



Universidade de Évora

Open call rules

Applications for Admission: Doutoramento em Filosofia Prática (Practical Philosophy)
Academic Year 2026/2027

1. The program is promoted by

Universidade de Évora - Instituto de Investigação e Formação Avançada

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3. Program description

The PHD in Practical Philosophy opens up an area of research that addresses the existential problems posed by contemporary society and coming from different areas of knowledge providing a dialogue that articulates philosophical thought with diverse theoretical configurations and practical life.

The doctoral programme allows for both the framing of existential problems within the philosophical tradition and the acquisition of methodologies that value rigorous questioning and broad understanding, in order to contribute to critical and constructive reflection on the personal implications and collective consequences of technological advances, cultural and political choices, and the application of knowledge in the public and institutional sphere.

The PhD in Practical Philosophy has a semester-long disciplinary component that supports students in thematic research and guides them in preparing and carrying out their individual research projects. In addition, students are integrated into research centres that enable them to participate in academic activities at national and international level, thus broadening their research horizons and collaborating in specialised areas of knowledge.

4. Career opportunities

The Doctoral Programme in Philosophy prepares students for academic careers, research careers, and positions that require the exercise of critical, multidirectional, and creative skills in professional matters with human and social impact.

5. Number of registration at DGES

R/A-Ef 1797/2011/AL02

6. Number of accreditation process by A3ES

ACEF/2122/0513172

7. Program Creation Norm

Diário da República n.º 152 de 7 de agosto, Aviso n.º16623/2024/2

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

There are three admission routes: 1) holders of a bachelor's and master's degree in Philosophy or related courses; 2) holders of a bachelor's and master's degree in other courses, but who show a clear interest in philosophical research; 3) holders with a relevant curriculum and a definite interest in philosophical problematization.

A Letter of Motivation must be submitted.

9. Selection Process

- Academic Qualifications: 40%
 - Area of qualifications: 50%
 - Level of qualifications: 50%
- Curriculum Analysis: 40%
 - Professional Experience in the area of the program or related fields: 60%
 - Training in transversal competences: 40%
- Interview: 20%
 - Understanding of Program Objectives: 50%
 - Motivation and commitment: 50%

10. Maximum number of admissions

- Maximum number of admissions for candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 5
- 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: 1 250,00 €
- Candidates without nationality of European Union countries: 2 500,00 €
 - Annual Tuition fee for international students with merit scholarship: 1 250,00 €
 - Annual Tuition fee for international students with cooperation and development scholarship: 1 450,00 €

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.

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):** 75

13. Language(s) of teaching

- Portuguese

14. Learning Type

Presential

15. Schedule type

Mixed

16. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)

Fridays: 2pm-8pm

Saturdays: 10am-1pm (exceptionally)

17. Program starting date

September de 2026

February 12, 2026

The Rector

Hermínia Vasconcelos Vilar