



## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **AWARD OF 1 RESEARCH GRANT FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREE HOLDERS, REFERENCE: E2S/RETAILL/00386800/BI/2025/14**

A call is open for the award of 1 Research Grant, within the scope of the project RETAILL - Retail Using Technology Based on Artificial Intelligence, funded by Programa temático Inovação e Transição Digital (COMPETE 2030), under Fundo Europeu de Desenvolvimento Regional (FEDER), with the reference COMPETE2030 -FEDER-00386800, under the following conditions:

#### **1. SCIENTIFIC AREA**

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

#### **2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

##### **2.1 – General requirements for application to a research grant:**

- a) National citizens or citizens of other Member States of the European Union;
- b) Citizens of third states;
- c) Stateless individuals or beneficiaries of political refugee status;
- d) Applicants must be in one of the following academic situations:
  - 1) Be enrolled in an integrated master's degree or a master's program, with the objective of consolidating the scientific training through the development of research work leading to the corresponding academic degree, whether or not integrated in R&D projects.
  - 2) Be a bachelor's degree holder enrolled in non-degree courses included in the educational project of a higher education institution, developed in association or cooperation with one or more R&D units.
- e) For case (1), applicants holding foreign degrees must have their degree recognized in Portugal, with conversion of the final classification into the Portuguese grading scale, under the terms of Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of August 16.

##### **2.2 – Specific requirements:**

Academic background: Bachelor's degree in Environmental Health or related areas.



### **2.3 – Preferential factors:**

Preference will be given to applicants with knowledge and skills in:

- Calculation and interpretation of environmental metrics and indicators;
- Life cycle assessment (LCA), including applicability, advantages, limitations, and relevant normative frameworks;
- Methodological principles of life cycle assessment;
- Agri-food production systems, particularly in relation to identification of inputs, outputs, and process flows.

### **3. WORK PLAN**

Collaborate in the following tasks of the project:

- a) Identification of relevant environmental metrics and indicators within the scope of the RETAILL Project;
- b) Support in defining inputs, outputs and flows of the supply chain to be considered;
- c) Collaboration with consortium partners in collecting data on production, transport and storage of food products;
- d) Support in carrying out life cycle assessment of products;
- e) Support in processing and disseminating results.

### **4. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS**

- Law no. 40/2004, of August 18, as amended by Decree-Law no. 202/2012, of August 27, by Decree-Law no. 233/2012, of October 29, by Law no. 12/2013, of January 29, by Decree-Law no. 89/2013, of July 9, by Decree-Law no. 123/2019, of August 28, and by Decree-Law no. 65/2024, of October 1.
- Article 37 of Decree-Law no. 63/2019, of May 16.
- Regulation of Research Grants of FCT, I.P., no. 950/2019, of December 16, as amended by Regulation no. 643/2021, of July 14.



- Regulation of Research Grants of P.PORTO (P.PORTO/P-001/2020), approved by Order P.PORTO-P-015-2020.

## **5. SCIENTIFIC COORDINATION**

Scientific Coordinator: Professor Maria Manuela Vieira da Silva, Professor Coordinator, School of Health, Polytechnic Institute of Porto.

## **6. SCIENTIFIC SUPERVISION AND WORKPLACE**

Scientific Supervisors: Professor Maria Manuela Vieira da Silva, Professor Edgar Augusto da Costa Pinto and Professor Matilde Alexandra Rodrigues

The work will be carried out at the School of Health, Polytechnic Institute of Porto.

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## **7. DURATION AND WORK REGIME**

The grant contract will last for 12 months, under an exclusive regime, in accordance with the applicable regulations.

## **8. MONTHLY MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE AMOUNT**

The amount of the grant is €1040.98, according to the current FCT table of values ([https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Tabela\\_valores\\_SMM\\_2025.pdf](https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Tabela_valores_SMM_2025.pdf)), paid monthly, plus reimbursement of voluntary social security contributions, according to the regulations.

## **9. SELECTION METHOD AND JURY COMPOSITION**

### **9.1 – Applicant selection methods:**

The selection methods to be used will be in accordance with the following selection criteria and respective weightings:



A) Evaluation of the curriculum vitae and adequacy of the applicant's profile for the position, scored from 0 to 20 (weighting 50%).

B) Interview (50%), scored from 0 to 20 (weighting 50%).

