

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 200/SGA/DOFAE

**Faculty of Medicine
Academic Year 2026/2027
2nd Cycle Course**

**2nd cycle
Msc in Molecular and Translational Neuroscience**

1. Number of places:

1st call: 3 places

2nd call: 16 places

3rd call: 1 place + remaining places

2. Minimum number of students for course opening: 8

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 cycle of studies leading to the Master's Degree in Molecular and Translational Neurosciences must be:

a) Holders of a bachelor's or master's degree in Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Health Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Biomedical Engineering, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Biomedical Pharmacy, Psychology, Biochemistry, Biology, Genetics, Medicinal Chemistry, with a minimum classification of 13 points (out of 20) or with a lower classification that demonstrate technical experience or additional research, through curriculum evaluation by the Scientific Committee. Exceptionally, after curriculum assessment by the Scientific Committee, graduates or masters in other areas may be admitted;

b) Holders of a foreign higher education academic degree conferred following a 1st cycle of studies

organized in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Process by a State adhering to this Process, in the areas referred to in subparagraph a);

2 - The recognition referred to in subparagraphs b) of paragraph 1 merely provides access to the cycle of studies leading to a master's degree and does not confer on its holder the equivalence to a bachelor's degree or the recognition of that degree.

NOTES:

- Applicants with courses from countries not adhering to the Bologna Process (unless the institution of origin has a protocol for that effect with the Faculty of Medicine) must submit an authorization from the Scientific Committee of FMUC to apply for this course.
- Due to the fact that the course may not open in 2027/2028, it is recommended that the curricular part is completed by the end of the school year 2026/2027.

5. Selection criteria:

- a) Note graduate / integrated Masters or equivalent, [3/10 Weighting];
- b) Curriculum Academic, scientific and professional, [2/10 Weighting];

Previous academic background, extracurricular internships, courses, and participation in congresses or symposia are taken into consideration. Interest in the field of Neurosciences and knowledge of the English language are also assessed.

- c) Interview, [5/10 Weighting].

The assessment takes into consideration the strong motivation shown during the interview concerning the field of research in Neurosciences, whether fundamental or translational, and the motivation to be admitted in the Master's Degree in Molecular and Translational Neurosciences (MNMT) at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Coimbra.

6. Required documentation:

- Approval to apply by the Scientific Committee of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Coimbra (MANDATORY only for applicants with courses from countries non-compliant with the Bologna Process);
- 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);
- Curriculum Vitae; (MANDATORY);
- Identification document (MANDATORY only for foreign applicants);
- Motivation Letter; (MANDATORY);
- 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).

NOTE: 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.

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:

- National Student or equivalent: 1,500 EUR (annual fee);
- International student: 7,000 EUR (annual fee).

8. Part-time registration: Not allowed.

9. Assessment committee:

- Ana Cristina Carvalho Rego;
- Frederico Guilherme Sousa Costa Pereira;
- Sandra Isabel Morais de Almeida Costa Cardoso.

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>.

ADMINISTRATION

- 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 of the University of Coimbra. Schedules for assistance may be consulted at: <https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/location-contacts/>

University of Coimbra, on 28th January 2026.

Head of Division,