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Notice

Call for Applications for the Master's Degree in Integrated Ocean Studies

Under the terms of Article 17 of the General Regulations for Master's Degrees of the University of the Azores, it is hereby announced that applications are open for the Master's Degree in Integrated Ocean Studies, at the Horta campus.

1. Vacancies

1.1. Number of vacancies: 16

1.2. Number of places for the 2nd and 3rd phases: number of places remaining from the previous phases.

1.3. Use of places: Places not filled in one of the contingents may be transferred to the other after the closing of the respective application phase and subject to a favourable opinion from the Programme Director.

2. Access Conditions

2.1. Eligible applicants for the master's degree:

a) Holders of a bachelor's degree, or a legally equivalent qualification, in Natural and Environmental Sciences, Biology, Marine Biology, Marine Biology and Fisheries, Applied Biology, Biology and Biotechnology, Bioresources, Microbiology, Oceanography, Meteorology, Oceanography and Geophysics, Meteorology, Oceanography and Climate, Ecology and Environment, Chemistry, Applied Chemistry, Geology, Geography, Physics, Physics and Chemistry, Physics and Applications, Aquatic Environment Sciences, Marine Sciences, Marine and Coastal Management, Environmental Engineering, Biotechnological Engineering or Bioengineering, Geological Engineering, Naval Military Sciences (Naval School), Bioveterinary Sciences, Life Sciences, and Animal Science and Technology;

b) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree, or legally equivalent qualification, in Natural, Biological, or Marine Sciences, or related fields, awarded following a first-cycle programme organized in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Process by a State adhering to this Process;

c) Holders of an academic, scientific, or professional curriculum vitae recognized by the Scientific Council as demonstrating the capacity to undertake the master's programme.

Note 1: Final year students of the courses mentioned in point a) may apply, provided they can prove completion of the course by the last day of the application period, and if there are vacancies available.



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2.2. The recognition referred to in points b) to c) of paragraph 2.1 only grants access to the master's degree program and does not confer on its holder the equivalence to a bachelor's degree or the recognition of that degree.

3. Application Submission

3.1. Application deadlines:

1st Phase	
Application period	March 19 to 31, 2026
Verification of applications	until April 8, 2026
Selection and ranking of applicants	until April 20, 2026
Approval by the Scientific Council	until April 21, 2026
Publication of provisional ranking lists	until April 21, 2026
Prior hearing (right to be heard)	April 22 to 24, 2026
Publication of final ranking lists	until April 27, 2026
Enrollment and registration	April 27 to May 3, 2026

2nd Phase	
Application period	May 4th to 31st, 2026
Verification of applications	until June 5th, 2026
Selection and ranking of applicants	until June 11th, 2026
Approval by the Scientific Council	until June 12th, 2026
Publication of provisional ranking lists	until June 12th, 2026
Prior hearing (right to be heard)	June 15th to 17th, 2026
Publication of final ranking lists	until June 18th, 2026
Enrollment and registration	June 18th to 21st, 2026

3rd Phase	
Application period	June 22 to July 19, 2026
Verification of applications	until July 22, 2026
Selection and ranking of applicants	until July 28, 2026
Approval by the Scientific Council	until July 28, 2026
Publication of provisional ranking lists	until July 28, 2026
Prior hearing (right to be heard)	July 29 to 31, 2026
Publication of final ranking lists	until August 3, 2026
Enrollment and registration	August 3 to 6, 2026



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3.2. Applications must be submitted exclusively electronically via the link available at <https://inforestudante.uac.pt/nonio/security/login.do>, and must include the following documents:

- a) Application form;
- b) Identification document (foreign applicants only);
- c) Motivation letter;
- d) *Detailed curriculum vitae (that allows for an assessment of merit or preference);*
- e) Certificates for all qualifications, indicating the grades obtained in each subject and the final course average;
- f) Supporting documents.

Note 2: Whenever the aforementioned documents are in a foreign language other than Spanish, French, or English, a translation into Portuguese by a translator recognized by the Portuguese diplomatic representation must be submitted.

3.3. Uploading documents and supporting documents electronically is mandatory and does not exempt the delivery of the original or duly authenticated documents to the Academic Management Service whenever the Academic Management Service deems it necessary.

3.4. All documents proving qualifications obtained abroad must be authenticated by the official education services of the respective country and contain the Apostille of the Hague Convention, the same applying to translations of documents whose original language is not Spanish, French, or English.

4. Application Fee and Tuition

4.1. The application fee is €70 (non-refundable). This payment must be made via ATM (payment details will be generated after the application is sealed) or at the University of the Azores treasuries in Ponta Delgada or Angra do Heroísmo.

Note 3: Only applications for which payment has been made within the application deadline will be considered valid.

