

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 31/SGA/DOFAE

**Faculty of Economics
Academic Year 2026/2027
3rd Cycle Course**

**3rd cycle
Doctoral Programme in Management - Decision Aiding Science**

1. Number of places:

1st call: 5 places

2nd call: 5 + remaining places

3rd call: 5 + remaining places

2. Minimum number of students for course opening: 5

3. Application deadlines:

1st call: 9th December 2025 to 30th January 2026

2nd call: 2nd to 31st March 2026

3rd call: 4th May to 30th June 2026

4. Admission requirements:

1 - Applicants for admission to the Doctoral Programme in Management – Decision Aiding Science must be:

a) Holders of a master's degree or legal equivalent, namely holders of a master's degree in Management, Economics, Engineering and other related fields;

b) Holders of a bachelor's degree in the fields referred to in sub-paragraph a), holders of a particularly relevant academic or scientific curriculum that is recognized as attesting capacity to carry out this cycle of studies by the Academic Board of the Faculty of Economics;

c) Holders of a scholar, scientific or professional curriculum that is recognized as attesting to the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies by the Academic Board of the Faculty of Economics of the University of Coimbra.

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.

NOTE: Minimum average of 14 points in the curricular units of the academic part to continue studies for the Thesis and Thesis Project.

5. Selection criteria:

3rd Cycle Course:

1.1 Academic Curriculum: Undergraduate Degree [Weighting 3/10]:

The score in this criterion takes into account the final classification of the degree and the affinity of its area with that of the doctoral programme, namely regarding quantitative subjects included. If the degree is not considered related, this may be a reason for rejecting applications;

1.2 Academic curriculum: Master's degree [Weighting 3/10]:

The score in this criterion takes into account the final classification of the master's degree and the affinity of its area with that of the doctoral program, namely regarding quantitative subjects included. If the master's degree is not considered related, this may be a reason for rejecting applications;

2. Curriculum Vitae: Publications / Research / Other Academic Training (includes an interview, if necessary), [Weighting 2/10]:

The score in this criterion takes into account:

- Scientific publications in areas related to the doctorate's field, namely articles in journals, chapters of books and minutes of congresses. The recognition of the quality of the magazine, publisher and congress will also be relevant.
- Participation in research funded projects and role played in the project team.
- Other post-graduate studies in fields related to the PhD programme.
- Training in the fields of economics, management, engineering or mathematics that have provided proficiency in the use of quantitative models and methods, as well as computer tools, for decision making.
- Professional experience in an area related to the PhD program.
- Knowledge of English.

Jury:

João Paulo Faria Oliveira Costa (President of the Jury)

Maria João Teixeira Gomes Alves

Luís Miguel Cândido Dias

3. Motivation and research area of interest/Profile of Applicant (includes, if necessary, na Interview) [Weighting 2/10]:

The score in this criterion takes into account:

- The motivation of the applicant.
- The subject field of the doctorate in which the candidate starts to develop research leading to the thesis (which may have already been organized with a potential advisor).
- The expected time of dedication to the doctorate.
- The motivation letter and the text justifying the interest in the PhD.
- Performance in any doctoral programs previously attended.

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3rd Cycle - Application based on Subparagraph c):

- Academic curriculum: Undergraduate degree, [3/10 Weighting];
(see specifications in point 1.1)
- Curriculum vitae: Publications/Research/ Other academic training (includes, if necessary, na interview), [5/10 Weighting];
(see specifications in point 2)
- Motivation and research area of interest / Profile of the candidate (includes, if necessary, na Interview), [2/10 Weighting].
(see specifications in point 3)

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; [MANDATORY];
- 3- 2nd Letter of Recommendation; [MANDATORY];
- 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] - Only applicable to: 3rd Cycle Course;

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- Diploma of proficiency in English (if available) or declarativo by the applicant on knowledge of English, rated on the scale of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages- Europass (A1 to C2); [MANDATORY];

8- Curriculum vitae; [MANDATORY];

7- Identity Document [MANDATORY only for foreign applicants];

10- Text justification of the interest by the PhD / Theme Proposal (up to 1000 words); [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:

- 2,000€ (annual fee)

8. Part-time registration: Allowed

9. Assessment committee:

- João Paulo Faria Oliveira Costa;
- Maria João Teixeira Gomes Alves.

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 19th January 2026.

Head of Division,