

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 295/SGA/DOFAE

Faculty of Sciences and Technology

Academic Year 2026/2027

3rd Cycle Course

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PhD in Anthropology

1. Number of places:

1st call: 6 places

2nd call: 8 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- Applicants for admission to the PhD in Anthropology must be:

a) Holders of a master's degree or legal equivalent;

b) Holders of a bachelor's degree in Anthropology and related fields with at least 4 years of academic training in Higher Education, full time, or equivalent in the case of a degree obtained abroad, and a final classification of 18 values (on a scale of 1 to 20);

c) In duly justified cases, holders of a school, scientific or professional curriculum relevant for pursuing this cycle of studies as recognized by the Scientific Committee of FCTUC. Applicants must obtain a curricular evaluation equal to or higher than 16 points.

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:

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1. Curriculum Assessment [6/10 Weighting]:

a) quality and relevance of the academic curriculum (50%)

The merit of the training pathway and the final grade of the academic degree(s) are assessed.

b) taking into consideration the scientific curriculum (30%)

The participation of the applicants in congresses, seminars and research projects will be taken into account, as well as the number and scientific quality of publications (monographs, book chapters, articles in periodical journals), awards and similar elements, provided that these are activities carried out within the scientific field of the cycle of studies concerned, or in neighbouring scientific fields, and taking into consideration the stage of the applicant's career.

c) taking into consideration the professional curriculum (20%)

The relevance and quality of the professional experience accomplished within the scientific field concerned, or in neighbouring fields, are taken into consideration, as well as the stage of the applicant's career.

2. Analysis of the motivation letter and the recommendation letters [2/10 Weighting]:

a) Motivation letter (50%)

The motivation letter should have a maximum of two pages, and it should objectively justify the merit of the application and its underlying reasons, and it should highlight future research prospects within the scope of the PhD.

b) Recommendation letters (50%)

The recommendation letters should mention the context in which the author of the letter knows the work and characteristics of the applicant, what makes her/him able to attest the applicant's qualities, as well as his/her opinion on the maturity and the adequacy of the applicant's profile to the PhD programme to which he/she is applying.

3. Individual interview, [2/10 Weighting]:

During the interview, the ability to present and connect ideas, the power of summarising and

communication eloquence will be assessed, as well as the motivation and future research prospects, and the confidence and maturity demonstrated in the interaction with the assessment panel. The interview is the criterion to break a tie.

3rd Cycle - Application based on Subparagraph c):

- i) School curriculum, considering the final classification of the course (s) taken [20%];
- ii) An academic curriculum, taking into consideration the quality of the training's pathway and the relevance of the course(s) taken regarding the scientific field concerned or neighbouring scientific fields, and taking into consideration the stage of the applicant's career [20%];
- iii) A scientific curriculum, taking into consideration the applicant's participation in congresses, seminars, research projects, the number of and scientific quality of publications (monographs, book chapters, articles in periodical journals), the awards and similar elements, as long as these activities are carried out within the scientific field of the cycle of studies concerned, or in neighbouring scientific fields, and taking into consideration the stage of the applicant's career [20%];
- iv) A professional curriculum, taking into consideration the relevance and quality of the professional experience accomplished within the scientific field concerned or neighbouring scientific fields, and taking into consideration the stage of the applicant's career [20%];
- v) Individual interview. The interview assesses the ability to present and articulate ideas, the power of synthesis and communicative eloquence, motivation and future research perspectives, as well as the confidence and maturity demonstrated in the interaction with the evaluation panel. The interview constitutes the tiebreaker criterion [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- 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- 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];

9- 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:

- 2750€ (annual fee).

8. Part-time registration: Allowed

9. Assessment committee:

- Ana Maria Gama da Silva;
- Cláudia Isabel Soares Umbelino;
- Gonalo Joo Duro dos Santos.

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

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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 4th February 2026.

Head of Division,