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## Call for Applicants

The Scientific Council of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Lisbon, under the proposal of the Scientific Committee of the PhD Programme in Pharmacy, publishes the 2024/2025 Call for Applications:

### PhD Programme in Pharmacy 2024/2025

The PhD Program in Pharmacy at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Universidade de Lisboa focuses on translational research leading to the discovery of therapeutic targets and pharmaceutical design, as well as pre-clinical development and drug safety assessment. This is a cycle of interdisciplinary studies with a strong institutional and international cooperation promoted by a highly qualified teaching staff.

The PhD Programme in Pharmacy has a duration of 4 years and is divided into 8 semesters, with a total of 240 ECTS. The first year corresponds to the "Doctoral Course" with 60 ECTS and consists of the following curricular components:

- **PhD Seminar I:** Includes 2 advanced courses, totalling 12 ECTS, and 2 laboratory rotations, totalling 12 ECTS;
- **Research Methodology Seminar I:** includes the start of the research project, for a total of 6 ECTS;
- **PhD Seminar II:** includes 2 advanced courses, totalling 12 ECTS, and 2 laboratory rotations, totalling 12 ECTS;
- **Research Methodology Seminar II:** includes a conference on the topic of the thesis, for a total of 2 ECTS, and a presentation and discussion of the thesis plan, for a total of 4 ECTS.

The remaining semesters of the PhD program correspond to the research work leading to the preparation of an original PhD thesis.

## Area of specialization:

The Doctor of Pharmacy degree confers the doctoral degree in the following specialties:

- Biopharmacy and Pharmacokinetics;
- Cellular and Molecular Biology;
- Biochemistry;
- Pharmaceutical Biotechnology;
- Bromatology;
- Pharmacoepidemiology;
- Pharmacognosy and Ethnopharmacology;
- Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapy;
- Microbiology;
- Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Chemistry;
- Social Pharmacy;
- Pharmaceutical Technology;
- Toxicology.

## Course Coordinator:

Professor Maria Alexandra de Oliveira Silva Braga Pedreira de Brito.

### 1. Number of vacancies<sup>1</sup>

National and European Union Member-States students: 20

International students: 5

### 2. Definition of an International Student

**2.1** The international student is a student who is not a Portuguese national (article 3 of Decree-Law no. 62/2018, of August 6, which amended and republished Decree-Law no. 36/2014).

**2.2** The conditions of the previous paragraph do not apply to:

- a) Nationals of a member state of the European Union;
- b) Family members of Portuguese nationals or nationals of a Member State of the European Union, regardless of their nationality<sup>2</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> Places are automatically reclaimed between stages and types of entry if they are not filled in full.

<sup>2</sup> Family members are Portuguese nationals or nationals of a member state of the European Union, regardless of their nationality:

- i. The spouse of a citizen of the European Union;
- ii. The partner with whom a citizen of the European Union lives in a de facto union, constituted under the terms of the law, or with whom the citizen has a permanent relationship duly certified by the competent authority of the member state where they reside;
- iii. A direct descendant under the age of 21 or who is a dependent of a citizen of the European Union, as well as a spouse or partner within the meaning of the previous point;
- iv. The dependent direct ascendant of a citizen of the European Union, as well as that of the spouse or partner within the meaning of point (ii).

- c) Those who are not nationals of a Member State of the European Union and are not covered by the previous paragraph, but who have been legally resident in Portugal for more than two years, uninterruptedly, on January 1st of the year in which they intend to enter higher education, as well as their children who are legally resident with them;
- d) Those who are beneficiaries, on January 1st of the year in which they intend to enter higher education, of equal rights and duties status granted under an international treaty between the Portuguese State and the State of which they are a national;
- e) Those who apply to enter higher education through the special access and entry regimes regulated by Decree-Law no. 64-A/2023, of July 31.

### **3. Teaching Language**

- 3.1** The activities will take place mainly in Portuguese, although there may be modules or sessions taught exclusively in English. Assessment elements may be submitted in Portuguese, English or another language agreed with the supervisor. The content and materials are mostly in English.
- 3.2** To carry out the doctoral research, students should have an intermediary knowledge of the English language, corresponding to B1 proficiency level according to the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#).

### **4. Admission Requirements**

**4.1** The applicants should be:

- a) Holders of a master's degree or legal equivalent, with a minimum classification of Good (or 14 points), in areas related to Pharmaceutical Sciences.
  - b) Holders of a bachelor's degree or legal equivalent, with a particularly relevant academic or scientific curriculum that is recognized as attesting the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies by the Scientific Council.
  - c) Exceptionally, the holders of an academic, scientific, or professional curriculum that is recognized as attesting the capacity to carry out this Cycle of Studies by the Scientific Council.
- 4.2** The recognition referred to in paragraphs b) and c) is granted by a team by two PhD professors or researchers, considered experts in the scientific field of study and appointed by the coordinator of the corresponding study cycle.

