

## **Doctoral Degree in Sustainability Sciences - 2026/2027**

### **Call for Applications**

The Call for Applications for the 2026/2027 Course admission is hereby published under the proposal of the Scientific Committee of the Doctoral Degree in Sustainability Sciences, following the conditions outline below:

#### **1. Legal Framework**

- [Order nr. 1968/2018, of 5<sup>th</sup> February, published in \*Diário da República\*, 2<sup>nd</sup> series, nr. 39, which creates the Doctoral Degree in Sustainability Sciences;](#)
- [Order nr. 10423/2025., of 3<sup>rd</sup> September, published in \*Diário da República\*, 2<sup>nd</sup> series, nr. 169, which appointed the Doctoral Degree in Sustainability Sciences Scientific Committee;](#)
- [Order nr. 2732/2025, of 27<sup>th</sup> February, published in \*Diário da República\*, 2<sup>nd</sup> series, nr. 41, which approves the Doctoral Degree in Sustainability Sciences Regulation;](#)
- [\*Regulamento de Estudos de Pós-Graduação da Universidade de Lisboa\*, Order nr. 8631/2020, of 8<sup>th</sup> September, published in \*Diário da República\*, 2<sup>nd</sup> series, nr. 175 and the \*Declaration of Rectification\* nr. 648/2020, of 25<sup>th</sup> September;](#)
- [Order nr. 14691/2025, of 10<sup>th</sup> December, published in \*Diário da República\*, nr. 237, which delegates the powers of the Rector to the members of the Rector's team.](#)

#### **2. Numerus Clausus**

15 (fifteen)

### **3. Programme Organisation**

**3.1.** The Doctoral Degree has two phases:

#### **3.1.1. 1<sup>st</sup> Phase**

- *Curso de Doutoramento* (see section 10), with the duration of 2 semesters, corresponding to 60 ECTS;

#### **3.1.2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase**

- Approval in the curricular units *Seminários II* and *III*, corresponding to a total of 6 ECTS;
- Preparation of the thesis, followed by its defence and approval, corresponding to 174 ECTS.

**3.2.** Access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase and thesis registration can only be carried out after completion of the *Curso de Doutoramento*.

### **4. Application requirements**

Candidates may apply to the Doctoral Degree in Sustainability Sciences if they meet the following criteria:

- a) Hold a master's degree or its legal equivalent in any field of study;
- b) Hold a bachelor's degree or its legal equivalent, with an exceptionally relevant academic or scientific background that the Scientific Committee recognises as evidence of capacity to undertake this cycle of studies;
- c) Hold an academic, scientific, or professional curriculum that the Scientific Committee recognises as evidence of capacity to undertake this cycle of studies.

## 5. Application Process

5.1. Applications must be submitted exclusively via the Fénix system of the Rectory of Universidade de Lisboa:

- a) <https://fenix.reitoria.ulisboa.pt/login> for former or current students with credentials to the Rectory Fénix or with a [campus.ul/edu.ulisboa.pt](https://campus.ul/edu.ulisboa.pt) account;
- b) <https://fenix.reitoria.ulisboa.pt/accountCreation> for the general public.

5.2. Applications must be submitted **in English** and include the following documents:

- a) Documents certifying that the candidate meets the qualifications outlined in section 4, such as certificates of the academic degrees, indicating the final grades, and the title and date of completion of the candidate's master's degree thesis;
- b) Updated *curriculum vitae*, including published papers or properly documented publications;
- c) A motivation letter;
- d) A declaration of English language proficiency;
- e) A statement committing to compliance with the ULisboa Code of Conduct;
- f) Other documents deemed relevant for the application;
- g) A valid email address for all communications.

5.3. The documents referred to in point 5.2 (a):

- a) must be translated into the following languages whenever they are not issued in Portuguese, English, French or Spanish, they must be translated into one of these languages;
- b) when issued by institutions in non-EU countries, they must be legalised by a Portuguese consular agent or through the Hague Apostille. These legalisations are carried out in the country where the documents are issued.

