PUBLIC NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN HEALTH SCIENCES

8.th EDITION

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

1. ALLOCATION OF VACANCIES

- Vacancies available under the General Call: 15
- Vacancies available under the FCT Scholarship Call[1]: 20

2. APPLICATION CALENDAR

	General Call	FCT Scholarship Call
Application submission	May 4 to 25	August 1 to 10
Interview	To be scheduled between June 29 and July 1	-----
Admission decision	By July 6	By August 31
Submission of appeals	July 7, 8 and 9 (or three business days following notification of admission results)	September 1, 2 and 3 (or three business days following notification of admission results)
Enrollments	July 15 and 16	September 9 and 10
Placement of wailisted candidates	To be determined	To be determined

3. SELECTION COMITEE

President:

Professor Miguel Pedro Pires Cardoso de Seabra, PhD

Full members:

Professor Duarte Custal Ferreira Barral, PhD

Professor Sílvia Margarida Vilares Santos Conde, PhD

Alternate members:

Professor Ana Isabel Gonçalves Faria, PhD

Professor Rita de Oliveira Teodoro, PhD

4. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications to the International Doctoral Program in Health Sciences[2] are open to candidates with proficiency in Portuguese and English who meet one of the following criteria:

a) Hold a master's degree, or a legally equivalent qualification, in Medicine or in a Health Sciences field;

[1] FCT – Foundation fo Science and Technology (Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia)
[2] Article 8 of Regulation no. 1137/2022, dated 24 November (Regulations governing the Doctoral Program in Health Sciences).

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b) Hold a bachelor's degree in Medicine, or in a Health Sciences field, and have an especially relevant academic or scientific CV, recognized by the Scientific Council of FCM|NMS/UNL[3] as demonstrating the capacity to undertake this study cycle;
c) Have an academic, scientific or professional CV recognized by the Scientific Council of FCM|NMS/UNL as demonstrating the capacity to undertake this study cycle.

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 (maximum length of 2 pages);
b) *Curriculum Vitae* (maximum length of 10 pages);
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 working 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. issued in Portuguese, English, French, or Spanish, or accompanied by a certified translation into Portuguese or English;
   iii. and copy(ies) of the recognition or equivalence document(s) of foreign qualifications to Portuguese [4], qualifications, where available; submission is optional.
e) For the purposes of paragraph c) of section 4.1, applicants who do not hold a master's or bachelor's degree must submit supporting documents for the professional experience listed in their *Curriculum Vitae*, namely statements issued by employers indicating the roles performed, type of contractual relationship, and duration of the activity;
f) Research Project summary (maximum of 2 pages), where applicable;
g) For applicants under the **FCT Scholarship** scheme, a Research Project summary (maximum of 2 pages) corresponding to the project for which the PhD scholarship was awarded, together with the **evaluation result**;
h) If applying under the International Student Statute[5], 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.

[3] Faculdade de Ciências Médicas | NOVA Medical School da Universidade NOVA de Lisboa.
[4] Decree-Law no. 66/2018, of 16 August, or Ordinance no. 33/2019, of 25 January, as amended by Ordinance no. 43/2020, of 14 February.
[5] Decree-Law no. 36/2014, of 10 March, as currently in force.

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6. EVALUATION CRITERIA, SELECTION PROCESS, RANKING AND FINAL CLASSIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS UNDER THE GENERAL CALL

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 (E1)** – (0 to 20 points), consisting of:

a) **Curriculum Assessment (AC)** – (0 to 20 points): 80% of the First stage score, calculated according to the following formula:

AC = (I x 0,6) + (P x 0,1) + (AP x 0,3)

Definitions:
I – Research experience, including scientific presentations and publications: 60%
P – Ongoing or defined research project: 10%
AP – Professional activity, training, internships or other relevant experience: 30%

b) **Motivation (M)** – (0 to 20 points): 20% of the First stage score.

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

E1 = (AC x 0,8) + (M x 0,2)

6.1.1.2. A minimum score of 12.00 (0 to 20 points) in the First stage is required for admission to the Second stage.

6.1.2. **Second stage**, to which the 30 highest-ranked candidates from the first stage will be admitted, provided they have a minimum score of 12.00 (0 to 20 points). All candidates tied for 30th place will also be admitted. This stage consists of:

a) **Individual Interview (EI)** – (0 to 20 points): 100% of the Final score. It will include a brief presentation in English on the candidate's academic and professional background, addressing the following criteria:
   i. scientific knowledge, research experience, and professional experience;
   ii. motivation and availability, communication skills (including proficiency in English), and interpersonal skills.

