

PhD in Sustainability Sciences - 2024/2025

Call for Applications

On the proposal of the Scientific Committee of the PhD in Sustainability Sciences, regarding the admission process to the 2024/2025 edition, the call for applications is published, under the conditions below.

1. Legal framework

- Order nr. 1968/2018, February 5th, published in Diário da República, 2nd series, nr. 39, which created the PhD in Sustainability Sciences;
- Rectoral Order nr. 47/2024, which named the Scientific Committee of this programme;
- Order nr. 3145/2019, March 21st, published in Diário da República, 2nd series, nr. 57, which approved the PhD in Sustainability Sciences rules;
- *Regulamento de Estudos de Pós-Graduação da Universidade de Lisboa*, Order nr.8631/2020, September 8th, published in Diário da República, 2nd series, nr. 175 and the Declaration of Rectification nr. 648/2020, September 25th;
- Order nr.10229-B/2021, October 20th, published in Diário da República, 2nd series, nr. 204 which delegates powers of the Rector to the members of the Rector's team.

2. Vacancies

15 (fifteen)

3. Programme organization

3.1. The PhD has two phases:

1st phase:

- *Curso de Doutoramento* (refers to the curricular component described in point 10), during the first 2 semesters, corresponding to 60 ECTS;

2nd phase:

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

3.2. Proceeding to the 2nd phase, as well as registration of the thesis, can only be done after the approval in the *Curso de Doutoramento*.

4. Application requirements

- a) Holders of a master degree or legal equivalent in any area of knowledge;
- b) Holders of a bachelor degree, or legal equivalent, with a particularly relevant academic or scientific curriculum that is recognized, by the Scientific Committee, as attesting the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies;
- c) Holders of academic, scientific or professional curriculum that is recognized, by the Scientific Committee, as attesting the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies.

5. Application process

5.1. Applications should be exclusively done through the Fenix 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 Fenix or with a campus.ul/edu.ulisboa.pt account
- b) <https://fenix.reitoria.ulisboa.pt/accountCreation> for the general public.

5.2. The application process must be instructed, in English, with the following documents:

- a) documents proving that the candidate meets the qualification conditions provided for in the previous number, namely, certificates of the academic degrees, indicating the respective final grades;
- b) current *curriculum vitae* (written in English), including published papers or duly documented;
- c) motivation letter (written in English);
- d) declaration of English language proficiency;

- e) title of the master's thesis, if applicable;
- f) declaration which states that the candidate undertakes to comply with ULisboa code of conduct;
- g) other documents considered relevant for the application;
- h) indication of email address to which all communications are made.

6. Selection criteria

6.1. Candidates for this cycle of studies are selected and ranked by the jury by examining the application documents, referred to in number 5.2, and conducting interviews.

6.2. For the documentary assessment of applications, the following criteria are applied, valued on a scale from 0 to 100, to which the indicated weights correspond:

- Academic qualifications (degrees obtained, adequacy and grade): 50%;
- Motivation and adequacy of research interests to the PhD programme: 20%;
- Professional experience: 15%;
- Scientific merit of the *curriculum vitae*: 10%;
- Other demonstrated skills: 5%.

6.3. The classification of the documentary analysis results from the weighted average of the classifications obtained in each criterion, being excluded the candidates with classification below 60 points.

6.4. All other candidates are admitted to an interview, which aims to deepen documentary information, as well as assess other skills expressed by the candidate.

6.5. The interview is conducted in English and rated on a scale of 0 to 100, according to the following criteria:

- Communication skills;
- Analytical skills regarding doctoral goals;
- Motivational skills;
- Interpersonal skills.

6.6. The final evaluation of the candidates results from the average of the marks obtained in the documentary evaluation and in the interview.

6.7. The evaluation process results in an orderly list with the ranking, considering the first candidates admitted according to the number of vacancies.

6.8. Results of the application process are subject to a hearing of interested parties under the terms of the Administrative Procedure Code, considering that results are announced on the Fénix information system of ULisboa and also with the publication of the ordered list of ranking on the ULisboa Rectory premises.

7. Jury

The members of the jury are:

President: Professor Doutora Amélia Branco (ISEG);

Effective members: Professor Doutora Maria Henriques Ribeiro (FF);

Professor Doutor Luís Goulão (ISA);

Professor Doutora Mónica Truninger (ICS).

Substitute members: Professor Doutora Cristina Branquinho (FC);

Professor Doutora Teresa Sousa Nunes (FL).

8. Deadlines

8.1. Applications: 26th February to 20th May 2024;

8.2. Publication of the provisional list of admitted: 28th June 2024;

8.3. Deadline for hearing interested parties: until 12th July 2024;

8.4. Publication of the final list of admitted: 26th July 2024;

8.5. Enrollment: 2nd to 9th September 2024.

9. Tuition fees

9.1. Application fee is 60€ (sixty euros). There is no reimbursement in case the candidate is excluded or not selected.

9.2. Tuition fee should be paid by ATM or in the Treasury of the Rectory of Universidade de Lisboa, during normal business hours, within the following deadlines:

- *Curso de Doutoramento*: 2.750,00€ to be settled in two installments of equal value:
 - 1st installment to be paid upon enrollment;
 - 2nd installment to be paid until 31st May 2024.
- Preparing for the PhD thesis – 1.750,00€ per year (reference value, subject to annual update).

Tuition fees are due until the end of the respective cycle of studies.

- Tuition fee for part-time students, as established on article 6 of the Regulation of the Cycle of Studies, is 60% of the amount settled for the full-time regime.

10. Programme

As regards the curricular component of the PhD in Sustainability Sciences, classes start on 18th October 2024. They are expected to be on Fridays, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m., and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 1 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.

Rectory of Universidade de Lisboa, 21 February 2024

Vice-Rector

(Professor Doutor João Peixoto)

¹ Reference value, subject to the approval of the General Council of Universidade de Lisboa.