



# UNIVERSITY OF THE AZORES

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### Notice

### Call for Applications for the PhD in Marine Sciences

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 Marine Sciences at the Ponta Delgada campus.

#### 1. Vacancies

1.1. Number of vacancies: 5

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 Marine Biology, Biology, Marine Sciences, Integrated Ocean Studies, Oceanography, Aquatic Biological Resources, or related fields;
- b) Holders of a bachelor's degree, or legally equivalent qualifications, in Biology, Marine Biology, Marine Sciences, Oceanography, Aquatic Environmental Sciences, 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:

<b>1st Phase</b>	
Application period	March 19 to May 18, 2026
Verification of applications	until May 20, 2026
Selection and ranking of applicants	until May 25, 2026
Approval by the Scientific Council	until May 26, 2026
Publication of provisional ranking lists	May 26, 2026
Prior hearing (right to be heard)	May 27 to 29, 2026
Publication of final ranking lists	June 1, 2026
Enrollment and registration	June 1 to 2, 2026

<b>2nd Phase</b>	
Application period	June 2nd to August 31st, 2026
Verification of applications	until September 10th, 2026
Selection and ranking of applicants	until September 16th, 2026
Approval by the Scientific Council	until September 17th, 2026
Publication of provisional ranking lists	until September 18th, 2026
Prior hearing (right to be heard)	September 21st to 23rd, 2026
Publication of final ranking lists	until September 24th, 2026
Enrollment and registration	September 25th to 30th, 2026

<b>3rd Phase</b>	
Application period	October 1st to November 16th, 2026
Verification of applications	until November 20th, 2026
Selection and ranking of applicants	until November 27th, 2026
Approval by the Scientific Council	until November 30th, 2026
Publication of provisional ranking lists	until November 30th, 2026
Prior hearing (right to be heard)	December 1st to 3rd, 2026
Publication of final ranking lists	until December 4th, 2026
Enrollment and registration	December 5th to 11th, 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](mailto: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 (40%);
- b) Scientific curriculum, in particular research experience and publications (30%);
- c) Professional experience (20%);
- d) Work plan (10%).

**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://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](http://infoestudante.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](mailto: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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<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Weighting of the Criterion PC(1) (%)</b>	<b>Indicators (each scored between 0 and 200 points)</b>	<b>Indicator Weighting PI (%)</b>
<b>School Curriculum (CE)</b>	40%	CEI1 - Bachelor's degree classification (10 points for each value obtained in the final course classification).	25%
		CEI2 - Master's degree classification (10 points for each value obtained in the final course classification).	50%
		CEI3 - Other academic qualifications leading to a degree (to consider: quantity and alignment with the disciplinary area of the course).	15%
		CEI4 - Other academic qualifications not leading to a degree (to consider: quantity, duration and alignment with the disciplinary area of the course).	10%
<b>Sum =</b>			<b>100%</b>
<b>Scientific Curriculum (CC)</b>	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%
<b>Sum =</b>			<b>100%</b>



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<b>Professional experience (EP)</b>	20%	EPI1 - Professional experience (considering: the relevance of the professional activity and the duration of its exercise).	50%
		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).	30%
		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%
<b>Sum =</b>			<b>100%</b>
<b>Work Plan (PT)</b>	10%	PT1 – Evaluation of the work plan proposed by the candidate (considering: originality, suitability to the normal duration of the doctorate and scientific merit)	100%
<b>Sum =</b>			<b>100%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Constant values from point 5.1 of the Entrance Examination Notice

School Curriculum Classification (0 – 200 points):

$$CE = (CEI1 \times PI) + (CEI2 \times PI) + (CEI3 \times PI) + CEI4 \times PI$$

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):

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

Work Plan Classification (0 – 200 pontos):

$$PT = PT11 \times PI$$

Final Classification (0 – 200 points):

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