For each of the criteria, the factors to be considered and their respective weights are as follows:

A) Evaluation of the curriculum vitae and adequacy of the applicant's profile for the position, scored from 0 to 20 (weighting 50%):

i. Academic performance:

1) Bachelor's degree in Environmental Health or related area, with a final grade equal to or higher than 16 (out of 20) – 8 points

2) Bachelor's degree in Environmental Health or related area, with a final grade lower than 16 (out of 20) – 4 points

ii. Experience in a work or research context in the field of life cycle assessment, particularly in the agri-food sector, and environmental performance indicators – 4 points

iii. Knowledge/skills in the areas of environmental sustainability, life cycle assessment, and food safety – 4 points

iv. Immediate availability, including for fieldwork – 2 points

v. Scientific publication of one or more articles in a journal with an impact factor (Web of Science – Clarivate Analytics) – 2 points

B) Interview (50%), scored from 0 to 20 (weighting 50%):

i. Communication and teamwork skills – 5 points

ii. Demonstration of knowledge in the area of environmental sustainability, life cycle assessment, and food safety – 10 points

iii. Critical thinking and problem-solving skills – 5 points

## 9.2 – Tie-breaking criteria:

In the event of a tie in the final ranking, the following tie-breaking criteria will be applied:



If the tie persists, the jury shall hold a vote in which all members participate, with the President of the jury having the casting vote in the event of a further tie.

### **9.3 – Reasons for applicants exclusion:**

Applicants may be excluded from the call for the following reasons:

- a) Failure to meet the requirements specified in the competition notice (point 2);
- b) Applicants scoring below 9.5 in any evaluation component will be excluded from the competition and will not proceed to the following component(s);
- c) Failure to attend the interview, when applicable, or the applicant's unavailability to provide any additional clarifications requested shall be considered as withdrawal from the competition.

### **9.4 – Selection jury composition:**

President – Professor Maria Manuela Ramos Vieira, Professor Coordinator at E2S|P.PORTO.

Effective Member – Professor Edgar Augusto Da Costa Pinto, Professor Adjunct at E2S|P.PORTO.who replaces the president in absences and impediments

Effective Member – Professor Matilde Alexandra Rodrigues, Professor Coordinator at E2S|P.PORTO.

Alternate Member – Professor Brígida Mónica Teixeira de Faria Silva, Professor Coordinator at E2S|P.PORTO.

## **10. METHOD OF PUBLICATION/NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS**

The results of the competition will be communicated to the applicants electronically, via the email address provided in the application, in accordance with the deadlines established in the P.PORTO Research Grant Regulations. The minutes shall be obligatorily archived by the jury on the support platform for this competition: <https://domus.ipp.pt/concursos/ess/pessoal/>.

## **11. DEADLINE AND PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS**

### **11.1. Application deadline**



The competition is open for a period of 10 working days, from 01/10/2025 to 14/10/2025.

Date of publication: 30/09/2025.

### **11.2. Procedure for submitting applications**

Applications must be formalized by completing the electronic application form, which is available at <https://www.ess.ipp.pt/ess/recrutamento/bolsas-de-investigacao/bolsas-de-investigacao>, and submitting it together with all required documents by the established deadline.

Applications sent by email or through any other electronic means than that specified will be automatically excluded.

### **11.3. Application supporting documents**

- 1) Curriculum Vitae;
- 2) Academic certificates, or their official recognition (with conversion of the final grade), when awarded by foreign higher education institutions, without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 1 of the following section;
- 3) Proof of enrollment in a degree program or a non-degree course, if the applicant is not a student of P.PORTO, without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 2 of the following section;
- 4) Declaration, under honor pledge, stating that:
  - (A) The applicant is aware of the current P.PORTO Research Grant Regulations and undertakes to comply with it;
  - (B) The applicant does not exceed, with the signing of the present grant contract, the maximum legally established period, whether continuous or cumulative.
- 5) Any other documents the applicant considers relevant.

### **11.4. Application supporting documents: specific conditions**

The proof documents mentioned in item 2 of the preceding section, of the following type:

- 1) Academic degree(s) and diploma(s), or their recognition when awarded by foreign higher education institutions – mandatory whenever degree ownership is a condition of admission or a



selection criterion for applicants. However, it may be waived at the application stage and replaced by a declaration of honor by the applicant, with verification of this condition taking place only at the grant contracting stage;

- 2) Proof of enrollment in a degree program or in a non-degree course, in the case of applicants who are not P.PORTO students – mandatory whenever enrollment is an admission requirement. The awarding of the grant will be conditional upon valid enrollment within six months from the date of notification of approval in the scientific evaluation stage.

## **12. TIME LIMITS AND PROCEDURES FOR COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS**

The final decision may be contested within 15 working days (complaint) or appealed to the President of P.PORTO within 30 working days, following notification, in accordance with Article 12 of the current P.PORTO Research Grant Regulations.

## **13. EXPENSE AUTHORIZATION**

Expense Authorization Request No.: PAD-ESS6647

Project Reference: COMPETE2030-FEDER-00386800

Project Title: RETAILL - Retail Using Technology Based on Artificial Intelligence

26 of September of 2025. – The President of the School of Health of Polytechnic Institute of Porto,  
*Professor Maria Cristina Prudêncio Pereira Soares.*