NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 296/SGA/DOFAE

Faculty of Sciences and Technology

Academic Year 2026/2027

3rd Cycle Course

3rd cycle
PhD in Biosciences

1. Number of places:
1st call: 24 places
2nd call: 25 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 Biosciences must be:

a) Holders of a master's degree in Biology or related fields, or any other appropriate training, namely, Chemistry, Physics, Agricultural Sciences, Environmental Engineering, Pharmaceutical Sciences or Medicine, or legal equivalent, with a minimum classification of 16 values;

b) Holders of a bachelor's degree in Biology or related fields, or any other degree with appropriate training, namely Chemistry, Physics, Agrarian Sciences, Environmental Engineering,

Pharmaceutical Sciences or Medicine 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 final mark of 18 values;

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 10 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. Cv Assessment [6/10 Weighting];
(0.25 x A + 0.25 x B + 0.25 x C + 0.25 x D), taking into consideration:
A) final grade of the course(s) taken by the applicants;
B) relevance of the course(s) taken by the applicants to the scientific field of this cycle of studies;
C) scientific curriculum, taking into consideration the participation of the applicants in congresses, seminars, research projects, the number and scientific quality of publications (monographs, book chapters, articles in periodical journals), awards and similar elements, provided that they are activities carried out within the scientific field of this cycle of studies;
D) Professional curriculum, taking into consideration the duration and type of the professional functions performed within the scientific field of this cycle of studies.
2. Analysis of letters of recommendation and letter of motivation [2/10 Weighting];
(0.5 x A + 0.5 x B); taking into consideration:
A) concerning the motivation letter, the applicant's ability to clearly express his/her motivation for entering the cycle of studies;
B) concerning the recommendation letters, taking into consideration the applicant's recommendation, including a clear indication of the profile as being very adequate to the cycle of studies.
3. Interview [2/10 Weighting].
(0.3 x A + 0.3 x B + 0.4 x C), taking into consideration:
A) The applicant's ability to express and communicate;
B) The applicant's motivation for entering the cycle of studies;

C) Applicant's future research prospects within the scope of the PhD course.

3rd Cycle - Application based on Subparagraph c):

i) School curriculum, considering the final classification of the course (s) taken by the applicant, [20/100 Weighting];
ii) Relevance of the course (s) taken to the scientific area of the study cycle to which you they are applying [20/100 Weighting];
iii) Scientific Curriculum, considering the participation of applicants in congresses, seminars, research projects, number and scientific quality of publications (monographs, book chapters, articles in periodicals), prizes and similar elements, as long as these activities are developed in the scientific area of the study cycle in question [20/100 Weighting];
iv) Professional curriculum, considering the duration and nature of the professional activity in the scientific area of the study cycle in question [20/100 Weighting];
v) Interview [20/100 Weighting]
considering the following skills and abilities:
a) Speaking and communication skills;
b) Motivation for entering the study cycle;
c) Future research perspectives within the scope of the PhD course.

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:
- 2,750€ (annual fee).

8. Part-time registration: Allowed

9. Assessment committee:
- Rui Godinho Lobo Girão Ribeiro.

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 5th February 2026.

Head of Division,