

Research Support Office





The University of Aveiro is a research-driven university. The excellence of its staff and quality of its infrastructures have been essential to carry out crosscutting research that contribute to the society – locally, nationally and internationally; this has put the University of Aveiro amongst the most renowned higher education institutions. Also, by supporting mobility across alumni, staff and the academic body and by fostering international research collaborations on the basis of individual academic interests, the University of Aveiro and its Research Support Office aim to deliver exceptional academics ready to face the challenges of globalization.

During 2021, 664 national and international research and technology transfer projects have been active in UAVR, of which 51 funded by ERASMUS+ and 57 by Horizon 2020. Among the H2020 projects are 6 ongoing ERC Grants, 1 ERA Chair and 1 TWINNING project. The projects are developed under the 20 research centers hosted by UAVR which act in many different scientific areas. All research centers have been classified as very good or excellent in the last evaluation process promoted by the National Foundation for Science and Technology.

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. Our extensive and ever-expanding network has a strong international character and a presence around the world which has served to boost several project proposals. 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 highly 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 coordinating 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.

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