6.2. A Final Score equal to or higher than 16.00 (on a 0 to 20 scale) is required for admission.

6.3. Applicants shall be ranked in descending order of the Final Score.

6.4. 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 16.00 points, ranked within the limit of available vacancies;
b) "**Admitted – Not Placed (Waitlisted)**" – application with a Final Score equal to or higher than 16.00 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 score below 12.00 points in the first stage or application with a Final Score lower than 16.00 points;
d) "**Excluded**" – application that does not meet or does not provide proof of the admission requirements set out in this Public Notice.

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6.5. In the event of a tie in the final classification of the last "Admitted – Placed" candidate, additional places will be created in a number equal to that of the candidates tied with the same final score.

7. EVALUATION CRITERIA, SELECTION PROCESS, RANKING AND FINAL CLASSIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS UNDER THE FCT SCHOLARSHIP CALL

7.1. The evaluation, selection and ranking of applications will be based on Curriculum Assessment and Motivation, in accordance with the following criteria:

a) **Curriculum Assessment (AC)** – (0 to 20 points): 80% of the Final score, calculated according to the following formula:

AC = (I x 0,6) + (P x 0,1) + (AP x 0,3)

Definitions:
I – Research experience, including scientific presentations and publications: 60%
P – Ongoing or defined research project: 10%
AP – Professional activity, training, internships or other relevant experience: 30%

b) **Motivation (M)** – (0 to 20 points): 20% of the Final Score.

7.1.1.1. The Final score (CF) is calculated according to the following formula:

CF = (AC x 0,8) + (M x 0,2)

7.2. A Final Score (CF) equal to or higher than 16.00 (on a 0 to 20 scale) is required for admission.

7.3. Applicants shall be ranked in descending order of the Final Score.

7.4. 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 16.00 points, ranked within the limit of available vacancies;
b) "**Admitted – Not Placed (Waitlisted)**" – application with a Final Score equal to or higher than 16.00 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 16.00 points;
d) "**Excluded**" – application that does not meet or does not provide proof of the admission requirements set out in this Public Notice.

7.5. In the event of a tie in the final classification of the last "Admitted – Placed" candidate, additional places will be created in a number equal to that of the candidates tied with the same final score.

8. EXCLUSION OF APPLICANTS

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, if invited to do so (section 6.1.);
d) Applications containing false statements.

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9. 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.

10. 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.

11. FINAL PROVISIONS

11.1. In all matters not expressly provided for in this Public Call, the applicable legal and regulatory provisions in force shall apply, in particular the Regulations governing the Doctoral Program in Health Sciences at FCM|NMS/UNL (Regulation no. 1137/2022, dated 24 November) and the General Regulations for PhD programmes at FCM|NMS/UNL (Regulation no. 320/2015, dated 9 June). Any matters not covered shall be decided by the Board of FCM|NMS/UNL.

11.2. The International Doctoral Program in Health Sciences is taught in English.

12. ENROLLMENT AND REGISTRATION

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

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

12.3. 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.

12.4. Each year, until completion of the Doctoral 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.

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

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

Application fee	€ 51,00
Enrollment / Registration fee	€ 35,00
Student Insurance	€ 14,00
Tuition fee	National student: € 2750,00 International student: € 2750,00

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

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

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13.4. **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	€ 825,00	€ 825,00
By September 30, 2026	€ 215,00	€ 215,00
By October 31, 2026	€ 215,00	€ 215,00
By November 30, 2026	€ 215,00	€ 215,00
By December 31, 2026	€ 215,00	€ 215,00
By January 31, 2027	€ 215,00	€ 215,00
By February 28, 2027	€ 215,00	€ 215,00
By March 31, 2027	€ 215,00	€ 215,00
By April 30, 2027	€ 215,00	€ 215,00
By May 30, 2027	€ 205,00	€ 205,00

13.5. **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.

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

Lisbon, April 23, 2026

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