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Notice

Call for Applications for the Master's Degree in Volcanology and Geological Hazards

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 Volcanology and Geological Hazards, at the Ponta Delgada campus.

1. Vacancies

1.1. Number of vacancies: 15

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

2. Access Conditions

2.1. Eligible applicants for the master's degree:

a) Holders of a bachelor's degree, or legal equivalent, in Geology, Geological Engineering, Geophysics, Environmental Engineering, Biology/Geology, or related fields;

b) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree in Geology, Geological Engineering, Geophysics, Environmental Engineering, Biology/Geology, or related fields, awarded following a first cycle of studies organized according to the principles of the Bologna Process by a State adhering to this Process;

c) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree in Geology, Geological Engineering, Geophysics, Environmental Engineering, Biology/Geology, or related fields, recognized as satisfying the objectives of a bachelor's degree by the scientific council;

d) Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum that is recognized by the Scientific Council as demonstrating the capacity to undertake a master's degree.

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.

2.2. The recognition referred to in points b) to d) 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.



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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 (60%);
- b) Scientific curriculum, in particular research experience and publications (20%);
- c) Professional experience (20%).
- d) Result of a preliminary interview, if deemed necessary by the course's Scientific Committee (10%), to be taken from point c).

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://infoestudante.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 infoestudante.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 queroestudar@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 Degree in Volcanology and Geological Hazards

The ranking of candidates will be based on the score (P) obtained from the analysis of the candidates' resumes and based on the following criteria:

1. Curriculum Analysis

a) Academic curriculum – 60%

Candidates holding bachelor's, postgraduate, and/or master's degrees will be cumulatively evaluated based on their final course grade(s), to which the following weighting factors (FPACL and FPACPGM) will be applied by the master's program director, depending on the degree of affinity with the master's program:

1. Bachelor's Degree – 1.0 to 1.4
2. Postgraduate Degree – 1.0 to 1.2
3. Master's Degree – 1.2 to 1.4

For those holding a master's degree, the evaluation of the foundational postgraduate course (curricular component) will not be considered separately; only the master's degree ranking will be considered. In case of doubt, the course that gives the candidate the highest score will be awarded.

b) Scientific Curriculum (CC) – 20%

1. Publications (value per publication):

Articles relevant to the course topic in internationally circulated peer-reviewed journals.	5 Points
Articles not relevant to the course topic in internationally circulated peer-reviewed journals.	2 Points
Publications relevant to the course topic in international scientific meetings or in national peer-reviewed journals.	3 Points
Publications relevant to the course topic in national journals without peer review.	2 Points
Publications not relevant to the course topic in international scientific meetings or in national peer-reviewed journals.	1 Points
Presentation of papers relevant to the course topic at scientific congresses.	2 Points

2. Scientific activities (value per activity):



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Participation in scientific events (open days, olympiads, congresses, etc.)	2 Points
Participation in scientific and/or technical training courses in an area relevant to the course topic.	2 Points
Participation in scientific projects relevant to the course's theme.	2 Points

c) Experiência profissional (EP) – 20% (10% se for realizada a entrevista prévia – ver alínea d)

The evaluation of professional experience will consider the candidate's professional training (50%) and career path (50%), and will consider the following values:

1. Professional training:

Training in an area relevant to the course topic.	5 Points
Training in an area irrelevant to the course topic.	2 Points

2. Career path:

More than 1 year of experience in a field relevant to the course topic.	10 Points
More than 1 year of experience in an area irrelevant to the course topic.	5 Points
6 months to 1 year of experience in a field relevant to the course topic.	5 Points
6 months to 1 year of experience in an area not relevant to the course topic.	3 Points
Up to 6 months of experience in a field relevant to the course topic.	3 Points
Up to 6 months of experience in an area not relevant to the course topic.	1 Point

d) Result of preliminary interview

The result of a preliminary interview will be considered, if deemed necessary by the Course Committee (10%, to be deducted from point c), considering the following values:

Curriculum self-assessment	0 a 4 Points
Initiative/Social skills	0 a 4 Points
Motivation/Expectations	0 a 4 Points



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2. Calculation of the final score

The calculation of the score (P) is done according to the following numerical expressions, considering the possible existence of a prior interview:

$$P = (((L \times \text{FPACL}) + (\text{PGM} \times \text{FPACPGM})) \times 0,6) + (\text{CC} \times 0,2) + (\text{FP} \times 0,1) + (\text{PP} \times 0,1)$$

or

$$P = (((L \times \text{FPACL}) + (\text{PGM} \times \text{FPACPGM})) \times 0,6) + (\text{CC} \times 0,2) + ((\text{FP} + \text{PP}) \times 0,1) + (\text{EP} \times 0,1)$$

Where:

L – Bachelor's Degree Grade

PGM – Postgraduate or Master's Degree Grade

FPACL – Weighting Factor for Bachelor's Degree

FPACPGM – Weighting Factor for Postgraduate or Master's Degree

CC – Scientific Curriculum Score

FP – Professional Training Score

PP – Professional Career Score

EP – Result of Preliminary Interview