

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 107/SGA/DOFAE

Institute for Interdisciplinary Research

Academic Year 2025/2026

3rd Cycle Course

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International Doctoral Program in Integrative Neuroscience

1. Number of places:

1st call: 2 places

2nd call: 4 places

3rd call: 14 +remaining places

Supplemental application call: remaining places

2. Minimum number of students for course opening: Not applicable

3. Application deadlines:

1st call: 3rd to 31st March 2025

2nd call: 2nd June to 15th July 2025

3rd call: 1st to 12th September 2025

Supplemental application call: 21st to 28th October 2025

4. Admission requirements:

1 - Applicants for admission to the International Doctoral Program in Integrative Neuroscience must be:

a) Holders of a Master's Degree (or a Bachelor's Degree before the Bologna Process) in Neurosciences, Biology, - Medicine, Psychology, Biotechnology, Physics, Engineering or another scientific field;

b) Holders of a bachelor's degree, holders of a particularly relevant academic or scientific curriculum that is recognized as attesting the ability to carry out this cycle of studies by the Scientific Council of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research, in the fields referred to under a);

c) Holders of a school, scientific or professional curriculum that is recognized as attesting capacity to carry out this cycle of studies by the Academic Board of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research. Applicants must obtain a curricular evaluation equal to or higher than 10 points.

2 - The recognition referred to in paragraphs b) and c) of paragraph 1 has the effect only of access to the study cycle leading to a doctorate degree and does not grant its holder the equivalence to a bachelor's or master's degree, or its recognition.

3 - Proficiency in English language as a working language;

4 - The research work should directly involve groups from the UC in the field of Neurosciences, so it is important that the applicants have prior knowledge of these aspects.

5. Selection criteria:

1. Scientific and academic curriculum of the applicant, [40/100 Weighting]:

$(0.35 \times \text{Bachelor's degree grade}^*) + (0.35 \times \text{Master's degree grade}^*) + (0.3 \times \text{merit of the scientific curriculum}^*)$

Given that it* is assessed from zero to twenty points; Integrated master's degree multiplied by 0.7.

Merit of the scientific curriculum: The applicant's laboratory skills, research experience, and scientific production in fields relevant to the Programme will be taken into consideration.

0-9 - No adequate training in fields that are relevant to the Programme and no relevant scientific experience

10-12 - Adequate training, without relevant experience

13-15 - Adequate training, with relevant experience

16-17 - Adequate training, with relevant experience and with communications in congresses.

18-20 - Adequate training, with relevant experience, with communications in congresses and scientific publications.

2. Motivation Letter, [10/100 Weighting];

0-9 - The applicant is not able to express a mature and specific scientific interest in the International Doctoral Program in Integrative Neuroscience (idpIN)

10-16 - The applicant is able to express a mature scientific interest, not necessarily an interest adequate specifically to the Programme

17-20 - The applicant is able to express a mature scientific interest, specifically adequate to the Programme and its fields of intervention

3. Letters of recommendation, [10/100 Weighting];

0-9 - Applicant that is not recommended or is considered to be below average

10-12 - Applicant with no apparent or neutral recommendation

13-16 - Recommended applicant, but without indication of the profile as being adequate to the Programme

17-18 - Recommended applicant, with indication of the profile as being adequate to the Programme

19-20 –Strongly recommended applicant, with indication of the profile as being very adequate to the Programme

4. Interview, [40/100 Weighting]

4 points – communication and oral expression, including English language proficiency

6 points – motivation and interest in the Programme

6 points – analytical ability, critical thinking and connection with research perspectives

4 points – knowledge of the Programme and the institution

Jury: Professor(s) Ana Luísa Carvalho, Cristina Marquez, Cesar Teixeira, Jorge Almeida.

