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Applications for Admission: Curso de formação em Restauro Ecológico para a Sustentabilidade dos Ecossistemas (Ecological Restoration for Ecosystem Sustainability)
Academic Year 2024/2025

1. The program is promoted by

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2. Study program in Consortium

a. **Type of Consortium**: International

b. **Type of Consortium**: Diploma to be awarded only by one of the Partner Institutions

c. **Type of Agreement**: Administrative-financial management under the responsibility of the coordinating institution

d. **Coordinator Institution**: Universidade de Évora

e. **Partner Institutions**:

- Universidade de Évora
- ATU - Atlantic Technological University
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f. **Specific Regulation**: No

g. Application dates and information: Blended Intensive Programme, including an in-person week in September, Évora, Portugal

h. **Executive Program Committee**:
Carla Sofia Borges Pinto da Cruz, Universidade de Évora Carlos Manuel Engeitado Alexandre, Universidade de Évora Paula Rute Pereira Matono Alves, Universidade de Évora

3. Program description

Ecological restoration is a vital science and practical tool for conserving biodiversity, focused on restoring, initiating, and accelerating ecosystem recovery after disruptions. There is a growing commitment and demand for ecological restoration efforts, supported by various European policies, which will require well-trained and qualified professionals. This Blended Intensive Program (BIP) aims to equip students with the skills and competencies needed to address complex ecological and conservation challenges, combining analytical and practical expertise for effective restoration plan implementation. Emphasizing restoration ecology and innovative techniques, this program provides lasting skills for creating resilient ecosystems. The study plan covers all aspects, from identifying pressures and biophysical characterization to establishing reference systems, designing and implementing actions, monitoring, and adaptive management. Case studies and interactive tools enhance learning, while transnational groups foster teamwork and interpersonal skills.

4. Objectives

The proposed BIP covers a set of competencies and aligns with the vision of fostering a sustainable future and a healthier environment, equipping students with skills to analyse ecological complexity and plan restoration actions. Focused on restoration ecology, it emphasizes innovative techniques, providing lasting competencies in building resilient ecosystems. The BIP enables students to integrate analytical and operational skills for effective ecological restoration planning. The study plan covers all aspects, from identifying pressures, biophysical characterization, and reference system establishment to designing and implementing actions, monitoring, and adaptive management. It promotes competencies like "systems-thinking,future-thinking,values-thinking,"and "strategic-thinking"crucial for ecosystem sustainability. Case studies and interactive tools enhance learning, with transnational groups fostering collaborative teamwork and interpersonal skills.

5. General conditions of access and admission

i **Specific admission conditions**

This BIP has been designed for graduate and post-graduate students, including Master's and PhD candidates, but is also open to bachelor's students. Participation in the program is open to students with a background in natural sciences, but other candidates interested in ecological restoration are welcome.

ii **Required academic qualifications** Higher Education - Master or Equivalent

iii **Necessary documentation**

Candidates should fill out the application form with the following attachments:
1. Copy of a valid ID or passport
2. Transcript of Records (certificate of enrolment at the home University)
3. English language competence at the B1/B2 level (certificate or relevant experience indicated in the CV)
4. Curriculum Vitae
5. Motivation letter

6. Selection Process

- Academic Qualifications: 70%
  - Level of qualifications: 50%
  - Area of qualifications: 50%
- Curriculum Analisys: 30%
  - Professional Experience in the area of the program or related fields: 100%

The selection for this programme will be based on the evaluation of submitted CVs, statements of personal motivation, academic performance, and further qualifications and skills.

7. Maximum number of admissions

- Maximum number of admissions: 30

The number of participants agreed by the program partners are the following:
University of Évora - 3 students
University of Extremadura - 3 students
Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences - 3 students
Atlantic Technological University - 3 students
University of Parma - 3 students
University of Oradea - e students

8. Minimum number of students

Minimum number of students: 15

9. Tuition fee

- Tuition fee: 0,00 €

10. Organization / Duration

a. **Duration of the program:** 6 weeks

b. **Number of ECTS of the program:** 6

11. Learning Type

b-Learning

12. Schedule type

Mixed

13. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)

The BIP is organized into three modules:
Module 1. Restoration concepts and planning (online, August 28th to September 2nd)
Module 2. Restoration in practice (in-person, including field trips in Portugal, September 5th to 10th)
Module 3. Case studies analysis (online, September 15th to October 3rd)

14. Program Dates

- Program Start Date: August 28, 2025
- Program End Date: October 3, 2025

15. Application Dates

- Applications Start Date: June 12, 2025
- Applications End Date: June 20, 2025
- Announcement of Results (until): July 5, 2025
- Enrollments Start Date: August 28, 2025
- Enrollments End Date: September 3, 2025

August 27, 2025

The Rector

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