

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – ACADEMIC YEAR - 2025/2026
Doctoral Programme in Biomedicine (3rd Cycle)
Joint Programme with Universidade de Aveiro and Universidade NOVA de Lisboa

1. Number of places:

- 1.1. Total number of places for the academic year indicated above: 40
- 1.2. N^o of places 1st call: UA 5, UNL 20; N^o of places 2nd call: UA 15 and those not filled in the 1st, UNL those not filled in the 1st call.
- 1.3. Minimum number of enrolments necessary for running this Study Cycle: 5

2. Entry qualifications:

2.1. Master level degree, or legal equivalent in Biomedical Sciences, Medicine, Biochemistry, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Genetics, Biology, Biomedical Engineering, Biological Engineering or similar.

2.2 Foreign higher education degree in above mentioned areas awarded on completion of a 2nd cycle study programme organised in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Process by a State adhering to this process.

2.3. The Scientific Council of the partner entity that receives the application and the analysis, evaluation and selection juries appointed by the UA and by the Faculty of Medical Sciences - NOVA Medical School of the NOVA University of Lisbon (FCM|NMS-UNL) can admit applicants who do not meet the conditions specified above, but whose academic, scientific or professional curriculum reveal an adequate preparation for attending the programme, in accordance with Article 30, N^o 1c), Decree Law n^o 74/2006, 24th of March, as expressed in Decree Law n^o 65/2018, of 16th of August, and line c) of Article 54, No. 1 of the Study Regulations of the University of Aveiro, and line c) of n^o 1 of article 11^o of Regulation n^o 320/2015 of FCM|NMS/UNL.

2.4 The recognition referred to in 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 are only valid for admission to this study cycle and do not confer equivalence to the degree of master or recognition of this degree.

3. Selection criteria:

3.1. Applicants for enrolment will be selected by the Scientific Council of the University of Aveiro in accordance with the proposal made by the Director of the Study Cycle (at UA) and by the jury nominated by FCM|NMS/UNL (at FCM|NMS/UNL), taking into account the following parameters:

- a) Academic curriculum;
- b) Scientific curriculum and/or professional curriculum.

3.2. An interview and/or a written test may be required as complementary criteria.

3.3 Sub-criteria and their respective weighting are given in a specific minute approved by the jury for this application, available on the opening notices page of the study programme.

4. Application period:

UA: (1st call) May 26 to June 29, 2025
UNL: (1st call) May 26 to June 29, 2025
UA: (2nd call) August 25 to October 5, 2025
UNL: (2nd call) August 25 to October 5, 2025

5. Formalisation of application – applications should be made exclusively via Internet:

Universidade de Aveiro: <http://paco.ua.pt>.

FCM|NMS-UNL: <https://nms.unl.pt/pt-pt/NMS> (Ensino - 3^o Ciclo – Doutoramentos – Doutoramento em Biomedicina – Candidaturas)

5.1. List of documents necessary for the processing of applications, being considered obligatory, **at risk of exclusion**, those indicated from 5.1.1 to 5.1.4.

5.1.1. Copy of personal identification document or another document of identification in case of foreign applicants. In case the candidate manifests his/her opposition to the reproduction / copy of the identity card or citizen's card, he/she should go to the service desk of the Academic Office to show the document, within the deadline established for the application;

5.1.2. Qualification certificate of the academic degree obtained, indicating the respective final classification;

5.1.3. Certificate of disciplines of the study programme completed by the applicant as well as the grades awarded and the respective credits;

If the candidate holds foreign qualifications recognized/equivalent to the corresponding Portuguese

qualifications (under Decree-Law no. 66/2018 or by Ordinance no. 33/2019, of January 25, amended by Ordinance 43/2020, of February 14), he/she must submit a copy of these documents, even though recognition is not mandatory for the application. All documents of the previous provisions that have not been issued in Portuguese, English, French or Spanish must be translated into one of these languages (recognized/validated translation).

5.1.4. *Curriculum Vitae*;

5.1.5. Other documents that the applicant considers relevant for assessing the merit of his/her *curriculum*.

5.2. Under the terms of Article 124, N^o 1 c) and e) of the Code of Administrative Procedure, interested parties will not be heard in advance.

