**PUBLIC NOTICE**
**NBR | NOVA BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH**
**10th EDITION**
**ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027**

## 1. ALLOCATION OF VACANCIES

- **1st call:** 20 vacancies.
- **2nd call:** 4 vacancies, plus any vacancies remaining from the 1st call.

## 2. APPLICATION CALENDAR

| | **1st Call** | **2nd Call** |
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| **Application submission** | April 1 to May 4 | June 15 to 30 |
| **Interview** | To be scheduled between May 18 and 22 | To be scheduled between July 13 and 17 |
| **Admission decision** | By May 25 | By July 20 |
| **Submission of appals** | May 26, 27 and 28 (or three business days following notification of admission results) | July 21, 22 and 23 (or three business days following notification of admission results) |
| **Enrollments** | June 1 and 2 | July 27 and 28 |
| **Placement of wailisted candidates** | To be determined | To be determined |

## 3. SELECTION COMITTEE

**President:**
Professor Rita de Oliveira Teodoro, PhD
**Full members:**
Professor César Miguel Pereira Soares Mendes, PhD
Cláudia Guimas de Almeida Gomes, PhD
**Alternate members:**
Professor Duarte Custal Ferreira Barral, PhD
Professor Sílvia Margarida Vilares Santos Conde, PhD
Hugo Miguel Vicente Miranda, PhD
José da Silva Ramalho, PhD

## 4. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

4.1. Applicants with proficiency in English who meet one of the following conditions may apply to the Master's in Biomedical Research / NOVA Biomedical Research (NBR)[1]:

[1] Article 8 of Regulation No. 1138/2022, of November 24 (Regulamento do Ciclo de estudos conducente ao grau de Mestre em Investigação Biomédica / NOVA Biomedical Research (NBR)).

a) Hold a bachelor's or master's degree (integrated master's), or a legally equivalent qualification, in the fields of Biology, Cell and Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, Pharmacy, Biomedical Engineering, Biotechnology Engineering, Medicine, Psychology, or related areas;
b) Hold a foreign higher education degree (in the fields referred to in subparagraph a)), awarded following a first cycle of studies organized in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Process by a State adhering to this Process;
c) Hold a foreign higher education degree (in the fields referred to in subparagraph a)) that is recognized by the Scientific Council of FCM|NMS/UNL[2] as meeting the objectives of a bachelor's degree;
d) Hold an academic, scientific, or professional curriculum that is recognized by the Scientific Council of FCM|NMS/UNL as demonstrating the capacity to undertake this study cycle.

4.2. Final-year students[3] of a bachelor's degree, integrated master's degree, or legally equivalent qualification, under the terms of subparagraphs a), b), and c) of section 4.1, may also apply, provided that they complete the qualifying degree by September 30 of the current year and submit the corresponding completion certificate by that date. Failure to submit the certificate within the deadline will result in the cancellation of enrollment.

## 5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE (ONLINE)

5.1. **Submission of applications:** applications must be submitted exclusively online, through the academic platform provided for this purpose.

5.2. **Required documents:**

a) Motivation letter, with a maximum length of two pages, which must:
   i. indicate the academic average/grade at the time of application (even if calculated by the applicant);
   ii. explain how this master's program fits into the intended professional path.
b) *Curriculum Vitae*;
c) Copy of a personal identification document or passport. If the applicant objects to the reproduction of the identification document, it must be presented in person at the Academic Services of FCM|NMS/UNL by the last day of the application period;
d) Copy(ies) of the certificate(s) of qualifications listed in the *Curriculum Vitae* (including, where applicable, postgraduate training):
   i. indicating the final classification and ECTS credits, where applicable;
   ii. identifying the completed course units and respective grades, where applicable (Diploma Supplement, academic transcript, or equivalent document);
   iii. issued in Portuguese, English, French, or Spanish, or accompanied by a certified translation into Portuguese or English;
   iv. and copy(ies) of the recognition or equivalence document(s) of foreign qualifications to Portuguese[4] qualifications, where available.
e) For the purposes of section 4.2, if the applicant is a **final-year** bachelor's or integrated master's student, an authenticated document indicating completed course units, respective grades, and, if possible, the provisional average/grade;
f) For the purposes of subparagraph c) of section 4.1, if the applicant does not hold a bachelor's degree, supporting documents of the professional experience described in

