

# AN EXPERIENCE FOR LIFE

Portugal

ACADEMICS / RESEARCH / ENTREPRENEURSHIP / INTERNATIONALIZATION

## Internationalization

The International Relations Office is in charge of managing mobility projects for students, teaching and non-teaching staff and academic cooperation with foreign institutions, under the Erasmus+ Programme or other international programmes and actions.

The Office is coordinated by the Pro-President for Internationalization, assisted by a team of other elements, in the Central Services and in each of the Schools.

## Academics

The Polytechnic of Portalegre offers quality teaching and differentiated training, covering a wide range of knowledge areas, distributed across 51 higher education courses, including Short Cycles, Bachelors of honor, Masters and Post-Graduations.

We offer several areas of knowledge among them journalism and communication, marketing and design, technologies, tourism, education and social sciences, management, computer science, health, agricultural and veterinary sciences.

## Research

The Polytechnic of Portalegre has a R&D unit, called VALORIZA, accredited by FCT as VERY GOOD, a Collaborative Laboratory in the area of Biorefineries, also accredited and funded by FCT.

In parallel, many of the researchers of the Polytechnic of Portalegre are also part of other R&D units, accredited by FCT and based in various Higher Education Institutions, as is the case of CITUR (Centre for Tourism Research).

## Polytechnic of Portalegre

The Polytechnic of Portalegre is a public Higher Education institution that includes the School of Education and Social Sciences, the School of Technology and Management, the School of Health in Portalegre and the Agrarian School in Elvas.

The activities of the four Schools are coordinated by the Central Services, being the Social Action Services (SAS) oriented to support the student, namely on issues related to food, accommodation, psychological support, sports and recreational activities.

The Polytechnic of Portalegre also has a technology-based incubator (BioBIP), a Research and Innovation Office (GII), an Entrepreneurship and Employment Office (GEE), a Languages and Culture Center (CLIC) and an International Relations Office (GRI).

In order to be ever closer to the community and to contribute to its sustained development, it offers various services through its laboratories, partnerships, and support for applied research.

Above all, it seeks quality teaching, open to the international aspect, valuing the region and the people, more and more.

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## Entrepreneurship

The Entrepreneurship and Employment Office (GEE) is the transversal unit of the Polytechnic of Portalegre that coordinates the structures and activities related to the fields of Entrepreneurship and Employment, supporting the areas of Training and Professional Qualification.

GEE aims to create and develop an entrepreneurial culture that contributes to facilitate the transformation of knowledge into business ideas, as well as the dissemination of innovative ideas and projects with potential to create wealth and regional development, making students dynamic in the search for new career opportunities and the creation of their own jobs, in addition to helping to provide contacts, job/internship offers and support in applications, among other necessary tools and the consequent insertion in the labor market.

GEE ensures the management of BioBIP - Bioenergy and Business Incubator of Portalegre. This is a structure dedicated to the incubation of companies, preferably technology-based, related to the training areas of the IPP or with the use of regional resources.

The GEE is also responsible for collaborating with the activities of the Continuing Education Center (NFC), which aims to promote courses and training activities that can enrich the knowledge acquired by students and simultaneously of professionals outside the institution, focusing on their training capacity, personal and professional development.

# 7 REASONS TO BE PROUD

## #1 PROXIMITY

The word “proximity” is one of the most used by the Polytechnic of Portalegre and its students to describe an experience in this institution of higher education. There are several reasons that explain this choice.

Of all of them, we highlight the unity of the academic community, built by students from various areas and courses and the openness and availability of the professors.

## #3 DIVERSITY

There are several ways of materializing diversity at the Polytechnic of Portalegre. Thus, in its four schools many areas of knowledge coexist: from Education to Technology, Health or Agricultural Sciences. On the other hand, Polytechnic of Portalegre has one of the highest rates of international students in the country, resulting in a truly multicultural environment. Here, the Center for Languages and Cultures (CLiC) stands out as a structure that actively promotes this diversity.

## #5 INOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Relying on structures dedicated to the creation of knowledge in areas areas such as energy and sustainability (such as VALORIZA or CoLAB BIOREF), the Polytechnic of Portalegre offers its students students the possibility to be involved at the forefront of innovation.

This possibility is also offered incubator of companies and projects and projects integrated in the campus - the BioBIP.

## #2 PRACTICAL TEACHING

Teaching students the “know-how” of various professions is one of the priorities assumed by the Polytechnic of Portalegre. As such, the bet on a practical teaching, carried out in laboratories with excellent equipment.

At the same time, the strategy of the institution is to create small classes, especially in what regards to practical classes, in order to facilitate the students’ learning.

## #4 AN INSTITUTION FOR SUSTAINABILITY

The theme of sustainability is a priority for the Polytechnic of Portalegre that, over the past few years, has stood out for the work done in this area. For this reason, all its educational offer is oriented to the Sustainable Development Goals (ODS), showing students how they can, individually or collectively, build a better world. Students can also participate in various projects and actions in this area such as scientific investigations or literacy projects.

## #6 QUALITY OF LIFE

Being a calm and safe city, Portalegre offers the conditions for an unforgettable academic experience. Also very important is the low cost of living, compared to other locations in the country, which allows students to overcome obstacles and financial concerns. And because quality of life is also measured by contact with nature, you can find in the region attractions such as the Serra de São Mamede Natural Park or the Montargil barrage.

## #7 INTERNATIONALIZATION

In addition to one of the highest rates of foreign students, the Polytechnic of Portalegre develops efforts to enable its students international experience. This possibility can be guaranteed through the Erasmus+ program and the dozens of projects and partnership protocols signed with institutions from various parts of the globe. The International Relations Office supports students in finding the opportunities that best fit their profile and goals.

