



Universidade de Évora

Open call rules

Applications for Admission: Doutoramento em Arquitetura (Architecture)
Academic Year 2026/2027

1. The program is promoted by

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3. Program description

The PhD in Architecture at the University of Évora constitutes a space for advanced training and research oriented towards the production of original knowledge in the field of Architecture. The study cycle promotes a research by design methodology not as a mere design practice, but as a specific mode of research, in which the project is understood as a critical, experimental, and reflective instrument and/or process, integrated within a rigorous theoretical and methodological framework.

Structured over four years (240 ECTS), with a first year of taught coursework, the doctoral programme focuses on themes of heritage and territory, promoting the articulation between theory, critical analysis, experimentation, and architectural practice. The city of Évora, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the territory of the Alentejo constitute privileged contexts for the problematisation and development of research, enabling the articulation of local and regional issues with contemporary challenges of global relevance.

The programme reaffirms the scientific autonomy of Architecture, with the degree awarded in the single branch of "Architecture", while integrating contributions from related fields whenever relevant to the development of the research.

4. Career opportunities

Considering the value of a culturalist approach to architecture, grounded in the technical domain, its scope and relevance are recognised across a wide spectrum of fields. Notwithstanding this breadth, it

is possible to identify more specific professional domains associated with the competences of advanced training in Architecture, particularly within the framework of a research by design approach, namely: professional architectural practice in studios; university teaching (1st, 2nd and 3rd cycles); integration into advanced research teams (postdoctoral level); and participation in working teams involved in planning and intervention in territory and built cultural heritage, namely within municipal, regional, and national institutions.

5. Number of registration at DGES

R/A Cr 214/2011/AL02

6. Number of accreditation process by A3ES

ACEF/2425/1001841

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

1. General conditions for access to the doctoral degree programme

The following candidates may apply:

- i) Holders of a master's degree or a legally equivalent qualification;
- ii) Holders of a bachelor's degree with a relevant academic or scientific curriculum, recognised by the competent scientific body of the university as attesting the capacity to undertake this cycle of studies;
- iii) Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum of particular relevance, recognised by the competent scientific body of the university as attesting the capacity to undertake this cycle of studies.

2. Specific conditions for admission to the programme

The following candidates are eligible to apply:

- i) Holders of a master's degree in Architecture or in a related scientific field;
- ii) Holders of a bachelor's degree in Architecture or in a related scientific field, with at least five years of full-time academic training in Higher Education, or an equivalent qualification when obtained abroad;
- iii) Holders of an academic, scientific and/or professional curriculum of particular relevance in the field of Architecture, recognised by the Scientific Council of the IIFA as attesting the capacity to undertake this cycle of studies.

8. Selection Process

- Academic Qualifications: 40%
 - Area of qualifications: 40%
 - Level of qualifications: 20%
 - Weighted average (1st cycle and 2nd cycle ECTS, weighting based on ECTS completed in each cycle): 40%
- Curriculum Analysis: 40%
 - Professional Experience in the area of the program or related fields: 20%
 - Artistic Experience or Portfolio / Artistic Dossier in the area of the program: 20%
 - Participation in research projects: 20%
 - Conference Communications: 20%
 - Scientific publications: 20%
- Interview: 20%
 - Motivation and commitment: 100%

Applicants must submit, together with their curriculum vitae, a letter of motivation, written in Portuguese and/or English, in which they outline their qualifications, experience, and motivations for applying. The letter of motivation replaces the interview within the selection process.

Applicants whose native language is neither Portuguese nor English must provide a language proficiency certificate, with a minimum level of B1, in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

9. Maximum number of admissions

- Maximum number of admissions for candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 6
- 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.

Depending on the number of applications, vacancies may be transferred between the two admission quotas.

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

- a. **Duration of the program:** 8 semesters
- b. **Number of ECTS to obtain the degree:** 240
- c. **Number of ECTS to obtain the doctorate course (conclusion of the curricular part):** 60

12. Language(s) of teaching

- Portuguese

Portuguese, with the possibility of adopting a bilingual format (Portuguese/English) whenever the composition of the student body so justifies.

13. Learning Type

Presential

14. Schedule type

Labor

15. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)

Wednesdays or Fridays, preferably in the afternoon, with the schedule subject to adjustment whenever necessary.

16. Program starting date

September de 2026

February 12, 2026
The Rector

Hermínia Vasconcelos Vilar