



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - NOTICE Nr. ESB-02/2024

Escola Superior de Biotecnologia Master Programmes in Applied Microbiology, Biomedical Engineering and Food Engineering Academic Year 2024/2025

The Dean of Escola Superior de Biotecnologia (ESB), Universidade Católica Portuguesa, announces the opening of applications for the Master Programmes, under the respective operating regulations.

1. Candidate admission conditions:

To apply to a Master Programme, applicants must:

- a) Hold a bachelor's degree (Licenciatura) or legal equivalent:
- **Applied Microbiology** - Biological Sciences or similar
 - **Biomedical Engineering** - Engineering or Life Sciences or similar
 - **Food Engineering** - Food Engineering or similar

Holders of a bachelor's degree in other training areas may be admitted, provided there is a favorable opinion from the Coordination Commission.

- b) Hold a foreign higher academic degree in the areas mentioned in point 1a), awarded following a 1st cycle of studies organized according to the principles of the Bologna process by a State adhering to this process;
- c) Hold a foreign higher academic degree in the areas mentioned in point 1a), that is recognized by the Scientific Council of ESB as satisfying the objectives of the degree of "*licenciado*"; or
- d) Hold an academic, scientific, or professional curriculum that is recognized by the ESB Scientific Council as attesting to the capacity to carry out the master's degree to which they applied, when the requirements referred to in points 1a), 1b) and 1c) are not met.

2. Number of Vacancies (for the set of all application calls):

Master's degree	Vacancies
Applied Microbiology	20
Biomedical Engineering	25
Food Engineering	25



3. Application Calls

Call	Application	Results	Registration
1 st Call	January 8 th to February 15 th	February 20 th	February 22 nd and 23 rd
2 nd Call	March 4 th to June 13 th	June 18 th	June 20 th and 21 st
3 rd Call	June 25 th to September 2 nd	September 10 th	September 12 th

Classes are scheduled to start on September 16th 2024

The opening of the 2nd call for applications depends on the number of vacancies available after the 1st call.

4. Application Process Requirements

- Copy of the Passport / Identification Document
- Detailed undergraduate degree certificate (must include the curricular units carried out, their respective classification and ECTS or class hours, as well as the final grade)
- *Curriculum Vitae*
- [Form for students with Special Educational Needs \(SEN\)](#) - if applicable

If you have not yet completed your degree or have already finished but do not have the final certificate, you must present a certificate proving the course units already carried out, their classification and corresponding ECTS, as well as your current average classification. Apart from that, applicants must submit a declaration of honour:

- [Declaration of Honour – applicants without a Degree completed](#)
- [Declaration of Honour – applicants with a Degree, but without a Diploma](#)

Documents issued in other countries must be legalized by the **Portuguese diplomatic** or consular authority in the issuing country, or contain the **Hague Apostille**, except for United Kingdom, and countries from EU, European Economic Area, or European Free Trade Association. **Any transcript not in English, French or Spanish**, must be accompanied by a certified translation.

5. Application Submission

Applications shall be submitted online ([Online applications \(ucp.pt\)](#)). The applicant will receive confirmation of submission by email. In the final application information (after submission), you will find the data for payment of the corresponding fee. If you do not have a bank account in Portugal, you can also find the bank details (IBAN) for international transfer. In the latter case, you should send the proof of payment to candidaturas.porto@ucp.pt, indicating your name an applicant number, as well as the name of the account holder.

6. Applications assessment, ranking criteria, and publication of the results

The selection and ranking of the candidates will be carried out, in each Master Programme, by a jury composed by:



Masters Program	Steering Committee
Food Engineering	Prof. Doutora Paula Teixeira, Prof. Doutora Ana Maria Gomes e Prof. Doutora Cristina L.M. Silva
Biomedical Engineering	Prof. Doutora Paula Teixeira, Prof. Doutora Ana Maria Gomes, e Prof. Doutora Ana Oliveira
Applied Microbiology	Prof. Doutora Paula Teixeira, Prof. Doutora Ana Maria Gomes e Prof. Doutora Célia Manaia

The application grade corresponds to the final grade of the Undergraduate/Bachelor Degree.

When the number of applicants exceeds the number of vacancies, the ranking criteria will be based on the curricular evaluation, as indicated below:

Criteria	Weight
Undergraduate Degree Classification	30%
Adequacy or relevance of the previous degree	35%
Curriculum (academic, scientific and/or professional)	35%

The Board of the Escola Superior de Biotecnologia reserves the right to set a minimum score for admission in each phase, depending on the quality of the applicants' results.

Additionally, an interview may [AMG1]be carried out, to understand the applicant's motivations for attending the master's degree, as well as to clarify complementary elements to the curricular evaluation. When an interview is scheduled, the failure to attend the interview may determine the applicant's elimination.

