
News from the Fence



Encontro Ciência 2025: “FCT’s Partnerships with U.S. Universities: Shaping the Future through Impactful Science”



The joint session **"FCT’s Partnerships with U.S. Universities: Shaping the Future through Impactful Science"** hosted by **CMU Portugal, MIT Portugal, and UT Austin Portugal**, took place on July 9th, at Encontro Ciência 2025, as a reflection on the enduring legacy of nearly two decades of partnerships and their societal impact, bridging academia and entrepreneurship, while looking ahead to a new phase towards 2030.

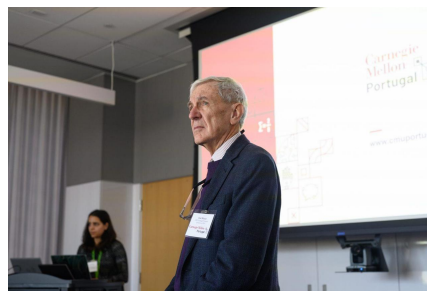
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Open Call for 2nd Edition of CMU Academy's Advanced Training Programs

The [CMU Portugal Academy](#) has an **open call for the Advanced Training Programs** in AI, Data Science, and Machine Learning, Product Management, User Experience and Service Design, until **July 21st, 2025**.

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José Fonseca de Moura: The vision behind a transatlantic transformation

In December 2005, **José Fonseca de Moura** received an email that would end up changing the future of higher education and innovation in the area of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in Portugal, leading to the creation of the CMU Portugal Program.

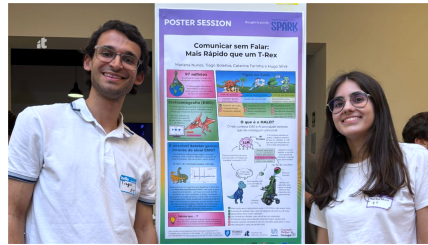
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CMU and Portuguese Researchers Collaborate on Adaptive Conversational Engines

A **research team led by Shinji Watanabe**, Associate Professor at CMU's Language Technologies Institute, visited Lisbon in June under the scope of the CMU Portugal-supported project, “**ACE-FM: Adaptive Conversational Engine powered by Foundation Models**”, participating in an intensive two-day workshop hosted by INESC-ID, to officially launch the collaboration.

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CMU Portugal student wins “SPARK Research Challenge” poster competition

Mariana Nunes, CMU Portugal Affiliated Ph.D. student, and Tiago Bolãnos, researcher at Instituto de Telecomunicações, **won the “SPARK Research Challenge: Kid-friendly Poster Competition”** integrated in the Center for Responsible AI’s Summer Demo Day, in June. The winning poster entitled “Communicating Without Speaking – Faster than a T-Rex” was presented as part of the Halo Project, led by Unbabel.

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Upcoming events



- [Annual IEEE Conference on Games 2025](#) | August 26-29, Lisbon
- [DiSS Workshop 2025 – Disfluency in Spontaneous Speech](#) | September 4-5, Lisbon
- [EPIA Conference on Artificial Intelligence](#) | October 1-3, Faro

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