

**NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 80/SGA/DOFAE**

**Faculty of Sciences and Technology**

**Academic Year 2025/2026**

**3rd Cycle Course**

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**Phd in Landscape Architecture and Urban Ecology**

**In association with: Universidade de Lisboa, Universidade do Porto**

**1. Number of places:**

1st call: 10 places

2nd call: 5 places

3rd call: remaining places

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

**3. Application deadlines:**

1st call: 3rd to 31st March 2025

2nd call: 2nd June to 15th July 2025

3rd call: 1st to 12th September 2025

**4. Admission requirements:**

1. Applicants for admission to the PhD in Landscape Architecture and Urban Ecology must be:

a) Holders of a Master's degree in Landscape Architecture, Architecture, Urbanism, Regional Planning, Geography, Agricultural Sciences, Regional and Urban Planning, Environmental Engineering or Biology;

b) Holders of a pre-Bologna degree in Landscape Architecture, Architecture, Urbanism, Regional Planning, Geography, Agricultural Sciences, Regional and Urban Planning, Environmental Engineering or Biology (4 years of full-time academic studies in Higher Education), or equivalent in the case of a degree obtained abroad, and a minimum final classification of 16 points out of 20;

c) holders of an exceptional scientific, academic and professional curriculum to be submitted to the Scientific Committee of the LINK Programme for consideration.

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.

3. Applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency at level B2 or higher, certified or confirmed in the context of an interview.

### **5. Selection criteria:**

1. Cv Assessment (quality of academic and professional path), [55/100 Weighting];
2. Analysis of letters of recommendation and letter of motivation, [25/100 Weighting];
3. Interview, [20/100 Weighting].

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) An academic curriculum, taking into consideration the quality of the training's pathway and the relevance of the course(s) taken regarding the scientific field concerned or neighbouring scientific fields, and taking into consideration the stage of the applicant's career, [20/100 Weighting];
- ii) A scientific curriculum, taking into consideration the applicant's participation in congresses, seminars, research projects, the number of and scientific quality of publications (monographs, book chapters, articles in periodical journals), the awards and similar elements, as long as these activities are carried out within the scientific field of the cycle of studies concerned, or in neighbouring scientific fields, and taking into consideration the stage of the applicant's career, [30/100 Weighting];
- iii) A professional curriculum, taking into consideration the relevance and quality of the professional experience accomplished within the scientific field concerned or neighbouring scientific fields, and taking into consideration the stage of the applicant's career, [25/100 Weighting];
- iv) Individual interview considering the following skills and abilities, [Ponderação 25/100]:
  - a) Ability to express and communicate;
  - b) Motivation for entering the study cycle;
  - c) Future research perspectives within the scope of the doctorate.

**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; (MANDATORY);

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- 2 - 1st Letter of Recommendation; (MANDATORY);
- 3 - 2nd Letter of Recommendation; (MANDATORY);
- 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 - Official document certifying qualifications, issued by the institution awarding the highest degree, indicating the weighted average and the grading scale. (MANDATORY only for holders of a degree obtained abroad that does not contain the average);
- 8 - Curriculum vitae; (MANDATORY);
- 9 - 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/academicos/Inscricoes/PIAs>.

**7. Tuition fee:**

- 3,000€ (annual fee)

**8. Part-time registration:** Allowed

**9. Assessment committee:**

- Albano Augusto Figueiredo Rodrigues;
- António Xavier de Barros e Cunha Pereira Coutinho.

**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, 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/academicos>.
- 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/academicos/contactos/presencial>.

University of Coimbra, on 10th February 2025.

Head of Division,