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Notice

Call for Applications for the Postgraduate studies in Ecotourism and Nature Guiding

In accordance with Article 15 of the Regulations for Postgraduate Courses at the University of the Azores, it is hereby announced that applications are open for the postgraduate course in Ecotourism and Nature Guides at the Ponta Delgada campus.

1. Vacancies

1.1. Number of vacancies: 20

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

2. Access Conditions

Applicants for the Postgraduate program may include:

Applicants for the course must hold a bachelor's degree in Nature Guiding, Nature and Heritage, Biology, or related fields, Geology and Geosciences or related fields, Environmental Sciences, Tourism or Management, Sports Sciences, or a legally equivalent qualification.

Note 1: Graduates of the courses mentioned in point a) may apply, provided they provide proof of course completion by the last day of the application period, and provided there are vacancies available.



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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 (35%);
- b) Professional experience in the field of ecotourism or as a tour guide (35%).
- c) Professional training in the field of the course (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.

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 Postgraduate Courses](#) 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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Anexo I

**Edital do Concurso de Acesso e Ingresso na pós-graduação em Ecoturismo e Guias da
Natureza**

Grelha de Seriação

Critério	Ponderação do Critério PC⁽¹⁾ (%)	Indicadores (cada um pontuado entre 0 e 100 pontos)	Ponderação do indicador PI (%)
School Curriculum (CE)	35%	CEI1 – Bachelor’s degree classification (10 points for each value obtained in the final course grade).	50%
		CEI2 – Other degree-awarding academic qualifications (considering: number and relevance within the disciplinary area of the programme).	50%
Sum =			100%
Professional experience (EP)	35%	EPI1 – Professional experience as a manager or coordinator of activities in the field of ecotourism or nature interpretation	50%
		EPI2 – Professional experience as a guide or interpreter in natural areas	50%
Sum =			100%
Vocational Training (FP)	30%	FPI1 – Postgraduate professional training in the field of the programme	50%
		FPI2 – Other types of complementary training in the field of the programme	50%
Sum =			100%

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

School Curriculum Classification (0 – 100 points):

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

Professional Experience Classification (0 – 100 points):

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

Vocational Training Classification (0 – 100 points):

$$FP = (FPI1 \times PI) + (FPI2 \times PI)$$

Final Classification (0 – 100 points):

$$\text{Final Classification} = (CE \times PC1) + (EP \times PC2) + (FP \times PC3)$$