Who are we?
We are a group of PhD students from Instituto Superior Técnico (IST), Universidade de Lisboa (ULisboa), of diverse scientific backgrounds, nationalities, interests and ideas.

Why did we start the Club?
The absence of an appropriate forum to discuss the PhD students' interests, needs and expectations, regarding both professional and interpersonal aspects, has led us to create the Técnico PhD Student Club.

What are our goals?
Our mission is to build a community that represents the collective interests and fosters collaboration among PhD students and PhD graduates across all Doctoral Programmes, Departments and Research Units at IST.

How to achieve these goals?
We have launched a free-access online communication platform on Discord and have created several Workgroups to efficiently address several topics such as:
- The organisation of social gatherings and networking activities;
- Promotion and/or coordination of training initiatives to improve hard and soft skills;
- Integration of PhD graduates in both academic and non-academic job markets;
- Integration of PhD students within the academic framework of IST and of ULisboa and
- Logistic support for the activities developed by the Club.

Going forward, we intend to continue growing and strengthening our diverse PhD student community and develop strategic ties with stakeholders outside and within IST that can help us reach our goals.

How to join us or collaborate?
Any PhD student is welcome to join the Técnico PhD Student Club and its activities. We are also open to collaborating with any interested entities (Company, Department, Service, Research Unit).

You may contact us through phdstudentclub@tecnico.ulisboa.pt.
For more information, please visit our website at http://phdstudentclub.tecnico.ulisboa.pt/ and join our Discord server.

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