

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 73/SGA/DOFAE

**Faculty of Medicine
Academic Year 2026/2027
3rd Cycle Course**

**3rd cycle
Doctoral Programme in Health Sciences**

1. Number of places:

1st call: 23 places

3rd call: 7 * places

* Places exclusive for applicants who have obtained a doctoral scholarship funded by a funding agency under a competitive tender involving a scientifically credible, impartial and independent assessment conducted by a panel of experts of recognized scientific merit.

2. Minimum number of students for course opening: Not applicable

3. Application deadlines:

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

3rd call: 1st to 30th September 2026

Note: The 3rd phase is exclusively intended for applicants who have been awarded a doctoral scholarship funded by a funding agency, within the framework of a competitive call, involving a scientifically credible, impartial, and independent evaluation, conducted by a panel of experts of recognized scientific merit.

4. Admission requirements:

1 - Applicants for admission to the Doctoral Programme in Health Sciences must be:

a) Holders of a master's degree in Medicine or Dentistry, or in a field of Biomedicine or Health Sciences, having a minimum final grade of 14 out of 20;

b) Holders of a bachelor's degree in Medicine, Dentistry, or other fields of Health Sciences or Biomedicine considered relevant by the Scientific Committee of the PhD Programme in Health Sciences, having at least 5 years of academic training in higher education, full time, and a minimum final grade of 14 out of 20;

Note: Applicants from countries that do not take part in the Bologna Process (unless the higher education institution of origin has a specific agreement with the Faculty of Medicine of UC) must submit a written approval by the Scientific Committee of FMUC in order to apply for this course.

5. Selection criteria:

a) CV Assessment, [5/10 Weighting];

The evaluation of the curriculum analysis will focus on four criteria:

1. Academic qualifications: Bachelor's/Master's degree grade + postgraduate studies;
2. Participation in research projects;
3. Professional experience – scientific productivity (publications and participation in conferences);
4. Motivation letter and letters of reference.

b) Interview, [5/10 Weighting].

During the interview, the following parameters will be assessed:

1. Motivation and availability to undertake the PhD programme;
2. Scientific knowledge in the specific area of the PhD;
3. Communication skills;
4. Human and interpersonal relations;
5. Vocational experience;
6. General and scientific culture relevant to good integration into the programme;
7. Knowledge of English.

6. Required documentation:

1 - Motivation Letter, [MANDATORY];

2 - 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];

3 - 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];

4- Official declaration of course outlines and hourly course loads with classification of each course unit 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];

5 - Curriculum vitae, [MANDATORY];

6 - Application form (available at <https://ls.uc.pt/index.php/471134?lang=en>). This form should be downloaded, filled out, scanned and then attached to the application, [MANDATORY];

7 - Identity Document, [MANDATORY only for foreign applicants];

8 - Approval to apply by the Scientific Council of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Coimbra, [MANDATORY only for candidates with courses from countries not compliant with the Bologna Process].

To obtain this declaration applicants will need to:

- submit a request to the President of the Scientific Committee of FMUC - 15 days before the end of the application deadline - indicating personal data, academic qualifications and other elements deemed necessary, for a better assessment of the application, to the e-mail: ccientifico@fmed.uc.pt (preferably signed);
 - indicate the course of application;
 - send proof of the elements mentioned in the application (e.g.: copy of identification document, diploma of degree, school history and curriculum vitae) all duly authenticated by the consulate or embassy;
 - send a document, school history, with the subjects broken down and indication of the classifications obtained in the Higher Education Course held;
- 9 - Presentation of the research project subject to assessment, under which the doctoral fellowship was obtained, as well as the result of the assessment, [MANDATORY only for the 3rd call].

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:

- 2,500€ (annual fee)

8. Part-time registration: Allowed

9. Assessment committee:

- Carlos Manuel Silva Robalo Cordeiro;

- Henrique Manuel Paixão dos Santos Girão;
- Lino Manuel Martins Gonçalves.

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 16th January 2026.

Head of Division,