



UNIVERSIDADE DE COIMBRA

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NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 290/GA/GAI

Institute for Interdisciplinary Research

Academic Year 2019/2020

3rd Cycle Course

3rd cycle

PhD degree in Experimental Biology and Biomedicine

1. Number of places:

1st call: 6 places

2nd call: 5 places

3rd call: 1 + remaining places

Extra call: remaining places

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

3. Application deadlines:

1st call: 4th February to 29th March 2019

2nd call: 1st April to 15th July 2019

3rd call: 19th August to 6th September 2019

Extra call: 14th to 31st October 2019

4. Admission requirements:

1 - Applicants for admission to the PhD degree in Experimental Biology and Biomedicine must be:

a) Holders of a Master's Degree (or Pre-Bologna Bachelor's Degree) in Biology, Biochemistry, Medicine, Pharmacy, Biotechnology, Genetics or in another scientific field;

b) Holders of a bachelor's degree, holders of a particularly relevant academic or scientific CV that is recognized as attesting capacity to carry out this cycle of studies by the Academic Board of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research, in the fields referred to under a);

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

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Research;

d) Proficiency in English as a working language;

e) The research work should directly involve groups of the CNC in its areas of intervention, and it is therefore important to know these aspects beforehand by the candidates.

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:

a) CV Assessment (Weighting 35/100):

a1) Curriculum Vitae (60%) - 12 points:

Average calculated by the formula $(0.6 \times \text{average of 1st cycle course} + 0.4 \times \text{average of 2nd cycle course})$ or average of Integrated Master's Degree.

Relevant experience: scientific experience with laboratory skills and production of results in scientific fields relevant to the Programme.

1 - No adequate training in fields relevant to the Programme and no relevant scientific experience;

2 - Adequate training, average lower than 12 points, with no relevant experience;

3 - Adequate training, average of 12 or 13 points, with no relevant experience;

4 - Adequate training, average of 14 points, no relevant experience OR adequate training, average of 12 or 13 points, with relevant experience;

5 - Adequate training, average of 14 points, with relevant experience OR adequate training, average of 15 or 16 points with no relevant experience;

6 - Adequate training, average of 17 or more;

7 - Adequate training, average 15 or 16 points, relevant experience;

8- Adequate training, average of 17 or more, with relevant experience.

a2) Motivation Letter (20%) - 4 points:

1- Candidate is not able to express a mature and specific scientific interest in the Programme;

2- Candidate is able to express a mature scientific interest, not necessarily in a concrete way, in the Programme;

3- Candidate is able to express a mature scientific interest, specifically appropriate to the Programme and in its areas of intervention.

a3) Letter of Recommendation (20%) - 4 points:

1- Candidate classified as being below average

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- 2- Candidate classified as being between 50-69% of students
 - 3- Candidate classified as being in the top 70-94% of students
 - 4- Candidate classified as being in the top 94-100% of students - exceptional
- The Model Letter includes this possibility of classification.

b) Interview Assessment (Weighting 65/100).

Professor João Ramalho; Professor Cláudia Cavadas, Professor Ana Luísa Carvalho and Professor Paulo Oliveira.

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, explaining the reasons that lead the applicant to apply, if relevant according to the criteria established by the organic unit of the desired course (MANDATORY);
- 2 - Workload and programmes of curricular units if credits are to be requested (MANDATORY, unless the course of origin is taught at the University of Coimbra under the Bologna Process - after 2007/2008);
- 3 - 1st Letter of Recommendation (MANDATORY);
- 4 - 2nd Letter of Recommendation (MANDATORY);
- 5 - Certificate of Bachelor's degree with final course classification (diploma). If credits are to be requested, a certificate indicating all curricular units completed and classification obtained on each of the curricular units is required (MANDATORY, except if the primary course is a course taught at the University of Coimbra);
- 6 - Certificate of Master's degree with final classification (diploma). If credits are to be requested, a certificate indicating all curricular units completed and classification obtained on each of the curricular units is required (MANDATORY, except if the primary course is a course taught at the University of Coimbra);
- 7 - Curriculum Vitae (Europass format); (MANDATORY);
- 8 - Official document, issued by the institution awarding the degree, with certified grade (weighted average), (MANDATORY only for foreign candidates);
- 9 - Application form. This form should be downloaded, completed, scanned and then attached to the application (MANDATORY);
- 10 - Copy of Identification Document (MANDATORY only for foreign applicants).

NOTE: Admitted candidates who register and enroll in the course are required to present the original documents until the 31st of December in order to complete their individual student file.

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The documents mentioned above must be certified by the local Portuguese consulate and / or legalized by the Apostille system under the Convention on Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents (better known as the Hague Convention), signed at The Hague, October 5, 1961, with the exception of documents issued by European Union Member-States. However, in case of doubt about the documentation presented, the aforementioned certification or submission of additional documentation may be requested to any applicant.

If the above-mentioned documents are in a foreign language other than Spanish, French or English, a translation must be presented. Translations must be duly certified by the competent authorities.

7. Tuition fee:

-2,750€ (annual fee)

8. Part-time registration: Allowed.

9. Assessment committee:

- João Ramalho de Sousa Santos.

10. Other information:

- Application is subject to the payment of a fee in the amount of 50.00 €, non-refundable, including in cases of invalidation of application, non-placement or when the study cycle does not open due to the lack of the minimum number of enrollees.
- Applications are submitted online at: <https://inforestudante.uc.pt/nonio/security/candidaturas.do>;
- More information at <https://www.uc.pt/academicos>;
- Contacts: e-mail: <http://www.uc.pt/academicos/e-mail>; phone (00351) 239 24 71 95; in person at the support centres of the Academic Management Service, in the hours available at <http://www.uc.pt/en/academicos/contactos/atendimento>.

University of Coimbra, on 31st January 2019.

The Vice-Rector,

Madalena Alarcão

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