



Call for Applications

The Scientific Council of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Lisbon, under the proposal of the Scientific Committee of the Master Programme in Biopharmaceutical Sciences, publishes the 2020/2021 Call for Applications:

Master Programme in Biopharmaceutical Sciences 2020/2021

The 2-year Master Course in Biopharmaceutical Sciences is organized in 4 semesters.

This Course enlarges the classical concept of biopharmaceutical sciences by providing scientific, multidisciplinary background on the discovery phase of the drug development process, at advanced level. The programme includes the study of molecular mechanisms of disease, potential therapeutic targets and therapeutic strategies, while motivating students to equate and solve problems. Aimed at preparing creative and independent investigators and knowledgeable professionals, the Course will encourage the debate of recent topics and the use of advanced experimental technologies. These objectives will further engage the contribution of professors and investigators from other institutions, pharmaceutical industry, and biotechs.

In this openness perspective, the student will have the option to obtain credits in other related scientific areas within the University of Lisbon, not restricted to the Faculty of Pharmacy, although with complementary interests. The Course will benefit from the close collaboration with the FCT R&D unit Research Institute for Medicines (iMed.Ulisboa), at Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon.

Coordinator: Professor Cecília M. P. Rodrigues

1. Number of places

National and European Union Member-States students: 27

International students: 5

2. Teaching Language

Should a non-Portuguese speaking applicant be admitted, classes are taught in English. The course contents and materials are often in English.

3. Admission Requirements

The candidates should be:

- a) Holders of an undergraduate degree: Bachelor degree or legal equivalent in the areas of Health Sciences, Life Sciences or Biotechnology;
- b) Holders of a foreign higher education academic degree awarded after accomplishing a 1st cycle of studies, structured according to the principles of the Bologna Process by a State that has adhered to this Process, in the areas of Health Sciences, Life Sciences or Biotechnology;
- c) Holders of a foreign higher education degree in the areas of Health Sciences, Life Sciences or Biotechnology recognized as complying with the objectives of the Bachelor degree by the Scientific Board;
- d) Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum that is recognized as attesting the ability to carry out this cycle of studies.

4. Application

4.1 The application is exclusively online submitted through the application platform of the Faculty of Pharmacy, available at www.ff.ulisboa.pt.

4.2 Applications are only considered when supported by the following documents:

- a) Motivation letter – Max. 1 page A4;
- b) Updated curriculum vitae;
- c) Certificate proving that the candidate holds a Bachelor's degree or equivalent academic degree, with indication of the final grade^{1 2};

¹ The Graduates by a Foreign Higher Education Institution must submit a Degree Diploma /Certificate legally recognized by the Portuguese Consulate in that country or for the [Hague Apostille](http://www.hagueapostille.org). When the document is not issued in Portuguese or English it must be translated into one of these languages.

² If, when applying, the applicant does not hold the diploma degree, he/she should upload a Transcript of Records or an Achievement Certificate and in the Motivation Letter this situation should be mentioned. The conclusion of the degree, as well as the respective classification, are factors taken into account in the Applicants' evaluation, and the absence of these elements may be an exclusion criterion. The Selection Board of the Study Cycle could be able to rank and select applicants without the degree together with those of the 2nd call. In these cases, admission is conditioned until the delivery of the diploma.

- d) Copy of the identification Card, Citizen Card or Passport, for personal data validation, and 1 Photo;
- e) [International Student Declaration](#), in case of international students.

4.3 Are considered international students, according to the [International Student Statute \(ISS\)](#):

- Applicants who have not Portuguese nationality;
- Applicants who are not nationals of the European Union Member-States;
- Applicants who are not family members of Portuguese or nationals of the European Union Member-States;
- Non-European Union nationals residing legally in Portugal for less than two years, uninterruptedly, on 1 January of the year in which they make the application;
- Applicants who do not benefit of the status of equal rights and duties granted under an international treaty signed between the Portuguese State and the State of which they are nationals.

All documents must be attached, in PDF format, on the application platform. If any of the required documents is divided into multiple files, they should be compiled in a single ZIP file.

5. Selection and Ranking Criteria

5.1 Applicants will be selected by the Selection Board of the Study Cycle, taking into account the following parameters:

- a) Academic degree classification and adequateness to the programme;
- b) Curricular evaluation;
- c) If necessary, an interview can be scheduled with members of the Scientific Committee of the course.

5.2 If the applicants number is lower than the number of available places, all applicants who gather the access conditions defined in the no. 3 will be placed in alphabetical order.

6. Deadlines

1st Call

Application period – June 1 to July 15, 2020

Publication of results – July 24, 2020

Registration and enrollment - July 27 to 30, 2020

2nd Call

Application period - August 1 to September 3, 2020

Publication of results - September 10, 2020

Registration and enrollment - September 16 to 18, 2020

Appeal period - up to 10 days after publication of results

Beginning of classes - September, 2020

7. Application and Tuition Fees

7.1 The application fee is 75€, non-refundable, even if the candidate is excluded or not selected.

7.2 The annual tuition fees for the school year 2020/2021 charged to the national students are:

- a) 1.500€ for the 1st year of the course (curricular programme);
- b) 1.750€ for the 2nd year of the course.

7.3 The annual tuition fees for the school year 2020/2021 charged to the international students are:

- a) 3.250€ for the 1st year of the course (curricular programme);
- b) 3.750€ for the 2nd year of the course.

7.4 Deadlines and instalments will be specified at the beginning of the academic year.

7.5 For further information, please consult the [Pharmacy Faculty website](#).

8. Schedule:

The Course runs from Monday until Friday, 17.00 p.m. to 20.00 p.m. Classes will be held at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon. The research project leading to the dissertation will develop in internal and/or external laboratories, both in Portugal and abroad, recognized by the Scientific Committee of the Master Course, and co-supervised by an internal faculty member.

9. Final Provisions

9.1 In accordance with the legal provisions in force, admitted applicants may apply for the equivalence of their previous academic qualifications.

9.2 Should the master course fail to reach the minimum number of students required to run, the application fee will be refunded to the applicant.

Lisbon, 7 May, 2020

Dean,

(Professor Matilde Fonseca e Castro)