## **6. Selection criteria**

- 6.1.** Candidates will be selected and ranked by the jury, based on the assessment of the application documents mentioned in section 5.2, as well as interviews.
- 6.2.** The documentary assessment of applications will use the following criteria, on a scale of 0 to 100 and weighted as follows:
  - Academic qualifications (degrees obtained, suitability, and classification): 40%
  - Motivation and alignment of research interests in the Doctoral Degree programme: 10%
  - Professional experience: 25%
  - Scientific merit of the *curriculum vitae*: 20%
  - Other demonstrated competencies: 5%.
- 6.3.** The documentary assessment score is the weighted average of the ratings in each criterion. Candidates who score fewer than 60 points will be excluded.
- 6.4.** All remaining candidates will be invited to an interview, which will provide an opportunity to further assess the submitted documents and evaluate additional competencies.
- 6.5.** The interview will be conducted in English and graded on a scale of 0 to 100, based on the following aspects:
  - Oral communication skills;
  - Analytical skills regarding the objectives of the doctorate;
  - Motivational skills;
  - Interpersonal skills.
- 6.6.** The final assessment will be the average of the documentary assessment and the interview scores. Only candidates who score 60 points or more in both the documentary assessment and interview will be admitted.

- 6.7. The evaluation process will result in a ranked list, with the candidates admitted according to the number of available spots.
- 6.8. Results will be subject to a hearing under the Portuguese *Código do Procedimento Administrativo*. The final results will be posted on ULisboa's Fénix system.

## 7. Jury

The members of the Jury are:

President: Professor Doutor Luís Goulão (ISA);

Effective Members:

Professora Doutora Amélia Branco (ISEG);

Professora Doutora Maria Henriques Ribeiro (FF);

Professora Doutora Mónica Truninger (ICS)

Substitute Members:

Professora Doutora Cristina Branquinho (FC)

Professora Doutora Teresa Sousa Nunes (FL).

## 8. Deadlines

- 8.1. Applications: 2<sup>nd</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (until 17h00, local time);
- 8.2. Publication of provisional list of admitted candidates: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026;
- 8.3. Deadline for hearing of interested parties: until 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026;
- 8.4. Publication of the final list of admitted candidates: 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026;
- 8.5. Enrolment and registration: 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

## **9. Reenrolment**

**9.1** Under Article 8 of the Doctoral Degree in Sustainability Sciences Regulation, the reenrolment request must be submitted within the doctoral application period, referred to in point 8.1.

**9.2** Under the terms of the aforementioned article, the following may request reenrolment: students who have been excluded for failing to meet the thesis submission deadline; students who have interrupted the thesis preparation component; and students who have not completed the curricular component.

**9.3** For the students who have been excluded for failing to meet the thesis submission deadline and the students who have interrupted the thesis preparation component, the reenrolment request must be accompanied by:

- A statement from the supervisors indicating that they recognise the student's ability to complete the doctoral programme;
- A work plan for the completion of the thesis.

**9.4** After reenrolment, students must request accreditation for the curricular component already completed.

## **10. Tuition fees**

**10.1.** The application fee is €60 (sixty euros). There is no refund in case the candidate is excluded or not selected;

**10.2.** Tuition fee should be paid by bank reference or at “Tesouraria” of the Rectory of Universidade de Lisboa, during normal business hours, within the deadlines set out below:

- *Curso de Doutoramento*: €2.750,00<sup>1</sup>, to be paid in two equal instalments:

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<sup>1</sup> Indicative value, subject to approval by the ULisboa *Conselho Geral*.

- 1<sup>st</sup> instalment payable on enrolment and registration;
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment to be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027.
- Preparation of the Doctoral Thesis: €1,750.00 per year (indicative value, subject to annual updates);
  - Tuition fees are due until the completion of the cycle of studies;
  - Part-time students will pay 60% of the full-time tuition fee, according to Article 6 of the Doctoral Degree in Sustainability Sciences Regulation.

**10.3.** Students are covered by school insurance, the cost of which is payable upon enrolment or renewal of enrolment.

## **11. Programme**

The curricular component of the Doctoral Degree in Sustainability Sciences begins on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026. They are expected to be on Fridays, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m., and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the premises of the TTC@ULisboa — Centro de Transferência de Tecnologia e Valorização do Conhecimento da Universidade de Lisboa, on Av. Prof. Gama Pinto 2, in Lisboa.

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Vice-Rector

(Professor Doutor João Peixoto)