



Universidade de Évora

Open call rules

Applications for Admission: Doutoramento em Turismo (Tourism)
Academic Year 2025/2026

1. The program is promoted by

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3. Program description

The PhD in Tourism general objective is to offer specialized training in Tourism, providing doctoral candidates with the tools required both for a career in scientific research and teaching, as well as for performing high-level functions in private, public, and third-sector organizations. In this learning journey, students have the opportunity to engage with ongoing projects at different research centres (particularly CIDEHUS), Chairs, and within the scope of ASTO - Alentejo Sustainable Tourism Observatory, part of the international INSTO network of the UNWTO. Additionally, students will be able to integrate, contact, and participate in dynamics and projects developed in collaboration with companies or other organizations, expanding their experience and enhancing their connection to the professional market.

4. Career opportunities

PhD graduates will be qualified to pursue professional activities in any private, public, or third-sector organization directly related to the tourism value chain, including areas such as planning, management, and administration of tourism operations and services, tourism and cultural initiatives, as well as teaching and research.

5. Number of registration at DGES

R/A-Cr 186/2024

6. Number of accreditation process by A3ES

NCE/24/2400178

7. 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

The Doctoral Program in Tourism is primarily intended for graduates and master's degree holders in tourism or related fields within the social and human sciences, from Portuguese or foreign higher education institutions. In cases where applicants hold only a bachelor's degree, admission requires a minimum grade of 16 (on a 0–20 scale). In cases where applicants already hold a master's degree, there are no minimum grade requirements (for either of the degrees obtained). Preference is given to candidates with a master's and/or doctoral degree over those with only a bachelor's degree.

Failure to attend the selection interview will result in the candidate's exclusion.

8. Selection Process

- Academic Qualifications: 40%
 - Area of qualifications: 40%
 - Level of qualifications: 35%
 - Average grade in the highest qualification: 25%
- Curriculum Analysis: 40%
 - Teaching experience in training programs in the area of the program: 10%
 - Scientific publications: 25%
 - Participation in research projects: 15%
 - Conference Communications: 10%
 - Training in transversal competences: 10%
 - Professional Experience in the area of the program or related fields: 30%
- Interview: 20%
 - Understanding of Program Objectives: 25%
 - Availability: 25%
 - Knowledge of English: 25%
 - Motivation and commitment: 25%

It is the student's responsibility to organize the Curriculum Vitae according to the indicated selection criteria, including providing proof of the declared information (e.g., certificates, declarations, links). Not providing such proof may result in the information being excluded from consideration in the relevant curricular evaluation criteria and failure to attend the selection interview will result in the candidate's exclusion.

9. Maximum number of admissions

- Maximum number of admissions for candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 12
- Maximum number of admissions for candidates without nationality of European Union countries: 3

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.

10. Tuition fee

- Candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 1 500,00 €
- Candidates without nationality of European Union countries: 2 500,00 €
 - Annual Tuition fee for international students with merit scholarship: 1 500,00 €
 - Annual Tuition fee for international students with cooperation and development scholarship: 1 700,00 €

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.

11. Organization / Duration

- a. **Duration of the program:** 6 semesters
- b. **Number of ECTS to obtain the degree:** 180
- c. **Number of ECTS to obtain the doctorate course (conclusion of the curricular part):** 60

12. Language(s) of teaching

- Portuguese

Tutorial support may be provided in English, if needed.

13. Learning Type

Presential

14. Schedule type

Labor

15. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)

Fridays, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM (except for optional course units, which may be held on other days)

16. Program starting date

September de 2025

May 12, 2025
The Rector

Hermínia Vasconcelos Vilar