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## 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 2023/2024 Call for Applications:

### **Master Programme in Biopharmaceutical Sciences 2023/2024**

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 teaching staff 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, stimulating mobility. The Course will benefit from the close interaction with R&D units in academia and outside, including renowned international institutions.

The structure of the Course in elective modules, except for the mandatory units of Scientific Writing and Communication and Experimental Design of Research and Innovation, allows students to follow an individualized path, according to their objectives. Learning will be, in this context, clearly directed towards solid scientific training, under tutorial guidance, in accordance with the guidelines of the Bologna Process, based on the vast scientific-pedagogical experience of the teaching staff.

**Coordinator:**

### **1. Number of vacancies**

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 all in English.

### **3. Admission Requirements**

The candidates should be:

- a) Holders of an undergraduate degree: BSc 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 Bsc degree by the Scientific Board;
- d) Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum that is recognized by the Scientific Council 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](http://www.ff.ulisboa.pt). A careful reading of the **Application Handbook** is advised.

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

- a) Motivation letter – Max. 1 page A4;
- b) Curriculum vitae;

- c) Certificate proving that the candidate holds a Bsc degree or equivalent academic degree, with indication of the final grade<sup>1 2</sup>;
- 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** For the purposes of the provisions of this document, International Student is the student who does not have Portuguese nationality (artigo 3º do Decreto-Lei n.º 62/2018, de 6 de agosto). The following are not covered by the provisions of the previous number:

- a) The nationals of a member state of the European Union;
- b) Family members of Portuguese nationals or of nationals of a Member State of the European Union, regardless of their nationality<sup>3</sup>;
- c) Those who, not being nationals of a member State of the European Union and not covered by the previous item, have been residing legally in Portugal for more than two years, continuously, on January 1st of the year in which they wish to enter higher education, as well as their children who are residing legally with them;
- d) Those who, on January 1st of the year they wish to enter higher education, are beneficiaries of an equal rights and duties status 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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](#). When the document is not issued in Portuguese or English it must be translated into one of these languages.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Family members of Portuguese nationals or of nationals of a member state of the European Union, regardless of their nationality:

- a) The spouse of a citizen of the European Union;
- b) The partner with whom a European Union citizen lives in a de facto union, formed under the terms of the law, or with whom the citizen maintains a permanent relationship duly certified by the competent entity of the member state where he/she resides;
- c) The direct descendants who are under the age of 21 or are dependents of a European Union citizen, as well as the spouse or partner as defined in the previous sub-paragraph;
- d) the direct ascendant dependent of a Union citizen and of the spouse or partner as defined in point (ii).

## 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 number of applicants is lower than the vacancies, all applicants who gather the access conditions defined in the no. 3 will be placed in alphabetical order.

## 6. Deadlines

### 1st Call

Application period – 1 June to 14 July 2023

Publication of results – until 21 July 2023

Registration and enrollment – 25 to 27 July 2023

### 2nd Call

Application period – 1 to 31 August 2023

Publication of results – until 8 September 2023

Registration and enrollment – 13 to 14 September 2023

Appeal period - up to 10 working days after publication of results

Beginning of classes - September 2023

## 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 national students for the 2023/2024 academic year will be fixed by the General Council of the University of Lisbon in:

- 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 international students for the 2023/2024 academic year will be fixed by the General Council of the University of Lisbon in:

- 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. Projects developed externally will be 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.

Dean,

(Professor Maria Beatriz da Silva Lima)