



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS N° IB-1/2021

Institute of Bioethics
Academic year 2021/2022

3° Cycle
PhD in Bioethics
(Doutoramento em Bioética)

The Institute of Bioethics of the Catholic University of Portugal (UCP - IB) announces the call for applications for the sixth edition of the PhD Program in Bioethics (2021-2024). The PhD Program in Bioethics is organized according to the *Bologna Declaration* principles. The scientific coordinator of this PhD program is Prof. Dr. Sandra Martins Pereira.

The PhD in Bioethics is ruled by the principles set out by the General Doctoral Regulation of the Portuguese Catholic University and is managed by its internal normative rules (Regulation of the PhD in Bioethics). Both these regulatory documents comply with the terms specified in the Decree-Law No. 74/2006 and the subsequent modifications applied in the Decree-Law No. 65/2018.

1. Candidate eligibility – Entrance Requirements

Eligible candidates must fulfill the following entrance requirements:

- Hold a master's or legally equivalent degree obtained in Portugal.
- Hold a master's or legally equivalent degree obtained overseas, conditioned by the recognition (only for the purposes of this application) of the degree conducted by the Scientific Board of the Institute of Bioethics of the Portuguese Catholic University.
- Hold an undergraduate degree with final classification (score) of 80%; relevant scholar, scientific and professional curriculum recognized by the Scientific Board of the Institute of Bioethics of the Portuguese Catholic University as commendable and assurance of the candidate's competence to undertake the Doctoral Program in Bioethics.

2. Number of positions

Maximum positions available: 25

Minimum number of students for the program to open: 10

3. Application Deadlines

Applications	Interviews (if necessary)	Enrollment	Classes
Until November 30 th 2021	December 13 th to 17 th 2021	January 3 rd to 14 th 2022	January 27 th 2022



4. Required Documents

- Detailed *Curriculum Vitae*;
- Certification of Academic Degrees (original or authenticated copy), with indication of final classification (score);
- Motivation letter (letter of intent) with research interests;
- Copy of identification document.

Documents issued by foreign countries must be legalized by Portuguese diplomatic or consular authorities from the issuing country, or by authentication through the Hague Apostille Convention.

Documents written in foreign languages other than Spanish, English or French must be translated according to the notarial law.

5. Application

Applications should be submitted online at [Candidaturas Online \(ucp.pt\)](http://Candidaturas Online (ucp.pt)).

6. Selection criteria and results

The selection and classification of eligible candidates will be conducted by a jury designated by the Dean of the Institute of Bioethics. The results and classification will be validated by the Scientific Board of the Institute of Bioethics of the Catholic University of Portugal.

The selection and classification of eligible candidates will be performed based on the following criteria:

Parameter	Weight (%)
Academic degrees	40%
Professional activity	20%
Research production	40%

In addition, an interview may be held to explore the candidate's motivation for attending the PhD, as well as to clarify complementary elements to the curriculum evaluation. Failure to attend the interview determines the candidate's exclusion.

Results will be expressed as follows:

- **“Admitted”**
- **“Not Admitted”**

7. Course structure

The PhD program in Bioethics totalizes 180 credits (ECTS), represented by:

- a) a curricular component dedicated to the development of scientific research.
- b) a component dedicated to the development of an original doctoral dissertation that is coherent to and advances the scientific field of Bioethics.



The course lasts for three years/six curricular semesters, in case of full-time attendance. Exceptionally, part-time attendance in five years/ten semesters may be authorized.

Classes will take place in person, at the UCP facilities in Sintra, on Thursdays from 16h to 20h and Fridays from 16h to 20h.

Classes will be taught mostly in Portuguese and English.

Some sessions will be taught in Spanish, depending on the origin of the international invited professors.

If the class is composed of any foreign student who does not speak Portuguese, the course will be taught entirely in English.

8. Tuition and duties fees

The tuition and duties fees are calculated and updated annually, thus susceptible to changes.

Tuition and duties fees for 2021/2022

Duties	
Application fee	€165
Enrollment fee	€360
Fees	
Curricular frequency up to 60 ECTS (1st and 2nd Semesters) - 10 monthly fees	€350/month
Dissertation phase (3rd to 6th Semester) - 20 monthly fees	€290/month
Dissertation delivery	€260

The tuition fee of the 1st month is charged at enrollment.

Application and enrollment fees are not refundable under any circumstances, not even if the student cancels the enrollment before starting the course.

9. Enrollment

The applicant's withdrawal is assumed if the registration is not completed within the stipulated period.

The originals of the qualification certificates must be presented before the beginning of classes, on a date and time to be defined by the Academic Services.

Additional information may be obtained at <http://www.bioetica.porto.ucp.pt/pt/central-oferta-formativa/doutoramento-bioetica>, or at <https://sca.lisboa.ucp.pt/CandidaturasOnline/>

10. Contacts

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Potential candidates can schedule an appointment with the PhD coordinator by sending an e-mail to Prof. Dr. Sandra Martins Pereira at smpereira@ucp.pt

Lisbon, October 6, 2021

The Dean of the Institute of Bioethics of the Catholic University of Portugal,

Prof. Dr. Sandra Martins Pereira