



Universidade de Évora

Open call rules

Applications for Admission: Doutoramento em Turismo (Tourism)
Academic Year 2026/2027

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 of research and lecturing, as well as 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.

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 PhD Programme in Tourism is primarily intended for graduates and master's degree holders in tourism or in social sciences and humanities fields, from Portuguese or foreign higher education institutions. Admission to this PhD requires a master's degree or legally equivalent qualification in Tourism or related fields and/or other areas, duly recognised by the Scientific Committee of this PhD Programme, completed with a final grade equal to or higher than 14 (on a 0-20 scale). Candidates who have completed the curricular component of their master's degree with a grade equal to or higher than 14 (on a 0-20 scale), and whose award of the master's degree is pending only public defence (provided this does not lower the overall grade average and occurs by the first day of classes in the academic year for which they are applying) may also be considered. Failure to attend the selection interview will result in the candidate's exclusion.

8. Selection Process

- Academic Qualifications: 20%
 - Area of qualifications: 50%
 - Level of qualifications: 25%
 - Average grade in the highest qualification: 25%
- Curriculum Analysis: 40%
 - Teaching experience in training programs in the area of the program: 10%
 - Scientific publications: 30%
 - Participation in research projects: 20%
 - Conference Communications: 10%
 - Training in transversal competences: 10%
 - Professional Experience in the area of the program or related fields: 20%
- Interview: 40%
 - Understanding of Program Objectives: 10%
 - Availability: 30%

- Motivation and commitment: 30%
- Specific vocational aptitude: 30%

It is the applicant's responsibility to organise their Curriculum Vitae in accordance with the specified selection criteria, including the submission of supporting documents for all information provided (e.g. certificates, statements, links). Failure to provide such supporting evidence may result in the corresponding information not being considered in the relevant curricular assessment criteria, and failure to attend the selection interview will result in the applicant's exclusion.

9. Maximum number of admissions

- Maximum number of admissions for candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 10
- 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.

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

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

12. Language(s) of teaching

- Portuguese

If necessary, tutorial support in English may be provided.

13. Learning Type

Presential

14. Schedule type

Labor

15. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)

Classes will be held on Fridays (9:00-18:00), except for the optional course units, which may be scheduled on other days.

16. Program starting date

September de 2026

February 13, 2026
The Rector

Hermínia Vasconcelos Vilar