

International Recognition

11 NOVA IMS researchers among world's top 2% scientists

The 2026 Stanford/Elsevier ranking recognized 11 NOVA IMS researchers among the world's top 2% most influential scientists, based on the impact of their scientific publications in 2025: Paulo Rita, Carlos Tam, Fernando Bação, Manuela Aparício, Georgios Douzas, Paulo Vitor de Campos Souza, Ruoyu Wang, Tiago Oliveira, Mauro Castelli, Leonardo Vanneschi, and Cong Liu. The latter four were also

recognized for their career-long scientific impact. Overall, nearly 25% of NOVA IMS's full-time faculty are represented in the ranking, reflecting the international visibility of research conducted through its MagIC Research Center.

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NOVA Cairo

First Information Management graduates in Egypt

The first students to complete NOVA IMS's Bachelor's in Information Management at NOVA Cairo have graduated, marking a milestone in NOVA IMS's global presence and NOVA's first campus outside Portugal. The ceremony was attended by NOVA IMS Dean Miguel de Castro Neto, Associate Dean for Education Sara Ribeiro, Information Management Program Director Frederico Cruz Jesus, and Head of Academic Services Sónia Nunes, alongside NOVA Rector Paulo Pereira, NOVA Cairo Director Francisco Caramelo, and Portuguese Ambassador Susana Vaz Patto.

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NOVA IMS recognized for 25+ years of partnership with Esri Portugal

Dean Miguel de Castro Neto and Professor Marco Painho received a distinction on behalf of NOVA IMS at the Encontro de Utilizadores da Esri, held in Lisbon. The School was among five institutions recognized by Esri Portugal for their longstanding partnerships. Established in 1995, the collaboration has supported education, research, and the development of Geographic Information Systems in Portugal for over three decades, connecting geospatial technologies with real-world applications and data-driven decision-making.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Five NOVA IMS student-athletes receive sports merit awards

Five NOVA IMS student-athletes received NOVA University Lisbon Sports Merit Scholarships for their results at the 2025/26 National University Championships, with medals in swimming, basketball, rhythmic gymnastics and taekwondo. During the ceremony, NOVA IMS also received the IPDJ seal recognising the School's support for students combining academic studies with high-level sport.

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Media

AI, jobs and the future of learning

On NOW's Guerra e Paz, Miguel de Castro Neto, Dean of NOVA IMS, discussed how AI is affecting jobs, businesses and higher education. He highlighted the risk of replacing junior-level tasks that support professional development and warned against "cognitive surrender" in education, arguing that universities must adopt AI without weakening students' ability to think critically.

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CNN Portugal Summit

Measuring health prevention in Europe

The NOVA Center for Global Health at NOVA IMS and ENSP NOVA presented new evidence on health prevention at the CNN Portugal Summit | Fórum +Prevenção, bringing together policymakers, public health experts and academics. Their European Health Prevention Index ranks Portugal 7th among 11 countries and identifies gaps in health literacy and the use of data and AI.

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OUR COMMUNITY



NOVA Bela Flor celebrates first harvest

NOVA Bela Flor celebrated its first harvest with around 80 kg of fresh vegetables and herbs collected from the vertical garden at NOVA IMS. Students, faculty, staff and project partners came together for the occasion, with the produce shared between the academic community and the Centro Social e Paroquial de Santo António de Campolide. The next growing cycle is already underway, and members of the NOVA IMS community can sign up to help grow, care for and harvest the next crop.

JOIN THE VOLUNTEER TEAM



Running Club takes on Lisbon 10K

The Data Visionaries Running Club joined the Corrida CPME 100 Anos for a 10 km run through Lisbon. Open to the entire NOVA IMS community, the club brings together experienced runners and beginners looking to train, stay active or simply start running. New members can sign up and join the next run.

