

Doctoral Degree in Sustainability Sciences - 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 Sustainability Sciences, following the conditions outline below:

1. Legal Framework

- [Order nr. 1968/2018, of 5th February, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd series, nr. 39, which creates the Doctoral Degree in Sustainability Sciences;](#)
- [Order nr. 12503/2024, of 21st October, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd series, nr. 204, which appointed the Doctoral Degree in Sustainability Sciences Scientific Committee;](#)
- [Order nr. 2732/2025, of 27th February, published in *Diário da República*, 2nd 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 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

15 (fifteen)

3. Programme Organisation

3.1. The Doctoral Degree has two phases:

3.1.1. 1st Phase

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

3.1.2. 2nd 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 2nd 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 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 authenticated by a Portuguese consular agent or by the Hague Apostille and must be authenticated in the country of origin of the documents.

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:

Presidente: Professora Doutora Amélia Branco (ISEG);

Effective Members:

Professor Doutor Luís Goulão (ISA);

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: 3rd March to 16th May 2025;
- 8.2.** Publication of provisional list of admitted candidates: 6th June 2025;
- 8.3.** Deadline for hearing of interested parties: until 25th June 2025;
- 8.4.** Publication of the final list of admitted candidates: 8th July 2025;
- 8.5.** Enrolment and registration: 10th to 18th July 2025.

NOTE: the deadlines set out here also apply to students who wish to re-enrol, under the terms of article 8 of Doctoral Degree in Sustainability Sciences Regulation.

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 Rectory of Universidade de Lisboa, during normal business hours, within the deadlines set out below:
- *Curso de Doutoramento*: €2.750,00¹, to be paid in two equal instalments:
 - 1st instalment payable on enrolment and registration;
 - 2nd instalment to be paid by 31st May 2025.
 - 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. Programme

The curricular component of the Doctoral Degree in Sustainability Sciences begins on 17th October 2025. 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.

Rectory of Universidade de Lisboa, 28th February 2025

Vice-Rector

(Professor Doutor João Peixoto)

¹ Indicative value, subject to approval by the ULisboa *Conselho Geral*.