4.2. Candidates who demonstrably reside abroad must make the payment within the deadline by bank transfer or [credit card](#). Proof of payment must be attached to the application form or sent to queroestudar@uac.pt.



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4.3. Enrollment and registration in the course requires the payment of a tuition fee, which is published on the University of the Azores [website](#).

5. Admission and ranking

5.1. Candidates will be ranked based on the application of the following criteria:

- a) Academic curriculum, in particular the areas and classifications of undergraduate degrees and other higher academic degrees (65%);
- b) Scientific curriculum, in particular research experience and publications (20%);
- c) Professional experience (15%).

5.2. The evaluation of the candidates' curriculum and professional experience will be carried out based on the criteria contained in the attached grid (Annex I).

5.3. Whenever the number of applications is equal to or less than the total number of vacancies, and once the entry requirements have been verified, the candidates will not be ranked, and for the purpose of publishing the results, they will be presented in alphabetical order.

6. Announcement of results

6.1. The results of the applications are published on the University of the Azores' website.

6.2. Appeals may be submitted during the prior hearing periods indicated in the calendars for each application phase, by submitting a request for appeal against the application result at <https://inforestudante.uac.pt>.

6.3. The results of the appeals are published on the University of the Azores' website.

7. Registrations and enrollments

Registration and enrollment take place on the website inforestudante.uac.pt within the deadlines defined in point 3. Students who are not enrolled and registered are not allowed to attend classes.



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8. Start of course

The course will only run if a minimum number of students enroll.

9. Additional information

For further information, please consult the [General Regulations for Master's Degrees](#) at the University of the Azores, available on the University of the Azores website, or contact the Academic Management Service by telephone at 296650157 or by email at gueroestudar@uac.pt.

Ponta Delgada, March 25, 2026,

The Vice-Rector for Teaching and Academic Management,

Suzana Nunes Caldeira



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Annex I - Ranking Grid

Notice of the Entrance Examination for the Master's Program in Integrated Ocean Studies

Criterion	Weighting of the Criterion PC(1) (%)	Indicators (each scored between 0 and 200 points)	Indicator Weighting PI (%)
School Curriculum (CE)	65%	CEI1 - Bachelor's degree classification (10 points for each value obtained in the final course classification).	60%
		CEI2 - Other academic qualifications leading to a degree (to consider: quantity and alignment with the course's disciplinary area).	20%
		CEI3 - Other academic qualifications not leading to a degree (to consider: quantity, duration, and alignment with the course's disciplinary area).	20%
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Scientific Curriculum (CC)	20%	CCI1 - Technical-scientific production in the disciplinary area of the study cycle or in related areas: works, books, book chapters, articles in scientific journals and in proceedings of scientific meetings, and participation in conferences, congresses, and other scientific and professional forums (considering: quantity, originality, diversity, scientific and/or professional autonomy).	25%
		CCI2 - Participation in scientific and/or professional projects in the disciplinary area of the study cycle or in related areas: participation in scientific and/or professional projects, with national, international, public or private funding, and in unfunded projects (considering the candidate's involvement and the quantity and quality of the projects - national or international).	25%
		CCI3 - Communications presented at scientific congresses and colloquia and other relevant scientific activity of the study cycle or in related areas (award and scholarship juries, integration of research units).	25%
		CCI4 - Participation in activities related to technical-scientific dissemination, technological, business and social innovation, and knowledge and technology transfer (considering: duration and scope of the role and its alignment with the disciplinary area of the study cycle).	25%
Sum =			100%



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Professional experience (EP)	15%	EPI1 - Professional experience (considering: the relevance of the professional activity and the duration of its exercise).	40%
		EPI2 - Frequency of professional training actions not leading to an academic degree, including internships in a work context (considering: quantity, duration and alignment with the disciplinary area of the course).	40%
		EPI3 - Other relevant professional activities in the disciplinary area of the study cycle (considering: participation in professional associations and bodies and in undifferentiated projects that respond to societal challenges).	20%
Sum =			100%

⁽¹⁾ valores constantes do ponto 5.1 do edital do Concurso de Acesso e Ingresso

School Curriculum Classification (0 – 200 points):

$$CE = (CEI1 \times PI) + (CEI2 \times PI) + (CEI3 \times PI)$$

Scientific Curriculum Classification (0 – 200 points):

$$CC = (CCI1 \times PI) + (CCI2 \times PI) + (CCI3 \times PI) + (CCI4 \times PI)$$

Professional Experience Classification (0 – 200 points):

$$EP = (EPI1 \times PI) + (EPI2 \times PI) + (EPI3 \times PI)$$

Final Classification (0 – 200 points):

$$\text{Final Classification} = (CE \times PC) + (CC \times PC) + (EP \times PC)$$