

# UT Austin | Portugal

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## UT Austin | Portugal Annual Conference

The UT Austin | Portugal Program held its annual conference in Lisbon September 21-22 at the Gulbenkian Foundation. The conference showcased a variety of outcomes out of the collaboration, including both student and faculty work. UT Austin professor Bruce Pennycook gave an update on their research project with Carlos Guedes exploring kinetic controllers for music. Representatives of the new research projects also presented in Lisbon. These researchers included Paulo de Assis, Verónica Orvalho, Mário Jorge Silva, Álvaro Figueira, Rui Filipe Prada,

João Miguel Magalhães, and Manuel José Damásio. Program directors David Gibson and Sharon Strover also provided attendees with an overview of the program's accomplishments thus far.

### First Dual PhD student arrives in Austin

UT Austin welcomed its first dual PhD student at the start of the semester. João Beira comes to us from the University of Porto, where his work emphasized "live cinema." Under the direction of UT professor Bruce Pennycook, João plans to expand his project, working with faculty from RTF, the Department of Theater and Dance. João has been in early talks to art-direct a musical performance in the spring, giving him the opportunity to leverage his skills in interactive performance. João expects his experience in Austin will expand the possibilities of his creative practice.



The dual PhD program enables students from select doctoral programs in Portugal to apply to UT Austin to pursue a second doctorate. Accepted students come to UT to complete coursework and meet with advisors about their work. Students are co-supervised by professors in Portugal and Austin. To learn more about the PhD programs, please visit the [program site](#).



### Interns Get a Leg Up on Future Careers

The Digital Media program has placed students in some exciting internships this semester. Some students are learning the ropes at 501 Post, an Austin-based post-production studio. At 501 Post, students are engaged with crucial video tasks such as converting video from one format to another. Another intern has just been placed in a role at Innography, an intellectual-property firm. This role will leverage digital-media skills by developing new ways to present the complex data the firm sells to

its customers.

The Digital Media Program offers internships to both UT students and students from Portugal. Prospective employers and students can learn more about the program by [contacting internship coordinator Jonathan Daniels](#).

### UT Welcomes Exploratory Visitors in September and October

A group of doctoral students from UNL visit Austin in late September and early October on an exploratory visit. While at UT, they will visit with faculty to learn about the programs UT has to offer and how its resources could expand their research projects. This group of 10 students plan to visit faculty from Radio-TV-Film, Advertising, Journalism, Information studies, and Fine Arts. In addition, the students plan to attend the cutting-edge Flow media studies conference sponsored by the RTF department. The Flow conference features sessions on topics such as social media like Twitter and YouTube, international media production, and global TV distribution. To learn more about the Flow Conference, please visit [the Flow website](#).



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