

Support for researchers





The Research Support 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.

During 2019, 628 research and technology transfer projects have been active in UAVR. From these 134 had or have international collaborations, of which 40 funded by ERASMUS+ and 48 by Horizon 2020. Among these projects are three ongoing ERC Grants and three more were approved for funding. The projects are developed in the scope of the 20 research centres hosted by UAVR which act in many different scientific areas. 95% of these research centres have been classified as very good or excellent in the last evaluation process promoted by the National Foundation for Science and Technology.

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 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 the 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 University's authorization for submission; supporting negotiations of contract terms with funders and collaboration agreements with other HEIs and public sector collaborators and formalizing of contracts and agreements.