

# 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 2022, 673 national and international research and technology transfer projects have been active in UAveiro, of which 70 funded by ERASMUS+, 53 by Horizon 2020, 18 by Horizon Europe and 9 by INTERREG. The UAveiro is the host institution of 11 ERC Grants and 1 ERA Chair, coordinates 1 FET Open and 4 TWINNING projects, among other relevant and strategic European projects. The projects are developed under the 20 research centers hosted by UAveiro 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 UAveiro, 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.

The office serves as a vital link to an increasingly interconnected world, providing comprehensive support and guidance to researchers, ensuring the seamless execution of projects, and the pursuit of external funding opportunities. With the support of the Research Support Office, the university fosters an environment conducive to academic mobility and international research collaborations, preparing exceptional academics to undertake crosscutting research endeavors that resonate both locally and globally and to tackle society's challenges.

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