



PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPLICATIONS no. 3/2026
Católica Medical School
Lisbon
Academic year 2026/2027

2nd Cycle
Master in Immunology and Vaccinology
1st Phase

The MSc in Immunology and Vaccinology at Católica Medical School by Universidade Católica Portuguesa (CMS-UCP) is governed by the principles set out in Regulation of the Study Cycles of Católica Medical School by Universidade Católica Portuguesa, approved in Dispatch NR/REG/0244/2023, of 25th May 2023, and by the other conditions contained in this Public Notice.

1. Conditions for admission of applicants

Applicants may apply to the MSc in Immunology and Vaccinology:

- a) Applicants must hold a degree or equivalent qualification in medicine, pharmaceutical sciences, biotechnology, veterinary medicine, natural, biological, and biomedical sciences, and related fields.
- b) Holders of foreign higher academic qualifications in the subjects specified in the preceding paragraph must satisfy additional criteria. These qualifications must have been awarded following a first cycle of studies organized following the Bologna Process principles by a state party to this process.
- c) Holders of a foreign higher academic qualification, in the areas identified in paragraph a) of this point, which is recognized by the Scientific Council of the CMS-UCP as satisfying the objectives of the degree.
- d) Exceptionally, holders of a particularly relevant academic, scientific, or professional curriculum recognized by the Scientific Council of the CMS-UCP attest to their ability to complete this Cycle of Studies.

2. Number of Vacancies:

There are **fifty (50)** vacancies available.

3. Deadlines

Applications (online)	From 02 nd February to 25 th May 2026
Interviews (in person)	From 1 st to 5 th June 2026
Results (online)	15 th June 2026
Registration (online)	From 15 th June to 18 th June 2026
First Day of Classes (in person)	16 th October 2026

Note: It should be noted that the final deadline for the submission of applications and enrolment is congruent with the stipulated deadline for payment.



4. Necessary documentation

During the application process, all applicants must complete an online form and attach the requested documents:

- Passport-type photo;
- Identification document – Citizen Card or, if another type of document, the tax identification number is also required (only applicable to national citizens).
- Academic Degree Certificate(s) with the indication of the final average.
- Detailed Curriculum Vitae, including reference to published or other duly documented work.
- A motivation letter may include the aim of the project to be developed (maximum 2 pages), and it should describe your motivation to study vaccinology.
- Other documents containing elements that the applicant considers relevant to the assessment of their application.

Notes:

- Original documents/certificates are not required during the application.
- Original documents issued abroad following the legislation of the respective country, and documents issued outside Portugal legalized by a foreign civil servant, are considered legalized under Portuguese Law if the signature of the public servant is certified by a Portuguese diplomatic agent or consular officer in the respective State and the signature of that agent is authenticated with the respective consular seal. In cases of documents issued by signatories of the Hague Convention of 5th October 1961, the papers will be legalized by apostille, under the terms of Article 3 of the convention.
- Documents are only accepted if they are in Portuguese or English. Documents in languages other than English or Portuguese must be presented as an official translation in either English or Portuguese, duly certified and issued in accordance with notarial law.

5. Submission of the application

The application to the MSc in Immunology and Vaccinology is submitted online on the website: <https://www.fm.ucp.pt/pt-pt/masters-programs/master-immunology-and-vaccinology/candidaturas-ao-mestrado-em-imunologia-e-vacinologia>. After submitting all the documents and information requested during the application process, the applicant will have access to the payment information. The application will only be completed once payment has been made.

All notifications regarding this procedure will be sent to the email address indicated on the application form.

6. Assessment of applications and publication of results

The selection and ranking of applicants will be carried out by the jury, which is made up of the Course Coordinator:

- **Professor Paulo Jorge Gonçalves de Bettencourt**, Coordinator MSc in Immunology and Vaccinology at Católica Medical School.
- **Professor António Medina de Almeida**, Dean of Católica Medical School;
- **Professor Bruno António Caetano Cardoso**, Professor of Católica Medical School.