[2] Faculdade de Ciências Médicas | NOVA Medical School of NOVA University Lisbon.
[3] Student enrolled in the final year of the curriculum who meets the conditions to complete the degree by the end of the respective academic year.
[4] Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of August 16, or Ordinance No. 33/2019, of January 25, as amended by Ordinance No. 43/2020, of February 14.

the *Curriculum Vitae*, namely statements issued by employers indicating the functions performed, type of contract, and duration of the activity;

g) If applying under the International Student Statute, a declaration under oath stating that the applicant does not hold Portuguese nationality and is not covered by any of the exceptions that, under Decree-Law No. 36/2014, of March 10, as currently in force, would exclude them from said Statute, in accordance with the template available on the FCM|NMS/UNL website.

5.3. The Selection Committee may, at any time, request additional documentation or the original documents in order to verify, clarify, or supplement the information provided in the application and confirm compliance with the admission requirements.

## 6. SELECTION NAD RANKING CRITERIA

6.1. The evaluation, selection, and ranking of applications will be carried out in two mandatory stages – Curriculum Assessment and Motivation, and Individual Interview – in accordance with the following criteria:

6.1.1. **First stage (C1)**, consisting of:

a) **Curriculum Assessment (AC)** – (0 to 20 points): 50% of the First stage score:
i) Final score of the Bachelor's degree (**CL**)[5]: 60%;
ii) Indicators of scientific and/or technological output (IPC), courses, internships, or other relevant scientific experience (**OE**): 30%;
iii) Participation in knowledge mobilization activities or other forms of community engagement (**MC**): 10%.
iv) The Curriculum Assessment score is calculated according to the following formula:

**AC = (CL x 0,6) + ((IPC + OE) x 0,3) + (MC x 0,1)**

b) **Motivation (M)** for undertaking this master's program – (0 to 20 points): 50% of the First stage score.

6.1.1.1. The First stage score is calculated according to the following formula:

**C1 = (AC x 0,5) + (M x 0,5)**

6.1.2. **Second stage**, to which applicants with a First stage score equal to or higher than 15.00 points (on a 0 to 20 scale) will be admitted, consisting of:

a) **Individual Interview (EI)** – (0 to 20 points): 50% of the final score:
i) Focused on motivation, availability, scientific knowledge, communication skills, interpersonal skills, vocational experience, scientific culture, and English proficiency;

6.2. The **Final Score (CF)** presented to two decimal places, is calculated according to the following formula:

**CF = (C1 x 0,5) + (EI x 0,5)**

6.3. A Final Score (CF) equal to or higher than 12.00 (on a 0 to 20 scale) is required for admission.

[5] When expressed on a different scale, the classification will be converted to the 0–20 scale by the Selection Committee, in accordance with the applicable conversion criteria.

6.4. Applicants shall be ranked in descending order of the final score.

6.5. The admission decision shall be expressed using one of the following designations:
a) "**Admitted – Placed**" – an application with a Final Score equal or higher than 12.00 points, ranked within the limit of available vacancies;
b) "**Admitted – Not Placed (Waitlisted)**" – application with a Final Score equal to or higher than 12.00 points, ranked below the last admitted applicant, and which may be called in the event of withdrawals by applicants classified as "Admitted – Placed";
c) "**Not Admitted**" – application with a Final Score lower than 12.00 points;
d) "**Excluded**" – application that does not meet or does not provide proof of the admission requirements set out in this Public Notice.

6.6. For tie-breaking purposes, applicants will be ranked based on the classifications assigned to each of the evaluation criteria, in the following order of precedence: Curriculum Assessment (AC), Motivation (M), and Individual Interview (EI).

