

Doctoral Degree in Planetary Health Studies

2025/2026

Call for Applications

The Call for Applications for the 2025/2026 Course admission is hereby published under the proposal of the Scientific Committee of the Doctoral Degree in Planetary Health Studies, following the conditions outlined below:

1. Legal Framework

- [Rectoral Order nr. 40/2024, of 19th February, which created the Doctoral Degree in Planetary Health Studies;](#)
- [Order nr. 230/2025, of 6th January, published in Diário da República, 2nd series, nr. 3, which appointed the Doctoral Degree in Planetary Health Studies Scientific Committee;](#)
- [Order nr. 2733/2025, of 19th February, which approves the Doctoral Degree in Planetary Health Studies Regulation;](#)
- [Regulamento de Estudos de Pós-Graduação da Universidade de Lisboa, Order nr. 8631/2020, of 8th September, published in Diário da República, 2nd series, nr. 175 and the Declaration of Rectification nr. 648/2020, of 25th September;](#)
- [Order nr. 10229-B/2021, of 20th October, published in Diário da República, nr. 204, which delegates the powers of the Rector to the members of the Rector's team.](#)

2. Numerus Clausus

30 (thirty)¹

¹ Vacancies are automatically recovered between phases if they are not filled in full.

3. Programme Organisation

3.1 The Doctoral Degree has two phases:

3.1.1 1st Phase

- Approval in the Doctoral course (see section 10), with the duration of 1 semester, corresponding to 30 ECTS;

3.1.2 2nd Phase

- Approval in the curricular units Seminars I, II, and III, corresponding to a total of 9 ECTS;
- Preparation of the Doctoral thesis, followed by its defence and approval, corresponding to 201 ECTS.

3.2 Access to the 2nd phase and thesis registration can only be carried out after completion of the Doctoral Course.

4. Application Requirements

Candidates may apply to the Doctoral Degree in Planetary Health Studies 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 Rectorate of Universidade de Lisboa:

- a) <https://fenix.reitoria.ulisboa.pt/login> for former or current students with credentials to the Rectorate Fénix or with a 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* (written in English), including published or adequately documented work, participation in projects and societal impact;
- c) motivation letter demonstrating the alignment of research interests with the Doctoral Programme (written in English);
- d) declaration of English language proficiency;
- e) statement committing to compliance with the Universidade de Lisboa Code of Conduct;
- f) other documents deemed relevant for the applications;
- g) indication of name, affiliation and institutional electronic address of two reference contacts;
- h) valid email address for all communications.

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:
- i) academic qualifications (degrees obtained and classification): 50%;
 - j) motivation and alignment of research interests with the Doctoral Programme: 20%;
 - k) relevant professional experience: 15%;
 - l) scientific merit: 10%;
 - m) other demonstrated competencies: 5%.
- 6.3** The documentary assessment score is the weighted average of the ratings in each criterion. Candidates who score lower 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 oral communication skills, analytical and technical skills related to the objectives of the Doctorate, motivational skills and interpersonal skills.
- 6.6** The final evaluation of candidates results from the arithmetic mean of the scores obtained in the document review and the interview. Only candidates who achieve a score of at least 60 points in each component will be admitted.
- 6.7** The evaluation process will result in a ranked list, with the candidates admitted according to the number of available vacancies.
- 6.8** Results will be subject to a hearing under the Portuguese *Código do Procedimento Administrativo*. The final results will be posted on Universidade de Lisboa Fénix system.

7. Jury

The members of the Jury are:

President: Doutora Cecília Rodrigues

Effective Members:

Eduarda Marques da Costa

Miguel Prudêncio

Teresa Melo

Substitute Members:

Ricardo Dias

Vasco Branco

8. Deadlines

8.1 1st Cohort

8.1.1 Applications: 3 to 28 March 2025;

8.1.2 Publication of provisional list of admitted candidates: 9 April 2025;

8.1.3 Deadline for hearing of interested parties: until 24 April 2025;

8.1.4 Publication of the final list of admitted candidates: 2 May 2025;

8.1.5 Enrolment and registration: 5 to 8 May 2025.

8.2 2nd Cohort

8.2.1 Applications: 12 May to 6 June 2025;

8.2.2 Publication of provisional list of admitted candidates: 23 June 2025;

8.2.3 Deadline for hearing of interest parties: until 7 July 2025;

8.2.4 Publication of the final list of admitted candidates: 11 July 2025

8.2.5 Enrolment and registration: 14 to 17 July 2025.

9. Tuition fees

- 9.1** The application fee is 60€ (sixty euros). There is no refund in case the candidate is excluded or not selected;
- 9.2** Tuition fee should be paid by bank reference or at *Tesouraria* of the Rectorate of Universidade de Lisboa, during normal business hours:
- € 2.750,00 per year (indicative value, subject to approval by *Conselho Geral* of Universidade de Lisboa);
 - 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 Regulation of the Cycle of Studies.

10. Programme

The curricular component of the Doctoral Degree in Planetary Health Studies begins on 17 October 2025. It is expected to follow a modular format hosted at Centro de Transferência de Tecnologia e Valorização do Conhecimento TTC@ULisboa, located at Av. Prof. Gama Pinto, n°2, Lisboa.

Rectorate of Universidade de Lisboa, 28 February 2025

Vice-Rector

(Professor Doutor João Peixoto)