

NOTICE

By proposal of the Scientific Board of the Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, the Call for Applications of the PhD Programme in Geography for 2019/2020, according to the Regulation of the Postgraduate Studies of the University of Lisbon, is published under the following conditions:

PhD Programme in Geography 2019/2020

The main goal of the 3rd Cycle in Geographical Studies is to contribute to the formation of specialists in the domains in which the IGOT professors have renown national and international proficiency.

The study programme strengthens the knowledge in the chosen area of specialization, develops the usage of different research methodologies and techniques, encourages individual initiative and critical thinking, and fosters intellectual integrity. The applicants admitted to the 3rd Cycle in Geographical Studies should have acquired general scientific and technical competences that link the different domains of geographical knowhow: physical environment, society and economy.

Specialization Areas

The PhD programme in Geography confers a doctor degree in the following specialities.

- Physical Geography;
- Human Geography;
- Geography Teaching;
- Regional Geography;
- Regional and Urban Planning;
- Geographical Information Sciences.

Study Programme

The PhD Programme in Geography last for three years, and the 1st year corresponds to the Advanced Training Course. The Advanced Training Course is composed by a set of mandatory and optional postgraduate courses. Credits of optional courses can be obtained based on scientific publications and communications presented in scientific meetings, according to a table approved by Scientific Council of the IGOT.

Early in the 1st year a tutor is named for each student and a personalized study plan is proposed, subject to approval by the Scientific Council of the IGOT.

1. Number of places

1.1. 25 places

2. Entry Requirements

2.1. Entry enrolment requirements:

- a) Holders of a Master degree or the legal equivalent with a classification of 15 values (in 20) in the domain of geography, spatial planning and land management, urban planning, social and economic studies, geosciences and environment;
- b) Holders of a pre-Bologna undergraduate degree with a classification of 16 (in 20) (or 15 in pre-Bologna courses) in the aforementioned domains;
- c) Holders of degrees or the legal equivalent with a final classification below 16 (or 15 in pre-Bologna courses), but with a particularly relevant academic or professional CV.

3. Online Application

3.1. Applicants must use the online application which is available, exclusively, on the IGOT website at: <http://www.igot.ulisboa.pt/candidaturas/>.

3.2. Applications are only considered when supported by the following documents:

- a) Updated *Curriculum vitae*, with copies of relevant documents referred to therein;
- b) Certificates proving that the candidate holds academic degrees or other relevant diplomas (with grades of the approved curricular units). If any of the academic degrees have been obtained at a Foreign Higher Education Institution, the certificate/diploma must be legally recognized by the Portuguese Consulate or by the Hague Apostille Convention;
- c) Indication of the field of knowledge in which the candidate intends to carry out the PhD;
- d) Submission of **one** of the following documents:
 - Research project, indicating the object of study, the methodology and the research goals, duly problematized based on reference bibliography in the field of knowledge to which the candidate is applying;
 - Cover letter and statement of intent expressing the reasons for choosing the study programme and stating the field of knowledge interested in as well as the goals of the work to be developed during the PhD.
- e) Other documents deemed relevant for application purposes;
- f) Copy of the ID Card/Passport and 1 Photo.

3.3. The documents mentioned in 3.2 must be scanned and uploaded onto the online application website. If this is not possible, candidates may contact IGOT's Academic Department at Edifício do IGOT, Rua Branca Edmée Marques, 1600-276 LISBOA, Portugal, or by e-mail to academicos@igot.ulisboa.pt, until the last day of the application deadline.

4. Selection and Ranking Criteria

4.1. Candidates to the cycle of studies leading to a PhD degree in Geography are selected according to the assessment of the elements described in 3.2.

4.2. The Coordinator of the PhD Programme may conduct personal interviews if thought necessary.

4.3. Candidates will be selected and ranked according to their academic, scientific and technical curricula, the adequacy of the academic training to the requirements of the PhD programme, the research project/ letter of motivation and clarification given in possible interview.

5. Deadlines

5.1. 1st Call

5.1.1. Application: 13 May to 19 July 2019.

5.1.2. Results: up to 26 July 2019.

5.1.3. Results appeal period: up to 10 days after the publication of the application results.

5.1.4. Registration and enrolment: 05 to 09 August 2019.

5.2. 2nd Call

5.2.1. Application: 05 August to 30 August 2019.

5.2.2. Results: up to 06 September 2019.

5.2.3. Results appeal period: up to 10 days after the publication of the application results.

5.2.4. Registration and enrolment: 16 to 20 September 2019.

5.3. 3rd Call

5.3.1. Application: 06 January to 31 January 2020.

5.3.2. Results: up to 07 February 2020.

5.3.3. Results appeal period: up to 10 days after the publication of the application results.

5.3.4. Registration and enrolment: 17 to 21 February 2020.

6. Application and Tuition Fees

6.1. The application fee is 60 € (sixty euros). This is a non-refundable fee, even if the candidate is excluded or not selected.

6.2. The tuition fee is annual and is set, for the academic year 2019/2020, at 2,750€ (two thousand seven hundred and fifty euros) per year, by the General Council of the University of Lisbon. ¹

¹ This value is indicative and subject to confirmation.

6.3. The registration fee is 15.00€ (fifteen euros) and the school insurance is 1.43€ (one euro and forty-three cents). These values are due in case of registration, in the academic year 2019/2020.

6.4. Students that start IGOT's PhD Programmes in the 2nd semester will only pay 50% of the annual fee.

6.5. The deadlines and instalments will be specified at the beginning of the academic year.

7. Final Provisions

7.1. Candidates may request accreditation of their previous academic qualifications, in accordance with the legal provisions in force;

7.2. Should the PhD course fail to reach the minimum number of students required to run, the application fee will be refunded to the applicant.

Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning of the University of Lisbon, 6 de May de 2019

The President of IGOT



(Full Professor José Manuel Simões)