

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 301/SGA/DOFAE

Faculty of Sciences and Technology

Academic Year 2026/2027

3rd Cycle Course

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PhD in Civil Engineering

1. Number of places:

1st call: 15 places

2nd call: 14 + remaining 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: 12th May to 15th June 2026

3rd call: 1st to 31st August 2026

4. Admission requirements:

1 - Applicants for admission to the PhD in Civil Engineering must be:

a) Holders of a bachelor's degree and holders of the master's degree in Civil Engineering or any other appropriate, namely, but not limited to, Environmental Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Naval Engineering, Building Rehabilitation, Acoustic and Energy Efficiency for a Sustainable Construction, Urban Mobility Management, Sustainable Management of the Urban Water Cycle, Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, Urban Fire Safety, Steel and Composite Construction and Architecture, or legal equivalent;

b) Holders of a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering or in related areas, such as Environmental Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Naval Engineering and Architecture, with at least 5 years of academic training in Higher Education, full time or equivalent degree obtained abroad;

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 14 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, [10/10 Weighting].

3rd Cycle - Application based on Subparagraph c):

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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;

3- 2nd Letter of Recommendation;

4- Curriculum vitae [MANDATORY];

5- Identity Document [MANDATORY only for foreign applicants];

6- 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].

7- 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] - Only applicable to: 3rd Cycle Course;

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- 8- 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] - Only applicable to: 3rd Cycle Course;
- 9- 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)] - Only applicable to: 3rd Cycle Course;
- 10- 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, when mentioned by the candidate in the CV for evaluation except if the primary course is a course taught at the University of Coimbra]- Only applicable to: 3rd Cycle - Application based on Subparagraph c);
- 11- 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, when mentioned by the candidate in the CV for evaluation except if the origin course is a course taught at the University of Coimbra] - Only applicable to: 3rd Cycle - Application based on Subparagraph c);
- 12- 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, when mentioned by the candidate in the CV for evaluation except in degrees awarded by the University of Coimbra under the Bologna Process – after 2007/2008)] - Only applicable to: 3rd Cycle - Application based on Subparagraph c).

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:

- Ana Maria César Bastos Silva;
- Fernando José Forte Garrido Branco;
- Paulo Alexandre Lopes Figueiredo Coelho.

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>.
- At the end of each application phase, the remaining places will be filled using the list of substitutes, if any, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of article 64 of the Academic Regulation of the University of Coimbra
- 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 6th February 2026.

Head of Division,