UNIVERSIDADE D COIMBRA

ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 293/SGA/DOFAE

Faculty of Sciences and Technology

Academic Year 2026/2027

3rd Cycle Course

3rd cycle
PhD in Architecture

1. Number of places:
1st call: 9 places
2nd call: 10 places
3rd call: 1 + 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

4. Admission requirements:
1- Applicants for admission to the PhD in Architecture must be:

a) Holders of a master's degree or legal equivalent in a field of knowledge related to the disciplinary scope of the Architecture;

b) Holders of a bachelor´s degree in Architecture or Architecture and Urbanism, with at least 5 years of academic training in Higher Education, full time, or equivalent in the degree obtained abroad, and a final minimum grade of 14 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:

3rd Cycle Course:

1 - School curriculum, considering the final classification of the course (s) taken by the applicant and relevance of the course (s) taken to the scientific area of the study cycle to which you are applying [30/100 Weighting];
2 - 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 and professional curriculum, considering the duration and nature of the professional activity in the scientific area of the study cycle in question [20/100 Weighting];
3 - Points increase for applicants who are taking part in a study/research centre that is recognised by the FCT and/or with approved funding to carry out the Thesis [15/100 Weighting];
4 - Appraisal of the Motivation and Recommendation Letters [20/100 Weighting];
5 - In-person/remote interview [15/100 Weighting]:
1st phase – April 9
2nd phase – July 27
3rd phase – September 15
The interview dates may be subject to change, but applicants will be informed.
Jury:
Professor Nuno Alberto Leite Rodrigues Grande (president)
Professor Rui Pedro Mexia Lobo
Professor Gonçalo Esteves de Oliveira do Canto Moniz

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) In-person/remote interview [20/100 Weighting]:
1st phase – April 9
2nd phase – July 27
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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:
- Nuno Alberto Leite Rodrigues Grande.

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 4th February 2026.

Head of Division,