5.3 The application process is conducted as follows:

At UA: exclusively via the upload of the required documents students with a previous qualification completed at the University of Aveiro are excused from uploading documents such as an academic certificate and an academic transcript.

exclusively by uploading the documents required on the application platform (<https://candidaturas.nms.unl.pt/cssnet-nms/page>)

Delivery of original documents may be required at all times for verification.

In the case of qualifications awarded abroad, the documents must be authenticated by the official educational body of the respective country and recognised by the diplomatic authorities, or Portuguese consular authorities, or carry the apostille of The Hague Convention. The same applies to translations of documents not originally written in Spanish, French or English (translation into one of these languages is obligatory).

5.4. In the event that a complaint has been made and a previously "not admitted" applicant is deemed to "admitted", they will have the right to admission and an additional place, if necessary, will be made available.

5.5. Notifications related to this procedure will be sent to applicants at the email address given at the time of application.

6. Payment: The fee for application is **20 € at UA e de 51€ at FCM|NMS/UNL** (non-refundable).

Payment at UA must be made through the payment methods provided by the application platform (by the deadline of the application period for the respective call). If the applicant is unable to complete their payment using these means, they may request, until two days after the application deadline, an alternative option by using the e-mail address indicated on the receipt.

At FCM|NMS-UNL, payment must be made by the application deadline for the respective call, being made available after formalizing the application on the platform. If the candidate is unable to make the payment in this way, he/she should contact the Academic Service, to the following email address: doutoramentosfcm@nms.unl.pt

Applications will only be considered valid when payment is made within the established application deadline (for the respective call).

7. Period for selection of applicants:

Universidade de Aveiro:

UA: (1st call) June 30 to July 15, 2025
UNL: (1st call) June 30 to July 15, 2025
UA: (2nd call) October 6-14, 2025
UNL: (2nd call) October 6-14, 2025

8. Communication of results and approval of the list of candidates (at UA: Conselho Científico and Reitoria; at FCM|NMS/UNL: Dean):

1st call

- UA: Communication of provisional result: until July 16, 2025.
- UA: Hearing of interested parties: 10 working days after communication of the provisional result.

- UA: Communication of the final result: until July 31, 2025.
- UNL: Communication of provisional result: until July 16, 2025.
- UNL: Hearing of interested parties: 10 working days after communication of the provisional result.
- UNL: Communication of the final result: until July 31, 2025.

2nd call

- UA: Communication of the provisional result: until October 15, 2025.
- UA: Hearing of interested parties: 10 working days after communication of the provisional result
- UA: Communication of the final result: until October 30, 2025.
- UNL: Communication of provisional result: until October 15, 2025.
- UNL: Hearing of interested parties: 10 working days after communication of the provisional result.
- UNL: Communication of the final result: until October 30, 2025.

The result of your application can be consulted at:

Universidade de Aveiro: <http://paco.ua.pt>

FCM|NMS/UNL: the results will be communicated individually to each candidate (to the email address indicated at the time of application).

9. Period for registration and enrolment:

Universidade de Aveiro/ Universidade Nova de Lisboa

(1st call) August 4th to 8th, 2025

(2nd call) November 3-7, 2025

Online:

Universidade de Aveiro: <http://paco.ua.pt>

FCM|NMS/UNL: Admitted applicants should enrol at FCM|NMS/UNL by the above mentioned dates and according to the information subsequently made available by FCM|NMS/UNL.

Admitted applicants who do not register within the period indicated will not be permitted to register after the deadline. They may reapply to the study cycle in a later call, should this take place.

UA: Under the terms of Article 14, paragraph 1 of the University of Aveiro Study Regulations, the termination of a registration is requested by means of a formal written request to the Rector. In all cases, the payment of the 1st instalment of tuition fees is due, plus any subsequent instalments due up to the date of the request for termination of the registration.

10. Academic Calendar: The academic calendar is established by the University of Aveiro and FCM|NMS/UNL for the academic year 2025/2026.

11. Study plan and tuition fees:

Consult the site:

Universidade de Aveiro: www.ua.pt/pt/curso/414

FCM|NMS/UNL: www.nms.unl.pt

May, 2025

Universidade de Aveiro

Vice-Rector, Professor Artur Silva

May, 2025

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