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Notice

Call for Applications for the PhD in Biology

In accordance with Article 17 of the General Regulations for Doctoral Studies at the University of the Azores, it is hereby announced that applications are open for the PhD in Biology at the Ponta Delgada campus.

1. Vacancies

1.1. Number of vacancies: 10

1.2. Vacancies for the 2nd and 3rd phases: remaining vacancies from previous phases.

2. Access Conditions

Applicants for the doctoral degree program may include:

- a) Holders of a master's degree, or legally equivalent qualifications, in Biology, or related fields;
- b) Holders of a bachelor's degree, or legally equivalent qualifications, in Biology, Biological and Health Sciences, Biotechnology, or related fields, with a particularly relevant academic or scientific curriculum that is recognized by the Scientific Council as demonstrating the capacity to undertake this doctorate;
- c) Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum that is recognized by the Scientific Council as demonstrating the capacity to undertake this doctorate.



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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.
- g) Topic of the final project;
- h) Branch of knowledge and specialization;
- i) Scientific and technological domain (FOS classification — Fields of Science and Technology);
- j) Title of the final project, even if provisional;
- k) Keywords;
- l) Language in which the final project is presented;
- m) Name(s), nationality and affiliation of the supervisor(s);
- n) Proposal for supervision accompanied by the supervisor(s)' acceptance statement;
- o) Work plan and respective schedule in accordance with the normal duration of the doctorate;
- p) Funding sources, when applicable.

Note 1: 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.



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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 2: 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.

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 master's and bachelor's degree areas and classifications (30%);
- b) Scientific curriculum, in particular research experience and publications (30%);
- c) Professional experience (10%);
- d) Work plan (30%).

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.



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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.

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 Doctoral Programs](#) at the University of the Azores, available on the University of the Azores website, or contact the Academic Management Service by telephone at 296 650 157 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

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Criterion	Weighting of the Criterion PC(1) (%)	Indicators (each scored between 0 and 200 points)	Indicator Weighting PI (%)
School Curriculum (CE)	30%	CE11 - Bachelor's degree classification (10 points for each value obtained in the final course classification).	45%
		CE12 - Master's degree classification (10 points for each value obtained in the final course classification).	45%
		CE13 - Other academic qualifications leading to a degree (to consider: quantity and alignment with the disciplinary area of the course).	10%
Somatório =			100%
Currículo Científico (CC)	30%	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).	40%
		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 number of projects – national or international).	30%
		CCI3 - Communications presented at scientific congresses and colloquia and other relevant scientific activity within the study cycle or in related areas (award and grant juries, integration into research units).	20%
		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).	10%
Somatório =			100%



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Experiência profissional (EP)	10%	EPI1 - Professional experience (considering: the relevance of the professional activity and the duration of its exercise).	100%
Somatório =			100%
Plano de Trabalho (PT)	30%	PT1 – Evaluation of the work plan proposed by the candidate (considering: originality, suitability to the normal duration of the doctorate and scientific merit)	100%
Somatório =			100%

⁽¹⁾ Constant values from point 5.1 of the Entrance Examination Notice

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):

$$EP = (EPI \times PI)$$

Work Plan Classification (0 – 200 pontos):

$$PT = PT11 \times PI$$

Final Classification (0 – 200 points):

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