UNIVERSIDADE D COIMBRA

ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 378/SGA/DOFAE

Faculty of Sciences and Technology

Academic Year 2026/2027

2nd Cycle Course

2nd cycle
Master in Plastics and Sustentability

1. Number of places:
1st call: 10 places
2nd call: 10 places
3rd call: 10 places + remaining places

2. Minimum number of students for course opening: Not applicable.

3. Application deadlines:
1st call: 2nd to 31st March 2026
2nd call: 1st June to 15th July 2026
3rd call: 1st to 11th September 2026

4. Admission requirements:
1 – Applicants to this cycle of studies leading to a Master's Degree may be:
a) Holders of a Bachelor's Degree, or a legal equivalent degree, in Chemical Engineering, Polymer Engineering, Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry or other similar field, and a professional experience of 5 years minimum;
b) Holders of a foreign higher education degree – 1st cycle of studies that is organised in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Process concerning the fields referred to in subparagraph a);
c) Holders of a higher education degree obtained in a foreign country, which is recognised to meet the objectives of the Bachelor's Degree in the aforementioned fields by the Scientific Council of the FCTUC;

d) In duly justified cases, holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum that is relevant to attend this cycle of studies, and is recognised as such by the Scientific Council of the FCTUC, according to criteria approved by this body.
2 - The recognition referred to in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of number 1 has only the effect of enabling access to the cycle of studies leading to a Master's Degree and it does not give the holder an equivalence to the Bachelor's degree or the recognition of that degree.
3 – Concerning the applicants who do not speak Portuguese, substantiated knowledge of the English language is required, with a minimum of level B1 (CEFR) or equivalent – this is an exclusion criterion prevailing over all the aforementioned criteria.

5. Selection criteria:
2nd Cycle Course
a) Academic curriculum, [5/6 Weighting];
i) Final classification of the 1st cycle course held by the applicant (20%);
ii) Vocational aptitude demonstrated by the adequacy of the objectives and contents of the previous studies to the objectives and contents of the course of application (20%);
iii) Cross-cutting skills acquired in previous studies or in an extra-curricular environment (10%); iv) Professional experience in the polymer sector (50%);
b) Commitment to the new path, [1/6 Weighting].
- Motivation of the applicant for the new academic path demonstrated through the motivation letter.

2nd Cycle - Application based on Subparagraph d)
i) Academic curriculum, considering the final classification of the degree(s) held, [20/100 Weighting];
ii) Relevance of the degree(s) held for the scientific area of the study cycle, [20/100 Weighting];
iii) Scientific curriculum in the scientific area of the study cycle of application, [10/100 Weighting];
iv) Professional curriculum, considering the duration and nature of the professional activities performed in the scientific area of the study cycle in question, [50/100 Weighting].

NOTE: Assessed applications that have a grade lower than 9.5 in one of the evaluation criteria will automatically become non-approved.

6. Required documentation:
- Applicants from countries that do not speak Portuguese or English must provide proof of proficiency in English or Portuguese with a minimum level of B1 (CEFR) or equivalent (MANDATORY, only for referred applicants);
- Certificate of Bachelor's degree with final course classification (diploma). A certificate proving

approval in the curricular units carried out must be included, with respective classifications (school transcript). (MANDATORY, except if the primary course is a course taught at the University of Coimbra);
- Detailed curriculum vitae with documentation proving at least 5 years of professional experience as indicated in the conditions for admission to the course; (MANDATORY);
- Identification document (MANDATORY only for foreign applicants);
- Motivation Letter; (MANDATORY);
- Official declaration of course outlines and hourly course loads with classification of each course unit of courses previously taken (transcript), in case of equivalence credits request (MANDATORY, except in degrees awarded by the University of Coimbra under the Bologna Process – after 2007/2008);
- Official document certifying qualifications, issued by the institution awarding the degree, indicating the weighted average and the grading scale. (MANDATORY only for holders of a degree obtained abroad that does not contain the average);
- Sworm statement concerning – Professional experience. This form should be downloaded, filled out and signed, scanned and then attached to the application; (MANDATORY).

NOTE: If the documents mentioned above are written in a foreign language other than Spanish, French, and English, it is mandatory to present a translation to Portuguese undertaken by a translator recognised by the Portuguese diplomatic representation.
The submission of the authenticated original documents is mandatory to the applicants admitted who enrol and register and must be done as soon as possible in order to complete their personal file. Further information at: https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/submit-docs/.

7. Tuition fee:
- National student or equivalent: 2,500 EUR (annual fee);
- International student: 10,000 EUR (annual fee).

8. Part-time registration: Allowed.

9. Assessment committee:
- Arménio Coimbra Serra;
- Jorge Fernando Jordão Coelho.

10. Other information:
- Application is subject to the payment of a 50.00 € fee, which is non-refundable, even in case of invalidation of application and of non-placement.

- Applications are submitted online at: https://inforestudante.uc.pt/nonio/security/candidaturas.do.
- Applicants who do not have the documents attesting the required qualifications or other documents until the end of the deadline for applications may apply conditionally. If they do not submit the required documents until the new deadline provided, their application will become "Not Admitted". Then, they can move their application onto the following call for applications without any additional charges.
- In applications definitively considered valid, and after the evaluation period has started, it is not possible to add or replace the documents presented. To add new documentation, a new application must be submitted in the next phase, if any.
- After the last phase of applications, and if there are still places available, applicants may submit their application by means of a request, beyond the deadline, which will be duly appraised by the coordination of the Course /Organisational Unit.
- Further information about academic issues, including the academic calendar, is available at: https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/
- Contacts: E-mail: https://apps.uc.pt/forms/view/sga/en
Telephone:(00351) 239 247 195
In person assistance: at the Student Hub of the University of Coimbra. Schedules for assistance may be consulted at: https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/location-contacts/in-person/

University of Coimbra, on 12th February 2026.

Head of Division,