The results will be published on a digital platform with restricted access to applicants, who will receive the credentials and access link by email, on a date close to their publication. Each applicant will be informed of the result of his application, as follows:

- **"Admitted"** - if the applicant is admitted without any condition
- **"Admitted Conditionally"**, Admission is dependent on the conclusion of the undergraduate degree with a minimum GPA and the presentation of the respective supporting documents on the stipulated date
- **"Next Round"** (Application will be assessed in the next call on equal terms with new applicants)
- **"Not Admitted"**

Applicants referred to the next call, will be automatically considered, without the need to submit a new application and without additional costs. However, applicants may send new documents and/or information relevant for the process if there is any change in their previous situation.

The evaluation and ranking of applications will be carried out on an equal basis with new applicants.

7. Functioning of the Master Programmes

All our Master Programs include a period of study and a period of completion of the Master's Final Work (Dissertation, Project or Internship) corresponding to a total of 120 ECTS and a duration of



4 semesters.

- **Food Engineering** – consisting of a set of curricular units, and an original project work especially carried out for this purpose (90 ECTS) and an internship/thesis (30 ECTS);
- **Biomedical Engineering** – – consisting of a set of curricular units, and an original project work especially carried out for this purpose (90 ECTS) and an internship/thesis (30 ECTS);
- **Applied Microbiology** – consisting of a set of curricular units (60 ECTS), and an original project work especially carried out for the preparation of the Master's thesis (60 ECTS)

The curricular units will be taught in English if there are teachers or students who do not speak Portuguese.

Classes will take place at the premises of Universidade Católica Portuguesa – Porto Regional Center, from Monday to Friday, usually between 2.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m, and occasionally on Saturday mornings.

Classes are scheduled to begin on **September 16th, 2024**.

8. Tuitions and Fees

Tuition and fees are set out annually and published in full documentation regarding fees, emoluments, and taxes, so the amounts set in subsequent academic years may be different.

As the values for 2024/25 are not totally available yet, below are the values in force for 2023/24 to be used as a reference.

Extract of the Fees Table 2023/2024

(Does not exempt the consultation of the [complete document](#))

Fees		
Application		155,00€
1 st Enrolment		405,00€
2 nd year enrolment		320,00€
Tuition fees		
Applied Microbiology	Period of Study 2 Semesters – 10 monthly instalments	558,00€
	Dissertation –10 monthly instalments	334,50€
Biomedical Engineering Food Engineering	Period of Study 2 Semesters - 10 monthly instalments	558,00 € / month
	3 rd Semester – 5 monthly instalments	446,25 € / month
	4 th Semester – 5 monthly instalments	334,50 € / month

In the academic year 2024/2025, the master courses will be partially supported by organizations linked to the scientific and technological areas of the study cycles, allowing a reduction of the tuition fee (up to 40% of the curricular component). This reduction is applicable to Portuguese students, or nationals of an EU country, or of a CPLP country.

The application will only be considered valid after proof of payment of the respective fee.



The application and the enrolment fees are not refundable under any circumstances (even if the student cancels the registration before initiating the course). The enrolment fee and 1st monthly tuition are due at the time of enrolment.

9. Registration Procedure

All information regarding the registration process will be sent to the admitted applicants after the results publication. During the process it will be necessary to present:

- Passport photo (* .JPG, * .PNG or * .GIF)
- Copy of the Vaccination card with the date of the last Tetanus immunization
- Information requested by the Portuguese Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education
- Registration form and other specific documents to be indicated at the time of admission
- Proof of payment of the registration fee and the 1st monthly fee (information about the means of payment will be provided in the communication related with access to the enrollment platform)

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

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.

10. Other information

Scholarships and Merit Awards

Merit scholarships are awarded to the best applicants to ESB Master's Degrees, each year, according to the following:

- Only students who apply in the 1st or 2nd application phases and who enrol on the due dates are eligible;
- these scholarships are only available to Portuguese students, nationals of an EU country or of a CPLP country;
- Tuition fee exemption in the 1st year for students with an undergraduate degree equal to or higher than 18 (on a scale of 0 to 20);
- 75% reduction of fees in the 1st year for students with an undergraduate degree equal to or higher than 17 (on a scale of 0 to 20);
- 50% reduction of the 1st year tuition fees for students with an undergraduate degree equal to or higher than 16 (on a scale of 0 to 20).

These scholarships can only be used in conjunction with other merit awards given by UCP and with social benefits, up to the limit of 100% of the annual tuition fee; they cannot be used in conjunction with any other type of benefit (namely with the reduction in the tuition fee mentioned in point 8).

Merit scholarships will be automatically awarded according to the defined criteria.

This information does not dismiss the need to consult the regulations regarding merit scholarships.



11. Contacts

Assistance for the application process

For questions or help with application preparation or online submission

@ | admissions.porto@ucp.pt (f you send us your phone number, we will call you)

t | +351 939 450 000 / 939 450 012 (between 9.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. from Monday to Friday)
Schedule a [meeting online or in person](#)

Course information

Poderá falar com o coordenador, visitar as instalações ou participar em alguma atividade de integração

@ | biotecnologia@ucp.pt (f you send us your phone number, we will call you)

t | +351 932 011 541 (Phone calls, WhatsApp, Telegram, Signal ou sms)
Schedule a [meeting online or in person](#)

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