



**Universidade de Évora**  
**Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro -**  
**Escola de Ciências Humanas e Sociais**

**Edital**

Applications for Admission to the Ph.D. Program in  
Agribusiness & Sustainability  
Academic year 2020/2021

**1. The program is promoted by:**

Universidade de Évora - Instituto de Investigação e Formação Avançada  
Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro - Escola de Ciências Humanas e Sociais

**2. Study program in Consortium:**

- a. **Type of Consortium:** National
- b. **Type of Consortium:** Diploma to be awarded jointly by all the partner institutions, under the terms of article 42 of Decree-Law no. 74/2006, dated March 24 in its current republication
- c. **Type of Agreement:** Rotative (administrative and financial management of the institution responsible for the edition)
- d. **Coordinator Institution:** Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro - Escola de Ciências Humanas e Sociais
- e. **Partner Institutions:**
  - Universidade de Évora
  - Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro - Escola de Ciências Humanas e Sociais
- f. **Specific Regulation:** Yes

g. **Host Institution:** Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro - Escola de Ciências Humanas e Sociais

- **Applications:** UTAD

h. **Executive Program Committee:**

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### **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 the 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 «Doutor» degree (Ph.D. degree)

The following individuals can apply for a cycle of studies to the «Doutor» degree (Ph.D. degree):

- holders of a Portuguese Mestre degree (Master degree) or legal equivalent;;
- holders of an undergraduate degree holding a specially relevant academic or scientific curriculum, which is recognized as attesting capacity to carry out this cycle by the competent scientific committee of the higher education institution where they wish to be admitted;
- holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum that is recognized as attesting the ability to carry out this cycle of studies by the competent scientific committee of the higher education institution where they wish to be admitted.

### 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%
  - Master Degree: Area of Qualifications: 50%
  - Master Degree: Final Classification: 50%
- Curriculum analysis: 30%
  - Research experience: Participation in funded research projects: 30%
  - Research experience: ISI and Scopus indexed journals: 30%
  - Research experience: Publications in journals with other indexing or in Event Proceedings: 20%
  - Relevant technical and / or professional experience: Time of experience in the scientific areas supported by the Course and / or in the agroforestry and food sectors: 20%
- Interview: 20%
  - Motivation for the course: 100%

### Observations regarding the selection process:

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. 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 countries of the European Union: 5

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## 11. Tuition fee

- Candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 1500.00 €
- Candidates without nationality of countries of the European Union: 1750.00 €

## 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:

- Portuguese
- English
- Spanish

## 14. Learning Type: B-learning

## 15. Schedule type: Mixed

## 16. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)

The learner component of the doctoral program will be the one taught in mixed regime - face-to-face alternating in the participating universities, as well as e-learning and b-learning. The schedule will preferably be mixed (labor and post-labor), starting in September.

## 17. Program starting date: September of 2020

February 17, 2020  
The Rector

Ana Costa Freitas