

Doctoral Degree in Planetary Health Studies

2026/2027 – 4th cohort

Call for Applications

The Call for Applications for 4th cohort of the 2026/2027 Course admission is hereby published under the proposal of the Scientific Committee of the Doctoral Degree in Planetary Health Studies, following the conditions outlined below:

1. Legal Framework

- [Rectoral Order nr. 40/2024, of 19th February, which created the Doctoral Degree in Planetary Health Studies;](#)
- [Order nr. 230/2025, of 6th January, published in Diário da República, 2nd series, nr. 3, which appointed the Doctoral Degree in Planetary Health Studies Scientific Committee;](#)
- [Order nr. 2733/2025, of 19th February, which approves the Doctoral Degree in Planetary Health Studies Regulation;](#)
- [Regulamento de Estudos de Pós-Graduação da Universidade de Lisboa, Order nr. 8631/2020, of 8th September, published in Diário da República, 2nd series, nr. 175 and the Declaration of Rectification nr. 648/2020, of 25th September;](#)
- [Order nr. 10229-B/2021, of 20th October, published in Diário da República, nr. 204, which delegates the powers of the Rector to the members of the Rector's team.](#)

2. Numerus Clausus

2 (two)

3. Programme Organisation

3.1 The Doctoral Degree has two components:

3.1.1 Curricular component (“*Curso de Doutoramento*”)

- Approval in the curricular component (see section 10), with the duration of 1 semester, corresponding to 30 ECTS;

3.1.2 Thesis component

- Approval in the curricular units Seminars I, II, and III, corresponding to a total of 9 ECTS;
- Preparation of the Doctoral thesis, followed by its defence and approval, corresponding to 201 ECTS.

3.2 Access to the thesis component and thesis registration can only be carried out after completion of the Doctoral Course.

4. Application Requirements

Candidates may apply to the Doctoral Degree in Planetary Health Studies if they meet the following criteria:

- a) hold a Master's degree or its legal equivalent in any field of study;
- b) hold a Bachelor's degree or its legal equivalent, with an exceptionally relevant academic or scientific background that the Scientific Committee recognises as evidence of capacity to undertake this cycle of studies;
- c) hold an academic, scientific, or professional curriculum that the Scientific Committee recognises as evidence of capacity to undertake this cycle of studies.

5. Application Process

5.1 Applications must be submitted exclusively via the Fénix system of the Rectorate of Universidade de Lisboa:

- a) <https://fenix.reitoria.ulisboa.pt/login> for former or current students with credentials to the Rectorate Fénix or with a campus.ul/edu.ulisboa.pt account;
- b) <https://fenix.reitoria.ulisboa.pt/accountCreation> for the general public.

5.2 Applications must be submitted **in English** and include the following documents:

- a) documents certifying that the candidate meets the qualifications outlined in section 4, such as certificates of the academic degrees, indicating the final grades, and the title and date of completion of the candidate's master's degree thesis;
- b) updated *curriculum vitae* (written in English), including published or adequately documented work, participation in projects and societal impact;
- c) motivation letter demonstrating the alignment of research interests with the Doctoral Programme (written in English);
- d) declaration of English language proficiency – to fill in the form;
- e) statement committing to compliance with the Universidade de Lisboa Code of Conduct – to fill in the form;
- f) other documents deemed relevant for the applications;
- g) indication of name, affiliation and institutional electronic address of two reference contacts – to fill in the form;
- h) valid email address for all communications.

5.3 The documents referred to in point 5.2 (a):

- a) must be translated into the following languages whenever they are not issued in Portuguese, English, French or Spanish, they must be translated into one of these languages;

- b) when issued by institutions in non-EU countries, they must be authenticated by a Portuguese consular agent or by the Hague Apostille and must be authenticated in the country of origin of the documents.

6. Selection criteria

- 6.1** Candidates will be selected and ranked by the jury, based on the assessment of the application documents mentioned in section 5.2, as well as interviews.
- 6.2** The documentary assessment of applications will use the following criteria, on a scale of 0 to 100 and weighted as follows:
 - c) academic qualifications (degrees obtained and classification): 50%;
 - d) motivation and alignment of research interests with the Doctoral Programme: 20%;
 - e) relevant professional experience: 15%;
 - f) scientific merit: 10%;
 - g) other demonstrated competencies: 5%.
- 6.3** The documentary assessment score is the weighted average of the ratings in each criterion. Candidates who score lower than 60 points will be excluded.
- 6.4** All remaining candidates will be invited to an interview, which will provide an opportunity to further assess the submitted documents and evaluate additional competencies.
- 6.5** The interview will be conducted in English and graded on a scale of 0 to 100, based on oral communication skills, analytical and technical skills related to the objectives of the Doctorate, motivational skills and interpersonal skills.
- 6.6** The final evaluation of candidates results from the arithmetic mean of the scores obtained in the document review and the interview. Only candidates who achieve a score of at least 60 points in each component will be admitted.

- 6.7** The evaluation process will result in a ranked list, with the candidates admitted according to the number of available vacancies.
- 6.8** Results will be subject to a hearing under the Portuguese *Código do Procedimento Administrativo*. The final results will be posted on Universidade de Lisboa Fénix system.

7. Jury

The members of the Jury are:

President: Doutora Cecília Rodrigues

Effective Members:

Eduarda Marques da Costa

Miguel Prudêncio

Teresa Melo

Substitute Members:

Ricardo Dias

Vasco Branco

8. Deadlines

- Applications: 31 August to 1 September 2026 (until 17:00)
- Interview phase: 4 September 2026
- Publication of provisional list of admitted candidates: 7 September 2026
- Deadline for hearing of interested parties: until 21 September 2026
- Publication of the final list of admitted candidates: 24 September 2026
- Enrolment and registration: 25 to 28 September 2026 (until 17:00)

9. Tuition fees

- 9.1** The application fee is 60€ (sixty euros). There is no refund in case the candidate is excluded or not selected.
- 9.2** The tuition fee is € 2.750,00 per year (indicative value, subject to approval by Conselho Geral of Universidade de Lisboa), divided into two equal instalments, plus school insurance.
- 9.3** The first instalment of the tuition fee and school insurance is due 7 days after enrolment and registration, and the second instalment of the tuition fee is due on 31 May 2027.
- 9.4** Tuition fees are due until the completion of the cycle of studies.
- 9.5** Part-time students will pay 60% of the full-time tuition fee (exclusively during the thesis component), according to Article 6 of the Regulation of the Cycle of Studies.
- 9.6** Tuition fees should be paid by bank reference or at *Tesouraria* of the Rectorate of Universidade de Lisboa, during normal business hours. International students can pay the tuition fees via bank transfer, in which case, they should contact the Academic Services (planetaryhealth@ulisboa.pt).

10. Programme

The curricular component of the Doctoral Degree in Planetary Health Studies begins on 28 September 2026. It is expected to follow a modular format hosted at Centro de Transferência de Tecnologia e Valorização do Conhecimento TTC@ULisboa, located at Av. Prof. Gama Pinto, nº2, Lisboa.

Rectorate of Universidade de Lisboa, 21 July 2026

Vice-Rector
(Professor Doutor João Peixoto)