

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 86/SGA/DOFAE

Institute for Interdisciplinary Research

Academic Year 2026/2027

3rd Cycle Course

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PhD in Computational Media Design

1. Number of places:

1st call: 4 places

2nd call: 10 places

3rd call: 1 + remaining places

Supplemental application 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

Supplemental application call: 20th to 27th October 2026

4. Admission requirements:

1 - Applicants for admission to the PhD in Computational Media Design must be:

a) Holders of a master's degree, or legal equivalent, namely Science and Computer Science, Design, Audiovisuals and Media Production, Architecture, Fine Arts;

b) Holders of a bachelor's degree, holders of a particularly relevant academic or scientific curriculum that is recognized as attesting the capacity to complete this cycle of studies by the Academic Board of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research;

c) Holders of a school, scientific or professional curriculum that is recognized as attesting capacity to complete this cycle of studies by the Academic Board of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research of the University of Coimbra.

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. Applicant's scientific and academic merit [6/20 Weighting];
 - a) Final classification of the Bachelor's degree
 - b) Other Academic Diplomas, Master's and English language skills. An interview may be required for further assessment.
2. Applicant's scientific/professional profile [6/20 Weighting];
 - a) Projects, publications and other achievements relevant to the field of study;
 - b) Relevant experience (professional or public intervention) for the field of study.
3. Merit of the research project and articulation with the applicant's previous path [8/20 Weighting];
 - a) Adequacy of the research project to the objectives of the Doctoral Programme;
 - b) Originality and relevance of the research project proposal.

3rd Cycle - Application based on Subparagraph c):

- i) School curriculum, considering the final classification of the course (s) held by the applicants, [30/100 Weighting];
- ii) Scientific curriculum, considering the participation in congresses, seminars, research projects, number and scientific quality of publications (monographs, book chapters, articles in periodicals), awards and similar elements, under activities in (s) scientific area (s) of the study cycle in question, [30/100 Weighting];
- iii) Discussion of the motivation and the dissertation project proposal, [40/100 Weighting].

6. Required documentation:

- 1- Motivation Letter [MANDATORY];
- 2- Recommendation letter #1 [MANDATORY];
- 3- Recommendation letter #2;

- 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 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];
- 7- Curriculum Vitae [MANDATORY];
- 8- Research project proposal: an abstract in English, outlining motivation, objectives and approach, with a maximum of 1500 words [MANDATORY];
- 9- Portfolio of projects and other relevant achievements, publications and awards, up to one page per item, in pdf format [MANDATORY];
- 10- 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

9. Assessment committee:

- Licínio Gomes Roque.

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.

ADMINISTRATION

- 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 20th January 2026.

Head of Division,