

# Support for researchers





During 2018, 604 research and technology transfer projects were active in the University of Aveiro, including 14 ERANET or JPI Actions and 126 funded by International and European Programmes, of which 31 by ERASMUS+ and 40 by Horizon 2020. From these 13 are coordinated by UAVR. Among these projects are three ERC Grants, a TWINNING and a TEAMING projects. To achieve these numbers, the work done by the Research Support Office of the University of Aveiro has been fundamental.

The office provides high quality advisory, administrative, technical, contracting and financial services to researchers of all disciplines at the University, assisting the research community in its efforts to secure external funding (national, regional, international; grants, awards and prizes).

Formed by 3 skilled officers with mixed backgrounds, the main action lines of the office are 1) Research development; 2) Strategy support and implementation and 3) Research grants and contracts. The office thus covers most of the life-cycle of projects, working closely with faculty and researchers in order to identify funding opportunities and bring together interdisciplinary groups of researchers with common interests; disseminating funding information, partnership opportunities, as well as training events; supporting and co-ordinating strategic activities/projects; providing advice on costing and submission of grant applications as well as Uni-versity's authorization for submission; supporting negotiations of contract terms with funders and collaboration agreements with other HEIs and public sector collaborators; formalizing of contracts and agreements, among other documents.

The office works as the main contact point and interface unit for Research Units and Associated Laboratories, researchers, funding agencies and other relevant stakeholders in the research and innovation ecosystem.