
News from the Fence



CMU Portugal Summit 2020

In light of recent events, we are postponing the CMU Portugal Summit 2020 previously announced for June 18, 2020, in Lisbon. We recognize that this is a challenging and unprecedented time for our communities, and their health and wellbeing are our utmost priority. A special THANK YOU to all the scientists around the country, including the many #CMUPortugal faculty members and industrial affiliates, that put in their hard work during this difficult time.

CMU Portugal - Knowledge Creation

In 2020, **17 new projects** will further support CMU Portugal's mission to foster industry-science relationships as agents of change with a focus on data economy and research for social and economic impact. Throughout the year, **10 flagship Large-Scale Projects** and **7 new Exploratory Research Projects** will begin, representing the most significant public and private financial commitment to date under the scope of the CMU Portugal Program.

Since 2006, the CMU Portugal Program launched **9 calls for research** projects and has supported 55 R&D projects, to which we now add 10 Large-Scale, and 7 ERP to an overall number of **72 projects**.



21 million euros for 10 Flagship Projects under the scope of the CMU Portugal Program

Portuguese companies lead 10 projects in partnership with 13 research groups from Portuguese Universities and research groups from 8 different departments at CMU.

Recognizing the high quality of the 17 proposals submitted, the evaluation panel recommended 10 projects for funding during the next 3 years, rather than the original 3 to 4 projects. The projects will be led by top national ICT companies, including the CMU Portugal Program startup **Feedzai** and **Unbabel** which are now reinvesting in R&D, **Compta**, **Farfetch**, **First Solutions**, **Glintt**, **GLSMED Learning Health**, **Ingeniarius**, **Mobileum**, and **Outsystems**. The awarded projects cover the areas of Data Science and Engineering, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Design and Engineering applied to social

problems, addressing problems in the health sectors, forest fire-prevention, data management, mobility, and language technologies.

These projects represent a total investment of 21M€ by Portugal, of which 11.4 M€ come from the European COMPETE 2020 Program and from the Portugal Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT); 6M€ are through the CMU Portugal Program at CMU; and 3.5M€ from the participating Portuguese ICT companies.

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CMU Portugal supports the development of 7 new Exploratory Projects

In the next 12 months, [7 new Exploratory Projects](#) developed within the CMU Portugal will explore areas as diverse as robotics, artificial intelligence, intelligent transport systems, and language processing, among others. All projects have an exploratory character, which enables researchers to sow the seeds for future projects.

The call for proposals featured a total of 38 projects, 7 of which were recommended for funding by Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia under the scope of CMU Portugal. The projects will run at 12 Portuguese research units from all over the country in collaboration with 4 different departments at Carnegie Mellon University and will benefit from overall funding of 820 000 €.

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**Visiting Faculty
& Researchers
Program**

CMU Portugal awards 6 researchers with scholarships for mobility program at CMU to reinforce cooperation between Portuguese Universities and CMU

A group of 6 faculty from Portuguese Institutions was selected to visit Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh during 2020. The faculty will be granted a scholarship funded under the CMU Portugal Mobility Program "[Visiting Faculty and Researchers Program](#)" 2020 Call. Through their formal appointment as a visiting faculty member at CMU, the faculty will spend up to 4 months to work in research and participate in other academic activities while hosted in a research group at CMU. **Since 2007, 81 faculty had the opportunity to visit CMU under the scope of CMU Portugal Mobility Programs.**

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Visiting Students Program

CMU Portugal selects 9 master students from Portugal to develop research work at CMU

A group of 9 master students from Portuguese Institutions was selected to visit Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh during 2020 to develop their research work in the field of Information and Communication (ICT)

supported by the CMU Portugal Program and Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT). The students will be granted a scholarship funded under the CMU Portugal Mobility Program “[Visiting Students Program](#)” 2020 Call and will be mentored by leading faculty and researchers. **Since 2014, 39 students had the opportunity to visit CMU under the scope of CMU Portugal Mobility Programs.**

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CMU Portugal National Directors awarded € 2.5M in European funding for a project addressing technology, innovation and design

For the next five years, Nuno Nunes and Rodrigo Rodrigues (CMU Portugal National Directors) will be leading the project Blockchain technologies and design Innovation for social Good ([BIG](#))- [a European Research Area \(ERA\) Chair](#) from the European Commission. The €2.5 million euro project will gather an interdisciplinary

research team to address blockchain technology, innovation through design, and the development of new solutions for societal challenges.

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Remembering Jaime Carbonell

Jaime Carbonell, Founder of the CMU’s Language Technologies Institute (LTI), has passed away on February 28th, 2020, following an extended illness. The Distinguished CMU University Professor was a pioneer in Language Technologies. Carbonell founded the Language Technologies Institute (LTI) at CMU and under his direction, LTI became the largest and best-known organization of its kind. Carbonell created the CMU Ph.D.

program in language technologies and gave his full support as Head of the Languages Technology Institute to

establishing a dual Ph.D. degree in language technologies of the CMU Portugal Program. The CMU Portugal dual degree Ph.D. program benefited immensely from Jaime Carbonell's experience.

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