A summary for the non –portuguese speakers

You came here to get Knowledge at the highest level in your field of interest.

There is a very strong link between Science and the push on the expansion of the frontiers of Knowledge

Research and Development are therefore essential to this effect and this is why IIFAthe Advanced Education and Research Institute of the University, is the right place to integrate the Doctoral programs, creating what we call Doctoral School.

Its role extends to the Arts and the Humanities, since the concept of Knowledge goes beyond Science. However, at the level of the University and the teaching it offers, there is a concern with rigor and seriousness of approach, which has much in common



with the Sciences and the scientific method.

I also argued that technology and engineering in general are a very important corollary, since Research cannot be pursued without financing and it is the transfer of knowledge

to new services and products that (directly or indirectly) generate part of the funds that sustain research.

However, the question of funds for research, is by no means exhausted in the private sector. Public funds are indispensable, since they have the potential to create long term conditions for research, in particular that one that should not be so conditioned by immediate needs but, rather, respond to the need for solutions to important issues like social development, sustainability, health, poverty, etc.

In this session we thought it was important to give an idea of existing financing programs for advanced education, i.e doctoral programs and scholarships. We also thought it would be instructive to hear the testimonies of other older students and of some that already finished their degree with us.



Finally I want to make clear to you that IIFA, myself and my team, we are here to help and asking for help is only up to you! We want to wish you all an excellent time during your stay with us and we want to be

there with you, at the end of it, applauding you for your success and wishing you all the best for whatever you decide to do next in your careers.

Welcome to the University of Évora and to its Doctoral School and ... have fun while you are here!

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