For the purposes of the final decision on the acceptance of the applicants into the programme, the applicants will be sorted according to the weighted average of the grade obtained in each of the 4 criteria, which is expressed by the following formula:

$$\text{Final Grade} = (0.4 \times A) + (0.1 \times B) + (0.1 \times C) + (0.4 \times D)$$

Regarding the access referred to in sub-paragraph c) of paragraph 1 of the conditions of admission the application evaluator assesses the CV of applicants and rates it on a scale of 0 to 20 following the criteria i) to iv) and their respective weights:

- i) School curriculum, considering the final classification of the course (s) taken by the applicant, [20/100 Weighting];
- ii) Relevance of the course (s) taken to the scientific area of the study cycle to which you they are applying, [10/100 Weighting];
- iii) Scientific Curriculum, considering the participation of applicants in congresses, seminars, research projects, number and scientific quality of publications (monographs, book chapters, articles in periodicals), prizes and similar elements, as long as these activities are developed in the scientific area of the study cycle in question, [50/100 Weighting];
- iv) Professional curriculum, considering the duration and nature of the professional activity in the scientific area of the study cycle in question, [20/100 Weighting].

NOTE: Assessed applications that have a grade lower than 9.5 in one of the evaluation criteria will automatically become non-approved.

6. Required documentation:

1 - 1st Letter of Recommendation; (MANDATORY);

2 - 2nd Letter of Recommendation; (MANDATORY);

3 - Certificate from Master's degree with final course classification (Master degree diploma). A certificate proving approval in the curricular units carried out must be included, with respective classifications (school transcript). (MANDATORY, except if the origin course is a course taught at the University of Coimbra);

4 - Certificate of Bachelor's degree with final course classification (diploma). A certificate proving approval in the curricular units carried out must be included, with respective classifications (school

transcript). (MANDATORY, except if the primary course is a course taught at the University of Coimbra);

5 - Curriculum vitae; (MANDATORY);

6 - Identity Document, (MANDATORY only for foreign applicants);

7 - Motivation Letter; (MANDATORY);

8 - Official declaration of course outlines and hourly course loads with classification of each course unit of courses previously taken (transcript), in case of equivalence credits request.

(MANDATORY, except in degrees awarded by the University of Coimbra under the Bologna Process – after 2007/2008);

9 - Official document certifying qualifications, issued by the institution awarding the highest degree, indicating the weighted average and the grading scale. (MANDATORY only for holders of a degree obtained abroad that does not contain the average).

NOTE: If the documents mentioned above are written in a foreign language other than Spanish, French, and English, it is mandatory to present a translation to Portuguese undertaken by a translator recognised by the Portuguese diplomatic representation.

The submission of the authenticated original documents is mandatory to the applicants admitted who enrol and register and must be done as soon as possible in order to complete their personal file. Further information at: <https://www.uc.pt/en/academicos/inscricoes/PIAs>.

7. Tuition fee:

-2,750€ (annual fee)

8. Part-time registration: Allowed

9. Assessment committee:

- Ana Luísa Monteiro de Carvalho;
- Cristina Márquez Vega;
- César Alexandre Domingues Teixeira;
- Jorge Manuel Castelo Branco de Albuquerque Almeida.

10. Other information:

- Application is subject to the payment of a 50.00 € fee, which is non-refundable, even in case of invalidation of application and of non-placement.
- Applications are submitted online at: <https://inforestudante.uc.pt/nonio/security/candidaturas.do>.
- Applicants who do not have the documents attesting the required qualifications or other documents until the end of the deadline for applications may apply conditionally. If they do not

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submit the required documents until the new deadline provided, their application will become "Not Admitted". Then, they can move their application onto the following call for applications without any additional charges.

- In applications definitively considered valid, and after the evaluation period has started, it is not possible to add or replace the documents presented. To add new documentation, a new application must be submitted in the next phase, if any.
- After the last phase of applications, and if there are still places available, applicants may submit their application by means of a request, beyond the deadline, which will be duly appraised by the coordination of the Course /Organisational Unit.
- Further information about academic issues, including the academic calendar, is available at: <https://www.uc.pt/en/academicos>.
- Contacts: E-mail: <https://apps.uc.pt/forms/view/sga/en>; Telephone:(00351) 239 247 195; In person assistance: at the Student Hub of the University of Coimbra. Schedules for assistance may be consulted at: <https://www.uc.pt/en/academicos/contactos/presencial>.

University of Coimbra, on 19th February 2025.

Head of Division,