6.7. The Selection Committee is responsible for deciding on the applications, and the following will be **excluded**:
a) Applications that do not meet the "Admission Requirements" (section 4);
b) Applications that do not comply with the "Application Instructions" (section 5);
c) Applications from applicants who do not attend the individual interview (subparagraph a) of section 6.1.2);
d) Applications containing false statements.

## 7. NOTIFICATION OF APPLICANTS

All communications, including any changes to the application calendar, invitations, and results of each phase, shall be sent individually to each applicant at the email address provided at the time of application.

## 8. SUBMISSION OF APPEALS

Appeals must be well-founded and submitted in writing to the President of the Selection Committee within the deadlines established for this purpose (section 2), sent to the email address: admissions@nms.unl.pt.

## 9. FINAL PROVISIONS

9.1. In all matters not expressly provided for in this Public Notice, the applicable legal and regulatory provisions in force shall apply, in particular the Regulation No. 1138/2022, of November 24 (Regulamento do Ciclo de estudos conducente ao grau de Mestre em Investigação Biomédica / NOVA Biomedical Research (NBR)) and the Regulation No. 808/2016, of August 17 (Regulamento geral dos ciclos de estudo conducentes ao grau de Mestre da Faculdade de Ciências Médicas). Any cases not covered shall be decided by the Board of FCM|NMS/UNL.

9.2. The Master's in Biomedical Research / NOVA Biomedical Research (NBR) is taught in English.

## 10. ENROLLMENT AND REGISTRATION

10.1. Admitted applicants must complete enrollment and registration within the deadlines set by FCM|NMS/UNL.

10.2. Enrollment is valid only for the academic year to which this Public Notice refers.

10.3. FCM|NMS/UNL reserves the right not to make up classes in cases where the applicant's enrollment/registration occurs after the start of the academic year for reasons not attributable to the Institution.

10.4. Each year, until completion of the Master's program, the student must renew their enrollment at FCM|NMS/UNL and pay the applicable fees and tuition within the deadlines established by the Institution.

## 11. TUITION FEES, CHARGES, AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

11.1. **Academic Year 2026/2027:**

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| Application fee | € 51,00 |
| Enrollment / Registration fee | € 35,00 |
| Student Insurance | € 14,00 |
| Tuition fee | National student: € 2500,00<br>International student: € 4000,00 |

11.2. **Application fee:** non-refundable, payable at the time of application.

11.3. **Enrollment / Registration Fee and Student Insurance:** non-refundable, payable at the time of enrollment and registration.

11.4. **Annual Tuition Fees:** payable in full at the time of enrollment and registration, or in installments as follows:

| | **National student** | **International student** |
|---|---|---|
| At enrollment and registration | € 750,00 | € 1200,00 |
| By september 30, 2026 | € 195,00 | € 320,00 |
| By october 31, 2026 | € 195,00 | € 310,00 |
| By november 30, 2026 | € 195,00 | € 310,00 |
| By december 31, 2026 | € 195,00 | € 310,00 |
| By january 31, 2027 | € 195,00 | € 310,00 |
| By february 28, 2027 | € 195,00 | € 310,00 |
| By march 31, 2027 | € 195,00 | € 310,00 |
| By april 30, 2027 | € 195,00 | € 310,00 |
| By may 30, 2027 | € 190,00 | € 310,00 |

11.5. **Applicable discounts:** a 15% discount on the annual tuition fee for current students and alumni graduated from FCM|NMS/UNL, and for Faculty Members, Teaching Assistants, or Researchers of FCM|NMS/UNL.

11.6. **Withdrawals:** in the event of a duly justified and formalised withdrawal, the applicable Tuition Fees Regulation shall apply.

Lisbon, March 20, 2026

On behalf of the Dean of Faculdade de Ciências Médicas | NOVA Medical School,
The Vice Dean for Education and Chair of the Pedagogical Council,

Professor Pedro Miguel Carvalho Diogo Carreiro Martins, PhD