Join the Running Club

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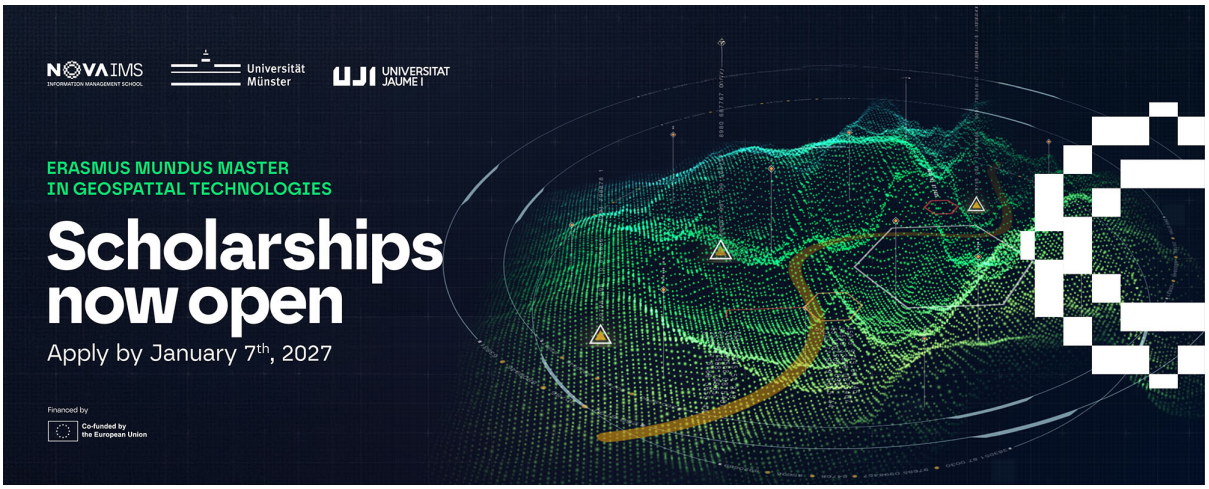


IMS Ignite

From business ideas to real opportunities

Have a business idea but don't know where to start? IMS Ignite offers personalized, one-on-one mentoring and a flexible program tailored to each project's stage of development. From testing ideas to building business models and preparing for launch, participants receive practical support and opportunities to connect with investors and industry experts. Applications are open year-round, with the next kickoff session on November 4.

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Erasmus Mundus

Scholarships open for Geospatial Technologies

Applications are open for Erasmus Mundus scholarships for the 2027/28 Master in Geospatial Technologies, jointly delivered by NOVA IMS, Universität Münster and Universitat Jaume I. The programme recently secured over €3.5 million in new EU funding and has supported more than 400 students and professionals from 85+ countries since 2007.

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IN THE NEWS

O Jornal Económico

In Jornal Económico, Guilherme Victorino, Associate Dean for Value Creation at NOVA IMS, reflects on what enables organisations to turn ideas into value, drawing on the School's recent ACEEU Entrepreneurial University Accreditation.

Público reports on the ASF's new Observatory for Long-Term Retirement Savings, developed with contributions from NOVA IMS. Professor Pedro Simões Coelho presented the methodology behind the initiative.

Time Out highlights NOVA Bela Flor, the urban farming project connecting NOVA IMS with Campolide. The article focuses on its 15 aeroponic towers, the first 80 kg harvest and the involvement of students, faculty and local residents.

ECO reports on Mobility & Digital Twins, organized by NOVA Cidade, POLIS and TML at NOVA IMS. The article explores how data and digital twins can support urban mobility and highlights the Hack the City challenge and its winning solutions.

SAPO reports on Route Maxxing, the winning project of Hack the City: Mobility Challenge at NOVA IMS. Developed in 48 hours, the tool uses real transport data to identify bus bunching and support more regular services.

At the CNN Portugal Summit | Fórum +Prevenção, Ricardo Baptista Leite, Chairman of the NOVA Center for Global Health, and Sónia Dias, Dean of ENSP NOVA, discuss what is still needed to turn prevention policies into measurable impact.

Observador reports on the +Prevenção study, coordinated by the NOVA Center for Global Health at NOVA IMS and ENSP NOVA. The research finds that only 40.9% of prevention policies assessed in Portugal show high implementation, with gaps in health literacy, data and AI.

Human Resources reports on a NOVA IMS study showing that most road accidents in Portugal occur in apparently favourable conditions, including good weather, daylight and straight roads.

Jornal de Negócios reports on Miguel de Castro Neto's keynote at the Cascais Summit, where the Dean of NOVA IMS argues that smart cities are defined not by technology, but by how data, AI and digital twins improve services, decisions and quality of life.

SAVE THE DATE

Pauleta: On Resilience and Overcoming Adversity

4th November | INE Auditorium, NOVA IMS

Join Pauleta, SL Benfica football player, for a conversation promoted by the NOVA IMS Alumni on resilience, overcoming challenges and the lessons learned throughout her professional journey. **Learn more here.**

Magusto 2026

11th November | NOVA IMS Courtyard

The smell of roasted chestnuts is coming to NOVA IMS! Celebrate Magusto with the NOVA IMS community in the courtyard, from 5:00 to 9:00 PM, for an evening of good company and autumn flavors. **More information soon.**

Graduation Ceremony

12th November | Lisbon Congress Centre

NOVA IMS celebrates the Class of 2025/2026, bringing together graduates, families and the academic community for a ceremony marking their achievements. Learn more here. **Learn more here.**

NOVA Science & Innovation Day 2026

18th November | Rectorate of NOVA University Lisbon

A day bringing together the NOVA community to showcase research, share ideas and explore how science and innovation can create impact across society. **More details coming soon.**

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