

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 329/SGA/DOFAE

Faculty of Sciences and Technology

Academic Year 2026/2027

2nd Cycle Course

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Master in Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology

1. Number of places:

1st call: 7 places

2nd call: 25 places

3rd call: 3 places + remaining places

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

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 for admission to the Master in Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology must be:

a) Holders of a bachelor's degree or legal equivalent in Life and Health Sciences, Biotechnology and Engineering (if it includes a biological component) and in related areas;

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;

c) Holders of a higher education academic degree obtained abroad that is recognized as meeting the objectives of a bachelor's degree by the Faculty of Science and Technology of the University of Coimbra Scientific Committee;

d) In duly justified cases, holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum relevant for

developing this cycle of studies and which, as such, is recognized by the Scientific Committee of Faculty of Science and Technology of the University of Coimbra, who obtain a curriculum assessment equal to or higher than 14 points out of 20.

2 - The recognition referred to in subparagraphs b) to d) of paragraph 1 has the effect only of 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.

5. Selection criteria:

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A. Quality of the academic and professional pathway, [weighted 6/10]

- The Assessment includes the grade of the Bachelor's Degree and a bonus up to 2 points for additional scientific or technical experience (Laboratory internships or extracurricular courses, in fields that are relevant to this Master's Degree.

B. Commitment to the new pathway, [weighted 2/10]

- Motivation Letter. Concerning the motivation letter, the following aspects will be assessed, with the weighting indicated:

a. Maturity, analytical ability and critical thinking (50%);

b. Motivation and interest (25%);

c. Knowledge of the Master's Degree programme and its adequacy to the future objectives of the applicant (25%).

C. Duration of formation on University of Coimbra, [2/10 Weighting].

2nd Cycle - Application based on Subparagraph d)

i) Academic curriculum, taking into consideration the final grade of the course(s) carried out by the applicants and the relevance of these course(s) to the scientific field of the cycle of studies to which they are applying

ii) Scientific curriculum, taking into consideration the applicant's participation in congresses, seminars, research projects, number and scientific quality of publications (monographs, book chapters, articles in periodical journals), awards and similar elements, provided that they are activities carried out within the scientific field of this cycle of studies

iii) Professional curriculum, taking into consideration the duration and type of the professional functions performed in the scientific field of this cycle of studies

iv) Individual interview taking into consideration the following competencies and abilities:

A. Maturity, analytical ability and critical thinking (50%);

B. Motivation and interest (25%);

C. Knowledge of the Master's Degree programme and its adequacy to the future objectives of the applicant (25%).

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:

- 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);
- Official document certifying qualifications, issued by the institution awarding the degree, indicating the weighted average and the grading scale. (MANDATORY only for holders of a degree obtained abroad that does not contain the average).

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: Allowed.

9. Assessment committee:

- Paula Maria de Melim Vasconcelos de Vitorino Moraes.

10. Other information:

ADMINISTRATION

- 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 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 11th February 2026.

Head of Division,