



Description of Fundação (Foundation) Gaspar Frutuoso, FP

Fundação Gaspar Frutuoso, FP (FGF) is a non-for-profit public Foundation of private law which is governed by its statutes and, in the omissive cases, by specific legal provisions in portuguese law. FGF was created in 1999 as an initiative of a single organ settlor, the University of the Azores (UAc), with the purpose, in close collaboration with the UAc, to take over as core competencies the promotion, support and execution of scientific research activities, technological, cultural and economic development, training, consultancy and dissemination, promotion initiatives that enhance cooperation between the UAc and other national or foreign entities, especially those that contribute to the strengthening of its involvement in the community and, in general, support and develop any initiative which falls within the aims and activities of the University. Later on, in 2004, was recognized and granted public utility status under dispatch by the President of the Azores Regional Government, and renewing it in 2013 and in 2018. FGF acts as the front institution for scientific collaboration of multiple research groups. Many of R&D activities are developed with international teams and with both national and international funding.

FGF is also the management structure responsible for financial and formal project management tasks (including contractual documents, organisation of report distribution and archiving, financial records, cost claims, service acquisitions and scholarships, among other aspects). All the research and services are carried out by University researcher's staff or human resources contracted by FGF strictly on their behalf. The scientific staff of FGF, at the present moment, consists of 23 researchers with research grants and 39 with other types of contract. Project management in FGF is carried out mainly by the 16 members of the financial and administrative staff, with a great deal of interaction with the administrative staff of the UAc, since many of the projects involve resources from both institutions. FGF has been the main institution or participated in financial management of a high number of fundamental and applied research projects, either with European, national or regional funding. Currently, in 2022, FGF hosted 148 research projects and 112 research and development provision of services and manage projects since 1999.

It is located on the University Campus in Ponta Delgada (S. Miguel Island).