

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 79/SGA/DOFAE

Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences

Academic Year 2026/2027

3rd Cycle Course

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PhD Degree in Psychology

1. Number of places:

1st call: 5 places

2nd call: 25 places

3rd call: 0 places

Extra call: 5 + remaining places

2. Minimum number of students for course opening: 5

3. Application deadlines:

1st call: 2nd to 31st March 2026

2nd call: 1st June to 1st September 2026

Extra call: 20th to 27th October 2026

4. Admission requirements:

1 – Application to the study cycle conducive to the title of doctor is open to those who:

a) Hold a master's degree or legal equivalent;

b) Hold a licentiate degree, and possess a particularly relevant school or scientific curriculum that is acknowledged by the Scientific Council of the FPCE-UC as evidence of ability to undertake this study cycle;

c) Possess a school, scientific or professional curriculum that is acknowledged by the Scientific Council of the FPCE-UC as evidence of ability to undertake this study cycle.

2 – Acknowledgement mentioned in sections b) and c) of the previous item only allows access to the cycle of studies conducive to the title of doctor, and does not bestow on its holder an

equivalence to the licentiate degree or master from the UC, or in any way acknowledge it. Candidates should check the admission requirements available on this site, in addition to the information provided here.

3 – In the case of applications made under points b) and c) of the number 1, the acknowledgement of the academic, scientific or professional curriculum that certifies the ability to undertake this study cycle, by the Scientific Council of the FPCE-UC, must be requested prior to the submission of the application, under penalty of exclusion for non-compliance with the admission requirements.

4 - Concerning the application documents, the submission of the pre-project is mandatory previously to the beginning of the validation of the applications; not including this document entails immediately the applicant's exclusion due to failure to comply with the admission conditions.

5. Selection criteria:

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A. Curriculum analysis [12/20 Weighting];

A1. Academic path (reflecting the rankings of academic degrees): 3

A2. Personal curriculum (which reflects the scientific, professional and academic path, and which includes letters of recommendation) in the scientific area of the study cycle: 7

A3. Academic work: 2

B. Draft path [8/20 Weighting]:

B1. Motivation letter: 2

B2. Pre-project: 6 (NOTE: applicants who do not submit a draft project will be excluded).

3rd Cycle - Application based on Subparagraph c):

i. Curriculum Analysis [Weighting 12/20]:

i1. Academic Path (reflecting academic degree grades): 3

i2. Personal Curriculum (reflecting scientific, professional, and academic trajectory, including letters of recommendation) in the scientific field of the study cycle: 7

i3. Academic Work: 2

ii. Proposed Path [Weighting 8/20]:

ii1. Motivation Letter: 2

ii2. Pre-project: 6 (NOTE: failure to include the pre-project results in disqualification).

6. Required documentation:

1- Motivation Letter, explaining the reasons that lead the applicant to apply, where relevant in accordance with the criteria established by the academic unit to which they are applying [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];
- 6- Workload and programmes of curricular units if credits are to be requested [MANDATORY, unless the course of origin is taught at the University of Coimbra under the Bologna Process - after 2007/2008)];
- 7- Curriculum Vitae and, if applicable, proof of FCT scholarship [MANDATORY];
- 8- 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);
- 9- Identity Document [MANDATORY only for foreign applicants];
- 10- Indication of specialty and line of research (<https://ucpages.uc.pt/en/fpce/cursos/doctorates-in-psychology/phd-degree-in-psychology/>) [MANDATORY];
- 11- Pre-project according to the form available at: <https://www.uc.pt/en/fpce/cursos/doctorates-in-psychology/phd-degree-in-psychology/>. This form should be downloaded, completed, scanned and then attached to the application [MANDATORY];
- 12- An academic work (monograph, essay, dissertation or article) [MANDATORY];
- 13- Information of expression of interest in guidance by the Professor of the line of research [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:

- 2750€ (valor anual).

8. Part-time registration: Allowed (only for Doctoral thesis)

9. Assessment committee:

- Ana Ganho Ávila Costa;
- Ana Rita Esteves de Sousa e Silva;
- Joaquim Manuel Pires Valentim;
- Marcela Salomé Albuquerque Andrade de Matos;
- Nélío Jesus de Freitas Brasão;
- Teresa Manuela Marques Santos Dias Rebelo;
- Álvaro Filipe Ribeiro dos Santos Oliveira Mendes.

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.



ADMINISTRATION

Head of Division,