
Call for Applicants

The Scientific Council of the Faculty of Pharmacy of *Universidade de Lisboa*, under the proposal of the Scientific-Pedagogical Committee of the PhD Programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences, publishes the Call for admission for the academic year 2025/2026 to the PhD Programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences of the Faculty of Pharmacy of *Universidade de Lisboa*.

PhD Programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences 2025/2026 Academic Year

The PhD Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences at the Faculty of Pharmacy of *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 Pharmaceutical Sciences 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, with a total of 12 ECTS, and 2 laboratory rotations, with a total of 12 ECTS;
- **Research Methodology Seminar I:** includes the start of the research project, with 6 ECTS;
- **PhD Seminar II:** includes 2 advanced courses, with a total of 12 ECTS, and 2 laboratory rotations, with a total of 12 ECTS;

- **Research Methodology Seminar II:** includes a conference on the topic of the thesis, with 2 ECTS, and a presentation and discussion of the thesis plan, with 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 Doctorate in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree confers the doctoral degree in the following specialties:

- Food and Health
- Clinical and Pharmacological Biochemistry
- Pharmaceutical Biotechnology
- Regulatory science
- Pharmaceutical Engineering
- Clinical Pharmacy
- Pharmacokinetics and Biopharmaceutics
- Pharmacoepidemiology
- Pharmacogenomics
- Pharmacognosy and Ethnopharmacology
- Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology
- Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapy
- Physiology and Pathophysiology
- Genomics and Microbial Epidemiology
- Molecular Histopathogenesis
- Pharmaceutical Immunology
- Advanced Analytical Methodologies
- Pharmaceutical Cellular and Molecular Microbiology
- Pharmaceutical Nanotechnology
- Neurotoxicology and Neuropharmacology
- Biological Chemistry
- Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Chemistry
- Public health
- Pharmacy Partner
- Pharmaceutical technology

- Health Technologies
- Molecular and Cellular Therapies and Technologies
- Toxicology

Course Coordinator:

Professor Maria Alexandra de Oliveira Silva Braga Pedreira de Brito

1. Vacancies¹

National and European Union Member-States students: 25

International students: 5

2. Definition of 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 was amended and republished Decree-Law no. 36/2014).

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

- Nationals of a member state of the European Union;
- Family members of Portuguese nationals or nationals of a Member State of the European Union, regardless of their nationality²;
- 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;
- 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 national;

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

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

- The spouse of a citizen of the European Union;
- 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;
- 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;
- The dependent direct descendant of a citizen of the European Union, as well as that of the spouse or partner within the meaning of point ii).

- 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. 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 that the supervisor agrees with. 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 a B1 proficiency level according to the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#).

4. Deadlines

1st Call

Application period – February 10 to April 30, 2025

Application results – May 15, 2025

Registration and enrollment - May 19-20, 2025

Announcement of remaining vacancies for the 2nd phase: until June 1, 2025.

2nd Call

Application period – June 1 to September 15, 2025

Application results – September 26, 2025

Registration and enrollment – September 29-30, 2025

Announcement of remaining vacancies for the 3rd phase – until October 6, 2025.

3rd Call

Application period – October 15, 2025, to January 15, 2026

Application results – January 26, 2026

Registration and enrollment – January 29-30, 2026

Deadline for submitting complaints – up to 5 days after the announcement of the results

Start of the doctoral course:

- a) For applicants admitted in the 1st semester of the 2025/2026 academic year – September/October 2025
- b) For applicants admitted in the 2nd semester of the 2025/2026 academic year. February 2026

5. Admission conditions

5.1. 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 to 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.

5.2. The recognition referred to in paragraphs b) and c) is granted by a team of two PhD professors or researchers, considered experts in the scientific field of study and appointed by the coordinator of the study cycle.

6. Application process

6.1. The application is submitted exclusively through the Faculty of Pharmacy's application platform, available at www.ff.ulisboa.pt.

6.2. 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, indicating 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 the case of international students.
 - h) Other elements considered relevant by the candidate to assess the application.
- 6.3.** 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 another country, they must be legalized by a Portuguese consular agent or by the [Hague Apostille](#). These legalizations are being carried out in the country of origin of the documents. Whenever they are not issued in Portuguese, English or Spanish, they must be translated into one of these languages.
- 6.4.** All documents must be attached in PDF format on the application platform. If any mandatory documents are divided into several files, they must be compiled into a single ZIP or RAR file.

7. Selection and sorting criteria

- 7.1.** Applicants will be selected by the Scientific-Pedagogical 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.
- 7.2.** Applicants may be interviewed if the Scientific-Pedagogical Committee of the study cycle deems it necessary.
- 7.3.** Applicants with research grants have priority in the selection and ranking process.
- 7.4.** 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.

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 2025/2026 academic year, was set by the General Council of the Universidade de Lisboa at €2,750.00 (two thousand seven hundred and fifty euros)³. 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 the Doctoral Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences, 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.** Under the legal provisions in force, admitted applicants may apply for the equivalence of their previous 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.

Faculty of Pharmacy of *Universidade de Lisboa*.

The Dean,

(Professora Doutora Maria Beatriz da Silva Lima)

³ This figure is indicative and subject to confirmation.

