
- Demonstrate relevant experience or interest in scientific research, preferably in the contexts of education, digital technologies, and/or distance education.

2. Duration, Location, and Work Regime: The scholarship will last for 30 months, with a planned start date of May 1, 2026. Activities will be carried out entirely remotely; however, availability for occasional travel to Lisbon, Coimbra, or other locations in the country, and abroad, is required whenever the project work justifies it, particularly for in-person meetings, scientific activities, collaborative work, or dissemination of results.

The grant is awarded on an exclusive basis, in accordance with the Research Grant Holder Statute.

3. Work plan and objectives to be achieved: The grant holder will develop scientific research activities within the scope of the project, namely:

- Systematic and/or narrative review of relevant scientific literature;
- Participation in the design, development and implementation of project activities;
- Collection, processing and analysis of qualitative and/or quantitative data;
- Preparation of scientific reports, articles and other products of scientific dissemination;
- Collaboration in team meetings and in national and international scientific activities associated with the project, including the organization of project dissemination events.



4. Scientific Supervision: Professor Maribel dos Santos Miranda Pinto

5. Academic Background: PhD in Educational Technology, Education, Psychology or related fields, with solid training in scientific research methodologies.

6. Preference Factors: The following are preference factors to be considered in the curriculum evaluation:

- Prior experience in funded scientific research projects;
- Experience in educational contexts with digital technologies, particularly in distance education and/or higher education;
- Relevant scientific production in the project area;
- Availability for national and international mobility within the scope of the project;
- Collaborative work and scientific communication skills in Portuguese and English.

7. Evaluation Criteria: The selection of candidates will be based on the following criteria:

- Curriculum evaluation, considering academic training, scientific career and relevant experience;
- Suitability of the profile to the work plan and project objectives;
- Proficiency in spoken and/or written English.

Whenever deemed necessary, an interview may be conducted to complement the curriculum evaluation, and this will only be applied to the candidates with the highest scores in the previous phase.

Only candidates with a final grade of 17 or higher (on a scale of 0 to 20) will be selected.

The jury reserves the right not to award the scholarship if no candidate, even if admitted, is considered suitable for the work plan, regardless of the number of candidates or any withdrawals.

8. Remuneration and applicable legislation: According to the table of scholarship values in the country, awarded by the Foundation for Science and Technology, the value of the monthly maintenance allowance will be €1,851 in the case of a PhD, plus personal accident insurance and the possibility of joining the Voluntary Social Security, under the terms provided for in the applicable legislation: Research Scholarship Holder Statute and FCT Research Scholarship Regulations.

9. Composition of the Selection Jury: The selection jury is composed of:

Maribel dos Santos Miranda Pinto (Open University) – President

Lúcia Amante (Open University) – Full Member

Ana Cláudia Loureiro (Polytechnic Institute of Viseu) – Full Member

Ana Isabel Santos (University of the Azores) – Alternate Member

10. Application Documents: Candidates must submit the following documents:

- Detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- Certificates of academic qualifications;
- Letter of motivation;
- Other documents considered relevant for the evaluation;

11. Application period and submission method: The competition is open for a period of 10 working days, from March 2nd to March 13th inclusive.

Applications must be sent by email to maribel.miranda@uab.pt, indicating the reference of the notice in the subject line.

12. Method of publication/notification of results: The results of the evaluation will be communicated to the candidates by email, to the address indicated in the application process.

13. Deadlines and procedures for complaints and appeals: Candidates have the legally established deadlines for prior hearings, complaints and appeals, in accordance with applicable legislation.

The selected candidate must communicate, in writing, the acceptance of the scholarship within 10 working days from the notification of the final decision.

Failure to communicate acceptance within the deadline is equivalent to a waiver, resulting in the forfeiture of the right to the scholarship.

14. The scholarship contract template to be signed between the selected candidate and the Open University is the one provided by FCT.

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