



Universidade de Évora

Open call rules

Applications for Admission: Doutoramento em Engenharia Mecatrónica e Energia
(Mechatronics Engineering and Energy)
Academic Year 2025/2026

1. The program is promoted by

Universidade de Évora - Instituto de Investigação e Formação Avançada

2. Program Coordination

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3. Program description

The main objective of the PhD program in Engineering is to train highly qualified technicians and researchers, particularly specialized in Mechatronics or in Energy, who are able to carry out independent research or experimental work, in a corporate environment, as well as within the university context. The offer of a third Cycle in Mechatronics Engineering and Energy is the natural sequence of second Cycles, namely those offered by the University of Evora, MSc in Mechatronics Engineering and MSc in Solar Energy Engineering, and it results from the developed research at the University of Evora, particularly in the Research Centers evaluated by the FCT, where the cycle Professors are integrated as researchers, namely the ICT-Institute of Earth Sciences with its connection to the Renewable Energy Chair of the University of Evora and the LAETA-Associated Laboratory for Energy, Transport and Aeronautics.

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4. Specialization areas

- Energy (**available**)
- Mechatronics (**available**)

5. Career opportunities

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6. Number of registration at DGES

R/A-Ef 126/2012/AL01

7. Number of accreditation process by A3ES

ACEF/1819/0026231

8. Program Creation Norm

Diário da República n.º 253 de 31 de dezembro, Aviso n.º 21147/2020

9. General conditions of access and admission

i Legal conditions for access to the cycle of studies leading to the doctorate (doctor) degree (Ph.D.degree)

Those who meet the following conditions may apply to the cycle of studies that leads to the doctorate (doctor) degree (Ph.D.degree)

- Holders of the master degree or legal equivalent;
- Holders of a bachelor degree who have a particularly relevant academic or scientific curriculum vitae that is recognized as attesting the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies by the relevant scientific body of the higher education institution they wish to be admitted to;
- Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum vitae that is recognised as attesting the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies by the relevant scientific body of the higher education institution they wish to be admitted to.

ii Specific admission conditions

MSc in adequate field, namely MSc in Mechatronics Engineering, Solar Energy Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrotechnical Engineering, or a MSc in a related field, or a curriculum vitae that is considered relevant in these areas.

10. Selection Process

- Academic Qualifications: 45%
 - Area of qualifications: 50%
 - Weighted average (1st cycle and 2nd cycle ECTS, weighting based on ECTS completed in each cycle): 50%
- Curriculum Analysis: 45%
 - Professional Training in the area of the program or related fields: 50%
 - Scientific publications: 30%

- Conference Communications: 10%
- Participation in research projects: 10%
- Interview: 10%
 - Motivation and commitment: 50%
 - Availability: 50%

The decision to conduct an interview is determined by the CEA in case of a tie. To break ties between candidates, the course committee may proceed with interviews. In case interviews are not conducted, their weighting will not be considered in the ranking of candidates.

11. Maximum number of admissions

- Maximum number of admissions for candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 6
- Maximum number of admissions for candidates without nationality of European Union countries: 5

Depending on the number of applications, there may be transfer of vacancies from the international students applications to the European Union students applications or vice-versa.

12. Tuition fee

- Candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 1 250,00 €
- Candidates without nationality of European Union countries: 2 500,00 €
 - Annual Tuition fee for international students with merit scholarship: 1 250,00 €
 - Annual Tuition fee for international students with cooperation and development scholarship: 1 450,00 €

In the admission year, all students with international student status who have a grade C higher or equal to 16 ($C = 0.6 \times \text{undergraduate average} + 0.4 \times \text{master's average}$, both averages on the scale 0-20), benefit from the tuition fee for international students with merit scholarship and all students from PALOP countries benefit from the tuition fee for international students with cooperation and development scholarship.

In the following years, to keep the merit or cooperation and development scholarship, the student has to meet the conditions stipulated in article 22 of the Academic Regulations of the University of Évora and the results are published until October 31 of each academic year, without the need to apply for the scholarship.

13. Organization / Duration

- a. **Duration of the program:** 8 semesters
- b. **Number of ECTS to obtain the degree:** 240
- c. **Number of ECTS to obtain the doctorate course (conclusion of the curricular part):** 60

14. Language(s) of teaching

- English
- Portuguese

15. Learning Type

Presencial

16. Schedule type

After-work

17. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
18h-22h

18. Program starting date

September de 2025

February 26, 2025
The Rector

Hermínia Vasconcelos Vilar