

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 279/SGA/DOFAE

**Faculty of Pharmacy
Academic Year 2026/2027
2nd Cycle Course**

**2nd cycle
Master's degree in pharmaceutical biotechnology**

1. Number of places:

1st call: 5 places

2nd call: 25+ remaining places

2. Minimum number of students for course opening: 15

3. Application deadlines:

1st call: 2nd to 31st March 2026

2nd call: 1st June to 15th July 2026

4. Admission requirements:

1. Applicants to the cycle of studies leading to this Master's degree must be:

- a) Holders of a bachelor's degree or legal equivalent in Pharmaceutical Sciences and also holders of the degree of degree in the area of Health Sciences whose personal curriculum reveals an adequate basic scientific preparation, namely in the field of Biotechnology;
- b) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree awarded following a 1st cycle of studies organized according to the principles of the Bologna Process by a State compliant with this Process;
- c) Holders of a higher academic degree obtained abroad that is recognized as meeting the objectives of the degree of bachelor in one of the areas mentioned under the previous points by the Scientific Committee of FFUC;
- d) Holders of an academic, scientific or professional CV recognized as adequate for pursuing this cycle of studies by the Scientific Committee of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Coimbra, in which applicants must obtain an evaluation of 14 points or higher.

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.

5. Selection criteria:

2nd Cycle Course:

1 - Adequacy of academic, scientific and professional curriculum [2/3 Weighting]:

1.1. Adequacy of 1st Cycle course to the profile of the Master in Biotechnology of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Coimbra;

1.1.1. recognition of academic merit in the 1st cycle course;

1.1.2. recognition of the adequacy of 1st cycle course to the requirements and profiles of the Master in Biotechnology;

1.2. recognition of scientific merit, namely publications, participation in projects and other scientific activities.

2 - Classification of Bachelor's degree or equivalent [1/3 Weighting].

2nd Cycle - Application based on Subparagraph d):

i) Academic curriculum, considering the final classification of the degree(s) held (20%);

ii) Relevance of the degree(s) held for the scientific area of the study cycle (30%);

iii) Scientific curriculum, considering participation in congresses, seminars, research projects, number and scientific quality of publications (monographs, book chapters, articles in periodicals), prizes and similar awards, provided these activities are in the scientific area of the study cycle in question (30%);

iv) Professional curriculum, considering the duration and nature of the professional activities performed in the scientific area of the study cycle in question (20%).

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- 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];

- 3- 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)];
- 4- Curriculum vitae [MANDATORY];
- 5- Identity Document [MANDATORY only for foreign applicants];
- 6- Official document certifying qualifications, issued by the institution awarding the highest 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 EUR (annual fee);
- International student: 7,000 EUR (annual fee).

8. Part-time registration: Not allowed

9. Assessment committee:

- Carlos Manuel Freire Cavaleiro.

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.

ADMINISTRATION

- 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 18th February 2026.

Head of Division,