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Notice

Call for Applications for the PhD in Island Literatures and Cultures

In accordance with article 17 of the General Regulations for Doctoral Programmes at the University of the Azores, applications are now open for the PhD in Island Literatures and Cultures, at Ponta Delgada campus.

1. Vacancies

1.1. Number of vacancies for stage one: 5.

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

2. Access conditions

Students can apply:

- a) Holders of a master's degree, or legally equivalent qualifications, in the fields of Literary Studies, Cultural Studies, Language Studies, Communication Sciences, Philosophy, Comparative Studies, Translation Studies, Education Sciences, History, Political Science, Art History, or related fields;
 - b) Holders of a bachelor's degree, or legally equivalent qualifications, in the fields of Literary Studies, Cultural Studies, Language Studies, Communication Sciences, Philosophy, Comparative Studies, Translation Studies, Education Sciences, History, Political Science, Art History, or related fields, recognised by the Scientific Council as attesting the capacity to undertake this doctoral programme;
 - c) Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum recognised by the Scientific Council as attesting the capacity to undertake this doctoral programme.
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3. Applications

3.1. Applications will be processed according to the following timetable:

Stage One	
Application deadline	April 1 to May 18, 2026
Validation of applications	Until May 20, 2026
Selection and ranking of candidates	Until May 25, 2026
Approval by the Scientific Council	Until May 26, 2026
Publication of the provisional ranking lists	May 26, 2026
Prior hearing	May 27 to 29, 2026
Announcement of the ranking lists	June 1, 2026
Registration and enrolment	June 1 to 2, 2026

Stage Two	
Application deadline	June 2 to August 31, 2026
Validation of applications	Until September 10, 2026
Selection and ranking of candidates	Until September 16, 2026
Approval by the Scientific Council	Until September 17, 2026
Publication of the provisional ranking lists	Until September 18, 2026
Prior hearing	September 21 to 23, 2026
Announcement of the ranking lists	Until September 24, 2026
Registration and enrolment	September 25 to 30, 2026

Stage Three	
Application deadline	October 1 to November 16, 2026
Validation of applications	Until November 20, 2026
Selection and ranking of candidates	Until November 27, 2026
Approval by the Scientific Council	Until November 30, 2026
Publication of the provisional ranking lists	Until November 30, 2026
Prior hearing	December 1 to 3, 2026
Announcement of the ranking lists	Until December 4, 2026
Registration and enrolment	December 5 to 11, 2026



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3.2. Applications must be submitted electronically at <https://infoestudante.uac.pt/>, and must be accompanied by the following documents:

- a) Completed application form;
- b) Identification document (mandatory for foreign applicants only);
- c) Motivation letter;
- d) Detailed curriculum vitae (allowing for an assessment of merit or preference);
- e) Certificate(s) of qualifications, issued by the competent authority, indicating the grades obtained in each subject and the final course average;
- f) Supporting curriculum documents;
- g) Topic of the final research work;
- h) Field of knowledge and specialization;
- i) Scientific and technological domain (classification FOS — Fields of Science and Technology);
- j) Title of the final research work, even if provisional;
- k) Keywords;
- l) Language in which the final research work will be presented;
- m) Name(s), nationality and affiliation of the supervisor(s);
- n) Declaration of acceptance by the supervisor(s);
- o) Work plan and respective timeline in accordance with the normal duration of the doctoral programme;
- p) Sources of funding, where applicable.

Note 1: Whenever the documents mentioned are in a foreign language other than Spanish, French or English, a translation into Portuguese must be presented by a translator recognised by the Portuguese diplomatic representation.

3.3. Uploading documents and supporting documents via the Internet portal is compulsory and does not exempt the original or duly authenticated documents from being delivered to the



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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 authorities of the respective country and bear the Apostille of the Hague Convention; the same requirement applies to translations of documents whose original language is not Spanish, French, or English.

4. Application and tuition fees

4.1. The application fee is €70 (non-refundable). Payment must be made by ATM reference. Only applications for which payment has been made until the application deadline will be considered valid.

4.2. Applicants who can prove that they live abroad must pay by bank transfer until the deadline and must contact the Academic Management Service at queroestudar@uac.pt, or by [credit card](#) via the website - <https://pagamentos.reduniq.pt/payments/3042992/universidadedosacores/>

4.3. Enrolment and registration on the course requires the payment of a tuition fee of €1,665 (one thousand six hundred and sixty-five euros) or the new amount suggested by the DHFA coordinator if approved by a higher authority.

5. Admission and ranking

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

- a) Academic curriculum, particularly the areas and classifications of master's and bachelor's degrees (40%);
- b) Scientific curriculum, particularly research experience and publications (20%);
- c) Professional experience (10%);
- d) Content of the work plan and its adequacy to the normal duration of the doctoral programme (30%).

5.2. Candidates' CVs and professional experience will be assessed based on the criteria set out in the attached grid (Annex I).



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5.3. Whenever the number of applications is less than or equal to the total number of vacancies, and once the entry conditions have been verified, the candidates will not be ranked, and for the purposes 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. Enrolment/registration

Enrolment and registration take place within the time limits indicated above. Students who are not enrolled and registered are not authorised to attend the study cycle.

8. Additional information

For additional information, please consult the [General Regulations for Doctoral Programmes](#) of the University of the Azores, available on the University of the Azores website, or contact the Academic Management Service by telephone at +351 296 650 157 or by email at queroestudar@uac.pt

Ponta Delgada, March 27, 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	Criterion Weighting - PC ⁽¹⁾ (%)	Indicators (each scored between 0 and 200 points)	Indicator weighting – PI (%)
School Curriculum (CE)	40%	CEI1 - Degree classification (10 points for each value obtained in the final course classification)	20%
		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 classification within the disciplinary area of the course).	20%
		CEI4 - Other academic training that does not lead to a degree (to consider: quantity, duration and placement within the disciplinary area of the course).	10%
Sum =			100%
Scientific Curriculum (CC)	20%	CCI1 - Technical-scientific production in the disciplinary area of the study cycle or in related areas: works, books, chapters in books, articles in scientific journals and in minutes of meetings of a scientific nature and participation in conferences, congresses and other scientific and professional forums (to consider: 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 quantity and quality of the projects - national or international).	20%
		CCI3 - Communications presented at scientific conferences and colloquia and other relevant scientific activities of the study cycle or in related areas (juries for awards and scholarships, integration of research units).	30%
		CCI4 - Participation in activities of technical-scientific dissemination, technological, business and social innovation, knowledge and technology transfer (to consider: duration and scope of the function and framework in relation to the disciplinary area of the study cycle).	10%
Sum =			100%



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Professional Experience (EP)	10%	EPI1 - Professional experience (to consider: the relevance of the professional activity and the duration of the respective exercise).	50%
		EPI2 - Attendance of professional training activities that do not lead to an academic degree, including internships in a work context (considering: quantity, duration and placement in the disciplinary area of the course).	30%
		EPI3 - Other relevant professional activities in the disciplinary area of the study cycle (to consider: participation in professional associations and orders and in undifferentiated projects that respond to societal challenges).	20%
Sum =			100%
Work Plan (PT)	30%	PTI – Evaluation of the candidate’s proposed work plan (considering: innovation of the proposal, clarity, and adequacy within the scope of the study cycle)	100%
Sum =			100%

⁽¹⁾ values set out in point 5.1 of the Access and Entry Competition 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):

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

Final Classification (0 – 200 points):

$$Final\ classification = (CE \times PC) + (CC \times PC) + (EP \times PC)$$