

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 314/SGA/DOFAE

Faculty of Sciences and Technology

Academic Year 2026/2027

3rd Cycle Course

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PhD Degree in Advanced Materials and Processing

**In association with: Universidade da Beira Interior, Universidade de Aveiro,
Universidade de Lisboa, Universidade do Minho, Universidade do Porto, Universidade
Nova de Lisboa**

1. Number of places:

1st call: 1 place

2nd call: 2 places

3rd call: 1 + remaining places

Extra call: 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

Extra call: 20th to 27th October 2026

4. Admission requirements:

1. Applications for admission to the PhD Degree in Advanced Materials and Processing may be submitted by:

a) Holders of one of the following academic degrees or equivalent:

- Pre-Bologna Bachelor's degree in Materials Science and/or Engineering, or related areas;

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- Pre- or post-Bologna Master's degree in Materials Science and/or Engineering, or related areas.

b) Candidates who have obtained a grade in a pre-Bologna Bachelor's degree, a grade in an integrated post-Bologna Master's degree, or a weighted average of the 1st and 2nd post-Bologna cycles equal to or higher than 14/20.

Candidates with an average lower than 14 may be admitted if they are authors of at least one peer-reviewed original work, already published or accepted for publication by the date of application submission.

c) Candidates who possess a professional or scientific curriculum recognized as relevant and appropriate by the Scientific Committee of the Program.

d) Candidates who hold a higher education degree obtained from a national or foreign institution that is recognized as appropriate by the Scientific Committee of the Program.

2. The recognition referred to in subparagraphs b) and c) of paragraph 1 only allows access to the cycle of studies leading to a PhD Degree and does not grant its holder the recognition or equivalence to a Bachelor's or Master's Degree.

5. Selection criteria:

- 1 - Quality of the academic/professional background [40/100 Weighting];
- 2 - Curriculum vitae [40/100 Weighting];
- 3 - Motivation letter [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:

- 1- Motivation Letter [MANDATORY];
- 2- 1st Letter of Recommendation;
- 3- 2nd Letter of Recommendation;
- 4- 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];
- 5- Certificate from Master's degree with final course classification (Master degree diploma). A certificate proving approval in the curricular units carried out must be included, with respective classifications (school transcript) [MANDATORY, except if the origin course is a course taught at the University of Coimbra];
- 6- Official declaration of course outlines and hourly course loads 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)];

7- Curriculum vitae [MANDATORY];

8- Identity Document [MANDATORY only for foreign applicants].

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:

2,750€ (annual fee).

8. Part-time registration: Allowed

9. Assessment committee:

- Ana Paula da Fonseca Piedade.

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. Schedules at:<https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/location-contacts/>

University of Coimbra, on 10th February 2026.

Head of Division,