



Universidade de Évora
Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro

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Applications for Admission: Doutoramento em Agronegócios e Sustentabilidade
(Agribusiness & Sustainability)
Academic Year 2026/2027

1. The program is promoted by

Universidade de Évora - Instituto de Investigação e Formação Avançada
Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro

2. Study program in Consortium

- a. **Type of Consortium:** National
- b. **Type of Consortium:** Diploma to be awarded by all Partner Institutions together, pursuant to Article 42 of Decree-Law No. 74/2006, of 24 March, in its current republication
- c. **Type of Agreement:** Rotating (administrative-financial management under the responsibility of the edition host institution)
- d. **Coordinator Institution:** Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro
- e. **Partner Institutions:**
 - Universidade de Évora
 - Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro
- f. **Specific Regulation:** Yes
- g. **Host Institution:** Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro
- h. **Applications place:**
 - Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro
 - **Application dates and information:** Only the UTAD is accepting applications for the 2026/2027 academic year in the link: <https://www.utad.pt/sa/inicio/mestrados-e-doutoramentos-ano-letivo-2026-2027/>.
- i. **Executive Program Committee:**

Prof.^a. Doutora Ana Alexandra Marta-Costa (Diretor na UTAD) Prof. Doutor Carlos Fonseca (UTAD) Prof.^a. Doutora Maria Raquel Lucas (Diretor na UÉ) Prof.^a. Doutor^a Cristina Marreiros (UÉ)

3. Program description

The PhD course in Agribusiness & Sustainability is offered by the Portuguese universities consortium of UTAD (University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro) and UE (Universidade de Évora), in partnership with other national and international R&D institutions and companies in the agroforestry and food sector. The objective of this PhD programme is to recognize and expand a knowledge base which allow stakeholders to anticipate, understand and respond to the three strategic challenges currently face by agroforestry and food chains. These challenges are sustainable development, smart and inclusive growth and, the innovation that is critical to both processes being achieved. The provision of this programme, delivered via consortia and (inter)national partnerships which integrate business and research institutions with extensive knowledge and experience of target sector. It further provides a unique opportunity to promote and consolidate advanced education, research, development and innovation (R&D&I), all associated with these key value chains. These partnerships will focus on well-defined and complementary areas of expertise, and aim at developing the constant interaction between business and research units based on processes of collective learning and co-innovation.

4. Career opportunities

The course promotes career opportunities in the three strategic domains of sustainable, intelligent and inclusive growth in the agroforestry and food sector, in any type of agribusiness and in public or private for profit and non-profit organizations. The job opportunities are related with the competencies to be acquired in the scope of the course and that allow: 1) Understand, interpret and evaluate the complexity and diversity of the problems of agro-food and forestry organizations in the context of its global environment; 2) Apply conceptual and analytical tools of management, of an innovative nature, in pursuit the promotion of sustainable and competitive organizations; 3) Design, test, implement and/or evaluate strategies and models aimed at improving business competitiveness, strengthening social equity and the enhancement of responsible endogenous and natural resource use; 4) Anticipate future trends in the agroforestry and food value chains; 5) Design and develop research projects that generate innovative theoretical and empirical knowledge and solutions associated with sustainable growth of agroforestry and food chains, particularly to potential users in areas marked by population decline; 6) Identify and develop knowledge transfer processes that will build added value for the sector. ?

5. Number of registration at DGES

R/A-CR 49/2017

6. Number of accreditation process by A3ES

NCE/16/00081

7. Program Creation Norm

Diário da República n.º 89 de 9 de maio de 2018, Aviso n.º 6064

8. 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

Flexible criteria are applied to allow admission of students from different areas, taking into account the interdisciplinary profile of the program. Preference is given to students with a master's degree, although holders of a graduation or legal equivalent, or other candidates with a relevant academic or school curriculum, may be admitted, in accordance with the opinion of the Coordinating Committee of the Course. Professional experience in the field of agroforestry and food is appreciated, especially professionals from private and non-profit organizations, entrepreneurs, staff and other public administration professionals, among others.

9. Selection Process

- Academic Qualifications: 50%
 - Area of qualifications: 50%
 - Weighted average (1st cycle and 2nd cycle ECTS, weighting based on ECTS completed in each cycle): 50%
- Curriculum Analysis: 30%
 - Participation in research projects: 30%
 - Scientific publications: 30%
 - Conference Communications: 20%
 - Professional Experience in the area of the program or related fields: 10%
 - Importance of positions held: 10%
- Interview: 20%
 - Motivation and commitment: 100%

10. 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.

11. Tuition fee

- Candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 1 500,00 €
- Candidates without nationality of European Union countries: 1 750,00 €

12. 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):** 66

13. Language(s) of teaching

- English
- Spanish
- Portuguese

14. Learning Type

b-Learning

15. Schedule type

Mixed

16. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)

Thursdays and Fridays from 9am to 6pm.

17. Program starting date

September de 2026

March 11, 2026
The Rector

Hermínia Vasconcelos Vilar