## 5. Application

**5.1** The application is only available on the Faculty of Pharmacy's application platform, available at [www.ff.ulisboa.pt](http://www.ff.ulisboa.pt).

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

- a) Document proving possession of a bachelor's or master's degree, indicating the final grade;
- b) Curriculum vitae duly updated, including documents proving the publications/activities mentioned in the CV.
- c) Motivation letter setting out the reasons for choosing the course;
- d) Presentation of a [research proposal](#) indicating the specialty in which you intend to carry out your doctorate, stating the object of study, the research objectives and methodological elements, duly framed in reference bibliography;
- e) Certificate proving that the candidate holds a bachelor's or master's degree, with indication of the final grade.
- f) Copy of the identification Card, Citizen Card, or Passport, for personal data validation, and 1 colour Photo.
- g) [International Student Declaration](#), in case of international students.
- h) Other elements considered relevant by the candidate for the purposes of assessing the application.

**5.3** Documents proving applicants' qualifications must be issued by the competent authority in the country where the qualifications were obtained and, when issued by institutions in non-EU countries, they must be legalized by a Portuguese consular agent or by the [Hague Apostille](#), these legalizations being carried out in the country of origin of the documents. Whenever they are not issued in Portuguese, English, French or Spanish, they must be translated into one of these languages.

**5.4** All documents must be attached, in PDF format, on the application platform. If any of the mandatory documents are divided into several files, they must be compiled into a single ZIP or RAR file.

## 6. Selection and Ranking Criteria

**6.1** Applicants will be selected by the Scientific Committee of the Study Cycle, considering the following parameters:

- a) Academic degree classification;

- b) Academic, scientific and technical curriculum;
- c) Adequacy of the academic background for the PhD Programme;
- d) Motivation letter and research proposal.

**6.2** Applicants may be interviewed if the Scientific Committee of the study cycle deems it necessary.

**6.3** Applicants with research grants have priority in the selection and ranking process.

**6.4** If the number of applicants is less than the number of places available, all applicants who meet the conditions for access set out in paragraph 4 will be placed in alphabetical order.

## **7. Deadlines**

### **1st Call**

Application period – February 1st to April 30th, 2024

Application results – May 15th, 2024

Registration and enrollment - May 20th-23rd, 2024

Announcement of remaining vacancies for the 2nd phase: by June 1st, 2024.

### **2nd Call**

Application period - June 1st to September 16th, 2024

Application results - September 23rd, 2024

Registration and enrollment - September 25th-27th, 2024

Announcement of remaining vacancies for the 3rd phase: by November 1st, 2024.

### **3rd Call**

Application period - October 1st, 2024 to January 15th, 2025

Application results - January 22nd, 2025

Registration and enrollment - January 29th-31st, 2025

**7.1** Deadline for submitting complaints - up to 5 days after the announcement of the results

**7.2** Start of the doctoral course:

- a) October 2024 - for applicants admitted in the 1st semester of the 2024/2025 academic year;
- b) February 2025 - for applicants admitted in the 2nd semester of the 2024/2025 academic year.

## **8. Application and Tuition Fees**

- 8.1** The application fee is €75 (seventy-five euros), which will not be refunded if the applicant is excluded or not selected.
- 8.2** The tuition fee is annual and, for the 2024/2025 academic year, will be set by the General Council of the Universidade de Lisboa at €2,750.00 (two thousand seven hundred and fifty euros)<sup>3</sup>. Payment deadlines and installments will be indicated at the beginning of the academic year.
- 8.3** Students must pay the first installment of tuition fees, school insurance and the enrollment or registration fee at the time of enrolment.
- 8.4** For further information, please check the [Pharmacy Faculty website](#).

## **9. Application for a grant from the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)**

- 9.1** The call for doctoral research grants from the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) is held annually. It is up to the applicants, together with their supervisors, to apply to this institution.
- 9.2** After acceptance and respective enrolment in FFUL's Doctoral Program in Pharmacy, the Academic Services will issue any document required for the granting of the same.

## **10. Admission to the Doctoral Course**

After admission and enrolment, students must formally submit their Advanced Doctoral Training Study Plan to the Scientific Council, following the instructions of the Academic Office.

## **11. Final Provisions**

- 11.1** In accordance with the legal provisions in force, admitted applicants may apply for the equivalence of their previous academic qualifications.
- 11.2** If the PhD Programme does not reach the minimum number of students required to run, the application fee will be refunded to the applicants.

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<sup>3</sup> This figure is indicative and subject to confirmation.

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