The following criteria will be considered when ranking applicants:

1. Curricular Analysis - graded from 0 to 20 and presented to the nearest decimal place - which will consider:
 - a) Research experience, including scientific communications and publications.
 - b) Professional activity, courses, internships, or other relevant experience.
2. Individual Interview - graded from 0 to 20 and presented to the nearest decimal place, which will include a brief presentation of the candidate's personal and scientific background and will focus on two criteria:
 - a) Scientific knowledge, research experience, and professional experience.
 - b) Motivation, availability, communication skills, and interpersonal abilities.
3. Analysis of the Motivation Letter - graded from 0 to 20 and presented to the nearest decimal place - which should include, where applicable, the intention of the project to be developed.

The final classification of the application will take into account the score obtained in the Curriculum Analysis, Individual Interview, and Motivation Letter, with the following criteria:

Criterion (expressed on a scale from 0 to 20)	Weighting
Curricular Analysis	40%
Individual Interview	40%
Motivation Letter	20%

After calculating the application marks, applicants will be ranked according to their final classification (on a numerical scale from 0 to 20) until all available places have been filled.

The selection process will result in the jury awarding a final mark expressed qualitatively (Admitted / Not Admitted / Excluded). The final mark will be given on a scale of 0 to 20 for admitted or non-admitted applicants.

Notes:

- Whenever the Jury deems it necessary, it may ask one or more specialists with a doctorate in the field of specialisation to analyze the application and issue an opinion.
- The call for the interview, indicating the date and time, will be sent and made available in the online application process.
- The link to the interview will be sent to the email address indicated in the application process.
- In the event of a tie in the final ranking of the last candidate, an additional number of vacancies will be created equal to the number of tied candidates with the same application grade as the last candidate.

7. Operation

The MSc in Immunology and Vaccinology is a two-year program designed for full-time study. It is comprised of a total of 120 ECTS. The first year of the programme consists of a master's degree course in which classes tend to be held during working hours. The language of instruction will be English.



In the second year of the MSc in Immunology and Vaccinology, this must correspond to the development of the Dissertation, Project Work, or Internship Report.

8. Tuition fees, payments, and other fees

The value of tuition fees, payments, and other fees is determined annually and published in a separate document (*Tabela de propinas, taxas e emolumentos*), therefore, the values for subsequent school years may change.

The updated values can be consulted at the link <https://www.fm.ucp.pt/students?change-language=1>

The application fee is non-refundable in the event of cancellation, withdrawal, or exclusion of the application.

The registration requires payment of the respective fee (which includes student insurance), as well as the first monthly tuition fee, as indicated in the *Tabela de propinas, taxas e emolumentos*.

9. Registration

Applicants admitted to the MSc in Immunology and Vaccinology must register within the deadline established in paragraph 3 of this notice. If the applicant does not register within the established deadline, their application will be considered withdrawn.

The original documents submitted during the application process must be presented **until 30th October 2026**, under penalty of cancellation of enrollment, and without any refund for payments made until that date. The submitted documents must be original or authenticated copies. To be archived in the student's record, the Academic and Administrative Services of Católica Medical School may make a copy of the original document, which will be returned to the student, without any additional costs.

10. Crediting of previous education

After admission, students may request credit for previous education. When requested, this will be done in accordance with the Credit Regulations of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa, and the applicable fees will be charged.

11. Other Information

The MSc in Immunology and Vaccinology will be held primarily at the Católica Medical School of Universidade Católica Portuguesa.

Some research projects may take place in Portuguese or foreign companies or universities that collaborate with Universidade Católica Portuguesa.

Further information about the program is available at: <https://fm.ucp.pt/pt-pt>.

12. Contacts

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Academic and Administrative Services of Católica Medical School:

Office hours (in person and via telephone): Monday to Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Online office hours: by appointment, scheduled by e-mail (medicina.fm@ucp.pt)

Location:

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Lisbon, 22nd January 2026

Dean of Católica Medical School

Professor António Medina de Almeida