



Universidade de Évora

Open call rules

Applications for Admission: Mestrado em Bioquímica (Biochemistry)
Academic Year 2026/2027

1. The program is promoted by

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3. Program description

Biochemistry is a central and interdisciplinary area of knowledge in the field of biosciences, participating in the solution of many societal challenges and seeking to contribute to sustainable environmental, social and economic development (Sustainable Development Goals 4-6 and 10-15).

The Master in Biochemistry aims to prepare professionals to perform functions, tasks and activities in the field of Biochemistry, fundamental and applied, in technical, academic or scientific research careers. It presents 3 main lines of education: i) Fundamental Biochemistry; ii) Biochemistry and Health, including the study of the molecular mechanisms of diseases and aging, Environmental Health and its impacts on human health, and the development of new drugs; iii) Biotechnological Biochemistry, dedicated, in particular, to the preservation of the natural and cultural heritage and agrifood applications.

This Master offers trainees the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and to develop specific skills, according to their personal interests, in lines of action based in research institutes, centers and laboratories. Trainees will be able to develop their dissertations in an academic environment or in collaboration with companies.

4. Career opportunities

Industry / Services: Agri-food, Pharmaceutical and Biotechnological, Toxicology, Environmental Control and Diagnostics, Design and Consulting Offices, Natural and Cultural Heritage Conservation.
Health and Environment: Clinical analyses laboratories, Toxicological and environmental analyses.

Research: Fundamental and Applied Research Centers within the domains of Environmental Sciences, Natural and Cultural Heritage Conservation, Health and Well-Being, Life and Health Sciences, Biotechnology and related areas.

Teaching: Higher, Polytechnic and Secondary Education.

5. Number of registration at DGES

R/A Ef 1716/2011/AL03

6. Number of accreditation process by A3ES

ACEF/1920/0305902

7. Program Creation Norm

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8. General conditions of access and admission

i Legal conditions for access to the cycle of studies leading to the master degree

Those who meet the following conditions may apply to the cycle of studies that leads to the master degree:

- Holders of the bachelor degree or legal equivalent;
- Holders of a foreign academic degree duly recognised as satisfying the objectives identical to the bachelor degree 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 recognized as attesting to 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 Conditions of access to the cycle of studies at the Universidade de Évora

On the application date, the undergraduate students must satisfy conditions that guarantee the conclusion of their undergraduate degree until the 30th of October of the admission year. The admission and enrollment of these students is conditioned on the conclusion of the degree until this date, and the enrollment is canceled if the student does not complete the degree within that period

During the first application phase, students who have a maximum of 6 curricular units or 36 ECTS missing for conclusion of their degree can apply for the 2nd cycle; in the 2nd application phase students can apply if they have at most 3 curricular units missing and in the 3rd application phase if they have at most one curricular unit missing

The previous condition does not apply to students with a curriculum that reveals professional or scientific experience, which can be recognized by the competent scientific body, as attesting the students ability to carry out the masters degree/post-graduation, provided that the student required that recognition in the application process

iii Specific admission conditions

Candidates must have a degree in Biochemistry, Human Biology, Biotechnology or Biology. Graduates in Chemistry, Technological Chemistry, Enology or Ecology and Environment may also apply. Additionally, candidates with a degree in a related field may apply too, but, in such a case, they must submit a curriculum vitae and the syllabus of their degree.

9. Selection Process

- Academic Qualifications: 60%
 - Area of qualifications: 30%
 - Level of qualifications: 30%
 - Average grade in the highest qualification: 40%
- Curriculum Analysis: 25%
 - Volunteering: 15%
 - Professional Experience in the area of the program or related fields: 15%
 - Training in transversal competences: 20%
 - Participation in conferences and similar activities: 15%
 - Professional Training in the area of the program or related fields: 20%
 - Participation in research projects: 15%
- Interview: 15%
 - Ability to understand: 35%
 - Ability to communicate: 35%
 - Motivation and commitment: 30%

In the interview questions will be asked to assess whether the candidates have adequate knowledge of Biochemistry to be admitted to this Master's program. An unsatisfactory overall evaluation in the interview is a criterion for non-admission.

10. Maximum number of admissions

- Maximum number of admissions for candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 20
- Maximum number of admissions for candidates without nationality of European Union countries: 4

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.

11. Minimum number of students

Minimum number of students: 8

12. Tuition fee

- Candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 1 050,00 €
- Candidates without nationality of European Union countries: 2 500,00 €
 - Annual Tuition fee for international students with merit scholarship: 1 050,00 €
 - Annual Tuition fee for international students with cooperation and development scholarship: 1 250,00 €

In the admission year, all students with international student status who have an undergraduate average of 15 or above (on a 0-20 scale) benefit from the international student merit scholarship tuition fee 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:** 4 semesters
- b. **Number of ECTS to obtain the degree:** 120
- c. **Number of ECTS to obtain the master's course (conclusion of the curricular part):** 63

14. Language(s) of teaching

- English
- Portuguese

15. Learning Type

Presential

16. Schedule type

Labor

17. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)

Weekdays, during daytime hours.

18. Program starting date

September de 2026

February 12, 2026
The Rector

Hermínia Vasconcelos Vilar