

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Universidade Católica Portuguesa-Porto / Ramon Llull University-Barcelona / Nottingham Trent University- UK

PhD in Applied Psychology: Adaptation and change in contemporary societies **Academic Year 2024/2025**

The boards of the Faculty of Education and Psychology of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa (FEPUCP); Blanquerna Faculty of Psychology, Educational Sciences and Sports-Ramon Llull University Barcelona (FPCEE-URL), and the Department of Psychology at Nottingham Trent University (NTU) announce the opening of student applications for the International Ph.D. Programme in Applied Psychology: Adaptation and change in contemporary societies, in the following areas of research:

- Human relationships across the lifespan: couple, family, and group
- Mental health and psychopathology: Challenges of a global and changing society
- Exclusion: Social (in)justice, conflict, and psychological wellbeing
- Adaptive and maladaptive behaviours related to digital technologies

The International PhD in Applied Psychology is a joint doctoral degree offered by the aforementioned universities and is regulated by each university's regulations and in conformity with the specific legislation of its country.

1. Entry requirements:

To apply to the Ph.D. in Applied Psychology, applicants must:

- a) Hold sufficient ECTS from a Bachelor's degree and Masters* to allow entry onto a Ph.D. in the country where their ECTS were gained. The Master's qualification must be equivalent to a "Merit/Commendation" (NTU), "Notable" (URL), or "Very good" (UCP). Either the Bachelor's degree or the Master's must be in Psychology or a related discipline (e.g., Educational Sciences, Social Sciences, Life Sciences).
- b) Have a certified minimum level of B2 or IELTS 6.5 or above in oral and written English language (non-native English speakers only).
- c) Agree to undertake a research internship of 12 months at one of the other universities involved in the programme.

**applicants still enrolled in a Masters Programme should have the degree awarded by August 31st*

2. Number of places available

Maximum number of applicants to be accepted to the programme: **16**

Maximum number of applicants to enrol at FPCEE-URL and NTU: **6**

Maximum number of applicants to enrol at FEPUCP: **4**

3. Application's Schedule

| Applications | Interviews | Results | Enrolment |
|---|-----------------|----------|---|
| February 19 th to May 31 st | To be scheduled | July 9th | FEPUCP – July 11 th and 12 th FPCEE-URL – information available at https://www.blanquerna.edu/en/PhD-applied-psychology NTU - information available at https://www.ntu.ac.uk/research/research-degrees-at-ntu/how-to-apply |

4. Documents necessary for the Application Process

- Submission of the Identification Data Form or copy of the Identification Document/Passport
- Undergraduate and Master's Diplomas and Academic transcripts (with final grade)*
- *Curriculum Vitae* - all information referenced in the CV must be accompanied by supporting evidence (photocopies of diplomas, publications, etc.)
- Research proposal outline of 1,000-2,000 words
- Certificate of English language level for non-native
- Two letters of recommendation by senior academics (optional)
- Agreement Form (specific at each university)

**Documents issued in other countries will have to be legalised by the diplomatic or consular authority in the issuing country or contain the Hague Apostille.*

If the documents are written in a language other than Portuguese, Spanish, or English, an official and certified translation to one of these languages must be provided.

During the selection process, applicants may be asked to submit additional documents as evidence that they are prepared and qualified for the programme. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a personal interview (face-to-face or online).

5. Presentation of the Application

Applicants can choose to apply to any one of the three institutions – the institution to which they apply will be where the students will spend the majority of the PhD time (known as 'home' institution). The application procedure at each institution is slightly different and is given on the relevant pages listed below.

Applying to FEPUCP/Portugal

Applications are submitted online, by filling in the form available at: <https://secretaria.porto.ucp.pt/CandidaturasOnline/default.aspx> or on Campus Foz - Universidade Católica Portuguesa (Porto).

Applying to FPCEE-URL/Spain

Applications are submitted online by filling in the form available at: <https://www.blanquerna.edu/en/PhD-applied-psychology>

Applying to NTU/UK

Full details, including the application form and required documents, can be found on the 'How to Apply' section of the Doctoral School webpage:

<https://www.ntu.ac.uk/research/research-degrees-at-ntu/how-to-apply>

On the application form under 'Title of Project', please enter 'International Ph.D. in Applied Psychology' in addition to the title of the proposed Ph.D.

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

The selection and ranking of applicants will be carried out by the Steering Committee, comprising three co-coordinators (one from each partner University), and is based on the provided documents (Certificates, CV, Research proposal, letters of recommendation), as well as a personal interview. The criteria considered are as follows:

| Criteria | Weight |
|--|---------------|
| Academic ability based on the Bachelor and Master academic transcripts | 30% |
| Research experience and outputs | 20% |
| Strength and relevance of the research proposal | 20% |
| Other relevant merits (e.g., research grants, scholarships, training) | 25% |
| Letter(s) of recommendation | 5% |

Ph.D. applicants who fulfil the admission criteria will be ranked based on the criteria and can enrol in any of the three universities depending on availability.

The results of each call will be published on our Admission website and will be expressed as follows:

- "Accepted"
- "Provisionally Accepted" – the admission is dependent on one or more requirements
- "Not Accepted"

7. Programme Organization

The International PhD. Programme in Applied Psychology: Adaptation and change in contemporary societies corresponds to 180 ECTS credits and has a duration of 3 years (6 semesters).

The student will join a research group and develop a thesis within the framework of one of the research areas described in the programme. Each student will work on his or her thesis with a supervisory team consisting of three supervisors, one from each partner university.

Students enrol in one of the partner universities ("home institution"), where they spend most of their research time. When in FEPUCP, the course will take place on the premises of the Porto Regional Centre – *Campus Foz*; in FPCEE-URL, this will be at Blanquerna - Campus Cister; at NTU you will be based in the City Centre campus.

During the programme, students must spend 12 months (two semesters) at another partner university: those from URL and UCP at NTU, and those from NTU at UCP and/or at URL. Additionally, students may have a 1-6 months internship at the third university, depending on the needs of their research project.

Classes are scheduled to start on October 18th, 2024.

The language used for training, research, and communication, as well as for the doctoral thesis manuscript, is English.

Full information: <http://recursos.blanquerna.edu/11/img/DC/Handbook-PhD-international-final-raw.pdf>

8. Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees are set out annually and published by each Institution in a separate document (Tuition and Fees Table), so the amounts due in the subsequent academic years may vary.

For detailed information, consult website at each University:

UCP: http://www.candidaturas.porto.ucp.pt/en/PhD_Applied-Psychology

URL: <https://www.blanquerna.edu/es/fpcee/masters-y-estudios-de-postgrado/doctorados/international-phd-programme-applied-psychology-adaptation-and-change-contemporary-societies/precio-y-ayudas>

NTU: <https://www.ntu.ac.uk/research/research-degrees-at-ntu/fees>

9. Contacts

For UCP:

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Rua de Diogo Botelho, 1327; 4169-005 Porto, Portugal

Admission's Office - *Campus Foz* (Monday to Friday – 9h30 to 12h30 | 14h30 to 18h00)

Phone: (+351) 939 450 012

Email: admissions.porto@ucp.pt

For URL:

Facultat de Psicologia, Ciències de l'Educació i de l'Esport Blanquerna - URL

C. Císter 34; 08022 Barcelona

Student Information Service (Monday to Friday – 8h00 to 13h30 | 15h30 to 20h30)

Phone: + 34 93 253 30 06

Email: sioefpcee@blanquerna.edu

For NTU:

Phone: +44 (0)115 941 8418 (ask for Doctoral School)

Email: doctoralschool@ntu.ac.uk

Porto, February 5th, 2024.

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