# MAFALDA FALCÃO FERREIRA, MSC

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Currently a Ph.D. Candidate in (PRODEI), and Invited Lecturer at the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto (FEUP), and a researcher at the Institute for Systems and Computer Engineering, Technology and Science (INESC-TEC). In love with technology and innovation ever since I was a little girl. Special interest in the areas of Data Science and Machine Learning, Databases and Web Development. Also passionate about mathematics, sports, traveling and photography.

### Professional experience

- \* 2018 Invited Lecturer, Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto { http://www.fe.up.pt }

  Linguagens e Tecnologias Web, third year, first semester. A Curricular Unit that aims to provide the students with skills in the most significant languages and Web technologies in the current technological context.
- \* 2018 Researcher, INESC TEC { http://www.inesctec.pt }, c.f. AE2018-0161 CESE/INESC TEC Grant (BI) for the study and development of methodologies for knowledge extraction from Deep Learning Architectures (DL) and Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs).

  Supervisor: Prof. Rui Camacho (FEUP/DEI)
  - 2017 18 Junior Researcher, Fraunhofer Portugal AICOS { http://www.fraunhofer.pt }
    Scientist and Developer for the EyeFundusScope project, studying Deep Learning approaches to Diabetic Retinopathy classification problems¹.
  - 2016 17 Research Assistant, Fraunhofer Portugal AICOS { http://www.fraunhofer.pt }

    Developed a framework for Malaria parasites detection in microscopic images (for the MalariaScope project), adaptable to other classification problems.
  - 2015 17 Teaching Assistant, Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto { http://www.fe.up.pt }
    Projeto FEUP, first year, first semester. A Curricular Unit that aims to receive and integrate new coming students, teaching them Soft Skills that will be useful for their academic journey and professional future.

### Education

- \* 2018 PH.D. Candidate in the Doctoral Program in Informatics Engineering (PRODEI) at FEUP.
- 2012 17 M.Sc. in Informatics and Computation Engineering (MIEIC) at FEUP.

  Statistical Comparison of Different Machine-Learning Approaches for Malaria Parasites Detection in Microscopic Images { http://hdl.handle.net/10216/106477 }

  Final dissertation mark: 18/20. Supervisor: Prof. Luís Filipe Teixeira.

### **Publications**

- \* 2018 M. Falcão Ferreira, R. Camacho, and L. Filipe Teixeira, "Autoencoders as Weight Initialization of Deep Classification Networks Applied to Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma", BIBM 2018 IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM-2018). Madrid, Spain. To appear.
  - M. Falcão Ferreira, L. Filipe Teixeira, and L. Rosado, "Improving Malaria Parasites Detection in Thick Blood Images: A Statistical Approach", INForum 2017 Simpósio de Informática (INFORUM-2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Both Fraunhofer Portugal AICOS projects belong to the *Deux Ex Machina* project (DeM), in the Eyes of Internet of Things Competence Center research line (EIT-CC), *c.f.* NORTE-01-0145-FEDER-000026.

# Media Coverage

Agência Lusa, "Tecnologia criada no Porto deteta malária através de imagens obtidas com smartphones", Portugal. { https://goo.gl/TnGrKj }

# **Skills**

### Programming

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Python • Java • C/C++ • C# • SQL • UML • HTML5 • CSS • Bootstrap • XML • JQuery • JavaScript • Prolog
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### OTHERS

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Git • Latex • Weka • RapidMiner • Visual Studio • Eclipse
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## Languages

Portuguese (native) • English **≡** • Spanish **≡** • French **≡**