

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 376/SGA/DOFAE

Faculty of Sciences and Technology

Academic Year 2026/2027

2nd Cycle Course

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Master in Biotechnological Engineering

1. Number of places:

1st call: 10 places

2nd call: 33 places

3rd call: 2 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 the Master in Biotechnological Engineering must be:

- a) Holders of a Bachelor's degree or legal equivalent in Biotechnological Engineering, Biological Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Biochemical Engineering, Bioengineering, Biotechnology, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Industrial Chemistry, Chemical Technology, with courses organized according to the Bologna principles;
- b) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree, in the areas referred to in a) - 1st cycle of studies organized according to the principles of the Bologna Process;
- c) Holders of a higher academic degree obtained abroad that is recognized by the Scientific Council of FCTUC as meeting the objectives of a bachelor degree in one of the referred areas;
- d) In duly justified cases, the holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum relevant

to the attendance of this study cycle and, as such recognized by the FCTUC Scientific Council, according to criteria approved by the referred council.

2. The recognition referred to in sub-paragraphs b) to d) of paragraph 1 merely provides access to the study cycle leading to the degree of master and does not confer on its holder the equivalence to the degree of bachelor or the recognition of that degree.

3 - For applicants who do not speak Portuguese, proven knowledge of the English language with a minimum level of B1 (CEFR) or equivalent is required.

5. Selection criteria:

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a) Academic curriculum, [40/100 Weighting];

- Final classification of the 1st cycle course held by the applicant.

b) Academic Curriculum, [40/100 Weighting];

- Vocational aptitude demonstrated by the alignment of previous training objectives and content with the objectives and content of the program being applied for.

c) Academic Curriculum, [10/100 Weighting];

- Soft skills acquired through previous training or in extracurricular environments.

d) Letter of Motivation, [10/100 Weighting].

- Commitment and motivation for the new academic path, including the specific specialization branch intended

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i) Academic curriculum, considering the final classification of the degree(s) held, [30/100 Weighting];

ii) Relevance of the course(s) carried out by the applicant to the scientific field of the cycle of studies to which he/she is applying, including the applicant's motivation and interest in completing the academic cycle of studies to which he/she is applying (the latter criterion takes into consideration the motivation letter, which must include the branch of the new academic pathway), [30/100 Weighting];

iii) Scientific curriculum in the scientific area of the study cycle of application, [20/100 Weighting];

iv) Professional curriculum, considering the duration and nature of the professional activities performed in the scientific area of the study cycle in question, [20/100 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

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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);
- Curriculum Vitae; (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).

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: 1,250,00 EUR (annual fee);
- International student: 7,000 EUR (annual fee).

8. Part-time registration: Allowed.

9. Assessment committee:

- Jorge Fernando Brandão Pereira;
- Tatiana Sofia da Quinta Vidal Aguiar.

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.

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- 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,