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NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 202_A/GA/GAI

Institute for Interdisciplinary Research

Academic Year 2021/2022

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: 1st to 30th April 2021

2nd call: 1st June to 16th July 2021

3rd call: 1st to 10th September 2021

Extra call: 18th to 29th October 2021

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);

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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 Research. Applicants must obtain a curricular evaluation equal to or higher than 10 points.

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:

1) Interview Assessment (Weighting 65/100).

Jury:

- João Ramalho;
- Ana Luísa Carvalho;
- Paulo Oliveira;
- Luís Pereira de Almeida

2) CV Assessment (Weighting 35/100):

2.1) 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

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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.

2.2) 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.

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

1- Candidate classified as being below average

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.

Regarding the access referred to in sub-paragraph c) of paragraph 1 of the conditions of admission the application evaluator assesses the CV of applicants and rates it on a scale of 0 to 20 following the criteria i) to iv) and their respective weights:

i) School curriculum, considering the final classification of the course (s) taken by the applicant (20%);

ii) Relevance of the course (s) taken to the scientific area of the study cycle to which you they are applying (10%);

iii) Scientific Curriculum, considering the participation of applicants in congresses, seminars, research projects, number and scientific quality of publications (monographs, book chapters, articles in periodicals), prizes and similar elements, as long as these activities are developed in the scientific area of the study cycle in question (50%);

iv) Professional curriculum, considering the duration and nature of the professional activity in the scientific area of the study cycle in question (20%).

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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- 1st Letter of Recommendation; (MANDATORY);
- 2- 2nd Letter of Recommendation; (MANDATORY);
- 3- Application form. This form should be downloaded, completed, scanned and then attached to the application; (MANDATORY);
- 4- Certificate of Bachelor's degree with final course classification (diploma). If the certificate does not indicate the average of completion, 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 of Master's degree with final classification (diploma). If the certificate does not indicate the average of completion, 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);
- 6- Curriculum Vitae; (MANDATORY);
- 7- Identity Document, (MANDATORY only for foreign applicants);
- 8- Motivation Letter; (MANDATORY);
- 9- 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);
- 10- Official document, issued by the institution conferring the degree, with certified grade (weighted average), (MANDATORY only for foreign candidates).

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 until the 31st of December of the year of entry in order to complete their personal file.

Further information at: <https://www.uc.pt/en/academicos/Inscricoes/PIAs>.

7. Tuition fee:

-2,750€ (annual fee)

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8. Part-time registration: Allowed.

9. Assessment committee:

- Paulo Jorge Gouveia Simões da Silva Oliveira.

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>.
- 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, they can move their application into the following call without any additional charges. If they choose not to move their application within the mentioned deadline, their application will become "Not Admitted" in the final ranking list.
- 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/academicos>.
- Contacts: E-mail: <https://apps.uc.pt/forms/view/sga/en>; Telephone:(00351) 239 247 195; In person assistance: at one of the academic centres of the Academic Management Services of the University of Coimbra. Schedules for assistance may be consulted at: <https://www.uc.pt/en/academicos/contactos>.

University of Coimbra, on 22nd April 2021.

The Vice-Rector,

Cristina Albuquerque

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