

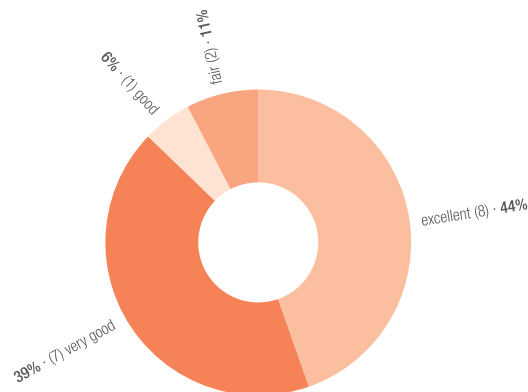
research centres

The University of Aveiro hosts 18 research centres, including 4 Associate Laboratories and 14 Research Units. Associate Laboratories are research units which demonstrate, in particular through the results of evaluation, the capacity to cooperate in a stable, competent and effective manner in carrying out specific objectives of the scientific and technological policy laid down by the Portuguese government.

These research centres are evaluated by the Portuguese Science and Technology Foundation (FCT) according to a system based on periodic assessment, by international experts, of reports and activity plans, including direct contacts with researchers and their institutions during visits to all units. This evaluation exercise culminates in the attribution of a qualitative grade which determines the volume of pluriannual funding to be received up to the next evaluation.

The most recent round of FCT evaluations took place in 2008, and the UA research centres were evaluated as follows.

evaluation of the UA's research centres



(1) good

› **UniMeM** Research Unit in Music and Musicology

(2) fair

› **CETAC.MEDIA** Research Centre for Communication Technologies and Sciences

› **CLC** Centre for Languages and Cultures

(8) excellent

› **CIDTFF** Research Centre for Didactics and Technology in Teacher Education

› **CIPES** Centre for Research in Higher Education Policies

› **QOPNA** Organic Chemistry, Natural and Agro-food Products

› **TEMA** Centre for Mechanical Technology and Automation associate laboratories

› **CESAM** Centre for Environmental and Marine Studies

› **CICECO** Centre for Research in Ceramics and Composite Materials

› **I3N-FSCOSD** Institute for Nanostructures, Nanomodelling and Nanofabrication – Physics of Semiconductors, Optoelectronics and Disordered Systems

› **IT** Instituto de Telecomunicações

(7) very good

› **CBC** Centre for Cell Biology

› **CIDMA** Centre of Research and Development in Mathematics and Applications

› **GEOTEC** GeoBioSciences, GeoTechnologies and GeoEngineering

› **GOVCOPP** Governance, Competitiveness and Public Policies

› **ID+** Research Institute for Design, Media and Culture

› **IEETA** Institute of Telematics and Electronic Engineering of Aveiro

› **INET-MD** The Ethnomusicology Institute – Centre for the Study of Music and Dance