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NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 339/GA/GAI

Institute for Interdisciplinary Research

Academic Year 2022/2023

3rd Cycle Course

3rd cycle

PhD degree in Contemporary Studies

1. Number of places:

1st call: 6 places

2nd call: 13 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: 1st to 31st March 2022

2nd call: 1st June to 15th July 2022

3rd call: 1st to 13th September 2022

Supplemental application call: 17th to 28th October 2022

4. Admission requirements:

1 - Applicants for admission to the PhD degree in Contemporary Studies must be:

a) Holders of a master's degree, or legal equivalent;

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;

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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. Applicants must obtain a curricular evaluation equal to or higher than 14 points.

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) Curriculum analysis, (70/100 Weighting);

1.1) Scholar curriculum, considering the final classification of the course(s) (25%)

1.2) Professional curriculum (20%)

1.3) Scientific curriculum (20%)

1.4) Motivation letter (30%)

1.5) Recommendation letter (5%)

2) Interview, (30/100 Weighting);

The interview is mandatory for all applicants and it can be done by videoconference or similar methods. Applicants are called for the interview by email. If necessary, there may be confirmation by alternative contacts (telephone or videoconference).

2.1) Communication and speaking skills (20%);

2.2) Knowledge of English and / or other relevant languages for work / publication in the PhD course. (10%);

2.3) Motivation and interest (20%);

2.4) Capacity for analysis, critical judgement and demonstration of research perspectives (40%);

2.5) Availability / facility to move within the scope of activities resulting from doctoral studies (10%).

Teachers:

- António Rafael Amaro,

- Dina Sebastião,

- José Oliveira Martins,

- Luís Trindade

- Sara Dias-Trindade

Regarding the access referred to in sub-paragraph c) of paragraph 1 of the conditions of admission

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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) held by the applicants, in which the final classification of the Bachelor's degree (50%) and the final average of Master's degree (50%) are considered;, (25/100 Weighting);

ii) Professional curriculum, considering the duration and nature of the professional functions performed in the scientific area of the study cycle in question, (20/100 Weighting);

iii) 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, (20/100 Weighting);

iv) Motivation letter, considering the reading and discussion by applicants on:

(a) the academic and professional path and experience facing the challenges and opportunities of the doctoral programme;

(b) expectations about advanced studies, in general, and about the PhD programme in Contemporary Studies, in particular;

(c) the presentation of plans, problems and concrete research perspectives of interest to applicants, (30/100 Weighting);

v) Recommendation letters, considering the knowledge demonstrated by the work and path of the applicant, the reasons that attest and frame the intellectual and motivational preparation of the applicant for this doctoral programme, taking into account the experience of the recommendation, (5/100 Weighting).

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 - 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);

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- 2 - 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);
- 3 - Copy of one publication/ academic essay (e.g.: a chapter of a thesis);
- 4 - Curriculum Vitae; (MANDATORY);
- 5 - Identity Document; (MANDATORY only for foreign applicants);
- 6 - Motivation Letter; (MANDATORY);
- 7 - 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);
- 8 - Official document, issued by the institution conferring the degree, with certified grade (weighted average); (MANDATORY only for foreign candidates);
- 9 - Recommendation letter #1;
- 10 - Recommendation letter #2.

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:

-1,375€ (annual fee).

8. Part-time registration: Allowed.

9. Assessment committee:

- António Manuel Antunes Rafael Amaro;
- Dina Sofia Neves Sebastião;
- José António Oliveira Martins;
- Luís Manuel Duarte Antunes Figueiredo Trindade;
- Sara Marisa da Graça Dias do Carmo Trindade.

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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 25th February 2022.

The Vice-Rector,

Cristina Albuquerque

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