ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 82/SGA/DOFAE

Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences

Academic Year 2026/2027

3rd Cycle Course

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Inter-University PhD Program in Social Work
In association with: Universidade Católica Portuguesa

1. Number of places:
1st call: 5 places
2nd call: 10 places
3rd call: 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 15th July 2026
3rd call: 1st to 11th September 2026

4. Admission requirements:
1. Applicants to the Inter-University PhD Program in Social Work course must be:
a) Holders of a master's degree, or equivalent, in Social Work or related fields;
b) Holders of a bachelor's degree in Social Work or related fields with an academic, scientific or professional curriculum recognized as attesting the capacity to pursue this cycle of studies by the legal and statutory scientific entities of the associated universities, after the approval of the Scientific and Coordinating Committee of the PhD Programme;
c) Exceptionally, holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum recognized as attesting the capacity to pursue this study cycle by the legal and statutory scientific entities of the associated universities, after the approval of the Scientific and Coordinating Committee of the PhD

Programme.

2 - The recognition referred to in subparagraphs b) and c) of paragraph 1 merely provides access to the cycle of studies leading to a PhD Degree and does not grant on its holder the recognition or equivalence to a Bachelor's or Master's Degree.

5. Selection criteria:

a) Quality of previous academic course, [5/20 Weighting]:
a1) Quality of the previous academic path; classification/grade of the access qualification;
a2) Suitability of the access qualifications to the requirements of the relevant third-cycle (doctoral) programme.
b) Scientific Curriculum, [5/20 Weighting]:
b1) Publications in scientific journals, including copies of the published scientific articles (if applicable) (selection of the two most relevant publications);
b2) Presentations delivered at conferences or other types of events;
b3) Scholarships and awards granted;
b4) Participation in research projects.
c) Professional Curriculum, [4/20 Weighting]:
c1) Relevant professional experience in the area of specialisation of the doctoral programme;
c2) Projects, publications and technical communications.

d) Languages domain, [1/20 Weighting]:
d1) Functional proficiency in languages relevant to scientific research, particularly for reading, writing, and academic communication.

e) Motivation, preliminary research project, and suitability for the Doctoral Programme, [5/20 Weighting]:
e1) Explanation in the motivation letter of:
i) the reasons underlying the application;
ii) the actual conditions for attending the programme;
iii) experience in the use of digital tools, artificial intelligence, and data analysis in academic, professional, or research contexts;
iv) the (provisional) research idea (topic and arguments) that the applicant would like to develop within the doctoral programme.

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- 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 [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];

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, after the 1st curricular year

9. Assessment committee:
- Sónia Guadalupe dos Santos Ribeiro Neves de Abreu.

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.

Head of Division,