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## UT Hosts Doctoral Symposium

UT Austin | Portugal doctoral program resident PhD students gathered visiting researchers, faculty members, and UT Austin graduate students on December 3rd to present their research. The five-hour symposium allowed members of the program to share their progress and get feedback from faculty members and their peers. The doctoral symposium follows one in Porto in October, where doctoral students studying in Porto and Lisbon presented their research projects during a one-day symposium at the futureplaces festival in Porto.

The meeting featured 15 presentations and was attended by approximately 40 people. The students gave brief but thorough overviews of their work, which examines a broad range of topics including interactive film, social network interactions, generative music systems, and perception of urban spaces, among many others. Additionally, visiting scholar Dr. Alcimar Queiroz of the Instituto Universitário de Lisboa discussed his research on the conceptualizing of the information society within developing countries, and interns Rui Silva and Diana Castilho talked about their respective work experiences in audio production and digital marketing.

The symposium provided a space for program members from across the University of Texas to gather and learn about students' doctoral research projects as well as other program-related research happening at UT Austin. Informative and highly interactive discussions followed the presentations and the lunch period gave Portuguese and Austin students, UT faculty, and other program visitors the opportunity to engage with one another and explore shared research interests. Attendees' enthusiastic participation made the symposium a great success.

To learn more about the event and see the program, [please visit the UT Austin | Portugal website](#).

## ImTV Researchers Meet In Lisbon

Members of the ImTV research team met November 16 in Lisbon. The project, which investigates opportunities for interactive television, met to share the state of their research and plan research going forward. The event, organized by principal investigator João Magalhães, brought together researchers from three Portuguese universities, as well as UT Austin. Two industrial affiliates, RTP and ZON, also participated in the discussions.



The day-long event included nine research presentations and a lunchtime session that included project demos from the software developers working on the project. The

day ended with an hour-long planning session, where team members plotted future directions for the project. To learn more about the ImTV research project, [please visit imtv.me](http://please.visit.imtv.me).



### **Porto Musicians Descend on Austin**

Austin may be known for rock and country music, but musicians of a different stripe made a tour stop in Austin. A post-doc and three U.Porto students with backgrounds in electronic music made exploratory visits at UT's Butler's School of Music this month. Their visit was timed to coincide with U.Porto professor Carlos Guedes' residency at the school.

Andre Holzapfel is a post-doctoral fellow and Rui Dias, Filipe Lopes, George Sioros are doctoral students at U.Porto studying music composition. While in Austin they visited the classes of music professors Russell Pinkston and Bruce Pennycook. The purpose of their visit was to evaluate spending a semester in residence at UT.

Two additional U.Porto students made the trip to Austin recently. Pedro Bastos, a doctoral student emphasizing computer graphics made an exploratory visit. He, along with the music students from U.Porto, attended the December 3 doctoral symposium and also checked out a visualization lab at Texas A&M. An alumnus of U.Porto's master's program in digital media, Yago de Quay paid a visit in November to investigate the possibility of a dual degree PhD.

### **Internship Update**

With the end of the semester and the holidays approaching, the Digital Media Leadership Program has said goodbye to two fall interns. Teresa Viera wrapped up her gig at radio station KUT-FM, and while Rui Silva's work with the Trashdance video game has ended, he plans to return in the spring to pursue further career opportunities by designing sound on several MFA productions.



The internship program has three students and young professionals from Portugal to place in the spring. Potential interns are looking for experiences with firms doing work in user experience design, mobile gaming, and audio. If your company could place an intern, please contact Chris McConnell at [mcchris@utexas.edu](mailto:mcchris@utexas.edu)

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