

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Doctoral Program in Public Health

Academic Year 2026/2027

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The National School of Public Health of NOVA University of Lisbon (NOVA NSPH) announces the opening of applications for the Doctoral Program in Public Health for the 2026-2027 academic year.

1. Number of vacancies

The minimum number of students for the Program to move forward is 10.

2. Selection Committee

The analysis, evaluation, selection, and ranking of applications will be carried out by a jury appointed by the Scientific Council of NOVA NSPH, composed of the following members:

- Julian Perelman (president)
- Paulo Boto
- Susana Viegas
- Marta Marques (alternate)

3. Who may apply

The following persons may apply:

- a) Holders of a master's degree or legal equivalent; or
- b) Holders of a bachelor's degree who also have an especially relevant academic/scientific curriculum that attests to the applicant's ability to carry out this cycle of studies; or
- c) Holders of an academic, scientific, or professional curriculum vitae that is deemed to attest to the applicant's ability to carry out this cycle of studies; and

4. Teaching Language

English

5. Academic Calendar

The academic calendar is defined annually by the Dean of NOVA NSPH, upon consulting the Scientific and Pedagogical Councils. During the first year, the core program operates on Fridays between 11:30 and 20:10. The elective curricular units take place on Mondays (mornings), Wednesdays (afternoons), and Saturdays (mornings).

6. Application process

Applications must be submitted directly and exclusively to NOVA NSPH, within the deadline and in accordance with the following indications:

6.1. Deadlines

1st Phase

- Application period: December 19 to March 6, 2026
- Publication of provisional list of successful applicants: March 16, 2026
- Hearing of interested parties: March 17 to 30, 2026
- Publication of final list of successful applicants: March 31, 2026
- Registration and enrollment period: March 31 to April 4, 2026

2nd Phase

- Application period: March 9 to June 26, 2026
- Publication of provisional list of successful applicants: July 3, 2026
- Hearing of interested parties: July 6 to 17, 2026
- Publication of final list of successful applicants: July 20, 2026
- Registration and enrollment period: July 20 to 23, 2026

3rd Phase

- Application period: June 29 to August 20, 2026
- Publication of provisional list of successful applicants: August 25, 2026
- Hearing of interested parties: August 26 to September 8 2026
- Publication of final list of successful applicants: September 9, 2026
- Registration and enrollment period: September 9 to 11, 2026

The 2nd and 3rd phases will only be opened if vacancies are available.

6.2. Submitting applications: applications must be submitted exclusively via the Internet, using the application form available at the following address: candidaturas.ensp.unl.pt.

6.3. Documents (mandatory) to accompany the application:

6.3.1. Applicants who are Portuguese citizens:

- a) Certificate(s) of qualifications (diplomas etc.) of the academic degree(s) obtained, indicating the final classification and ECTS, if applicable.
- b) If the applicant holds foreign qualifications/credentials, even though not recognized/equivalent to the corresponding Portuguese qualifications/credentials, (s)he must provide proof of authenticity of said qualifications/credentials.
- c) Valid personal identification document (e.g., identity card or citizen card). If the applicant objects to reproducing the identification document, (s)he must show the document before the last day of the application period, in person, to the Academic Services of the NOVA NSPH.
- d) Curriculum Vitae, with a clear mention of research experience
- e) Recommendation letter;
- f) Motivation letter, including an idea of the research topic that the applicant intends to develop, **written in English language:**

The motivation must not exceed 500 words and must include the following elements:

1. Interest in doing a Phd at Nova NSPH;
2. Research interests;
3. Topic of interest for research, and connection between the topic and the research activities of NOVA NSPH
4. Percentage of time expected to devote to pursuing the degree (30%, 50%, 80%, or 100%).

g) Other document(s) that the applicant may consider relevant for assessing the merit of the application.

6.3.2. Applicants who are citizens of other countries:

- a) Documents proving eligibility qualifications, indicating the academic degree(s) obtained and respective classification, duly validated by the competent authority of the issuing country;
- b) If the candidate holds foreign qualifications recognized/equivalent to the corresponding Portuguese qualifications, a photocopy of these documents must accompany the application;

c) If the candidate holds foreign qualifications, even though not recognized/equivalent to the corresponding Portuguese qualifications, proof of authenticity of said qualifications must accompany the application;

d) Valid personal identification document (European Union citizen card or passport). If the applicant objects to reproducing the identification document, (s)he must go to the Academic Services of the NOVA NSPH to show the document before the last day of the application period;

e) Curriculum Vitae, with a clear mention of research experience;

f) Letter of recommendation;

g) Motivation letter, including an idea of the research topic that the applicant intends to develop, **written in English language**:

The motivation must not exceed 500 words and must include the following elements:

1. Explain why the Interest in doing a PhD at Nova NSPH;
2. Research interests;
3. Topic of interest for research, and connection between the topic and the research activities of NOVA NSPH
4. Percentage of time expected to devote to pursuing the degree (30%, 50%, 80%, or 100%).

h) Other document(s) that the applicant may consider relevant for assessing the merit of the application.

6.3.2.1 Any document(s) referred to above that is/are not issued in Portuguese, English, French, or Spanish must be translated into one of these languages by an officially recognized translator (and validated as such);

6.3.2.2 Declaration, under oath, that the applicant does not have Portuguese citizenship nor is covered by any of the conditions that according to Decree-Law n° 36/2014 of 10 March, deny and/or withhold the status of International Student;

6.3.2.3 The International Student Statute applies to foreign applicants who are not covered by any of the exceptions described in paragraph 2, article 2 of Regulation n° 687/2020, published in DR, 2ª, n° 162, of 20 August 2020, which, under the terms of Decree-Law No. 36/2014, of 10 March, excludes them from applying the International Student Statute;

6.3.2.4 Applicants claiming Portuguese citizenship (section 5.3.1, above) whose identification document is issued by a country other than Portugal or a member state of the EU must submit proof of Portuguese citizenship or proof that (s)he is covered by one or more of the exceptions mentioned in paragraph 2, Article 2 of Regulation n° 687/2020 of 20 August, which, under the terms of Decree-Law No. 36/2014, of 10 March, excludes them from applying the International Student Statute;

6.4. Application fee

A nonrefundable fee of € 51 must accompany the application Payment must be made using the methods that will be provided after the online application is submitted . Applications that fail to comply with the deadline specified in section 6.1 above will not be considered.

6.5. Evaluation criteria

The evaluation criteria for the applications are defined by the members of the selection committee. The following criteria and weightings will be used in the selection process:

Academic and Scientific Merit (academic titles obtained; classifications; publications; letter of recommendation) - 70%

Motivation letter (research interests; interest in Phd at NOVA NSPH; alignment with the research interests of the NOVA NSPH; availability) - 20%

Professional Experience/Research (positions and/or professional history in related fields, and/or in professional or research activities related to the themes of the program) - 10%

There may also be an individual interview to clarify any doubts about the information provided and/or in the event of a tie between candidates.

The above criteria will be used to calculate a final classification on a scale of 0-20.

6.6. Exclusion of applications

The decision to exclude an application rests with the selection committee, which proceeds with a prior hearing of candidates in accordance with the deadlines established herein.

Applications that do not meet the eligibility conditions or who do not comply with the instructions and procedures defined herein shall be rejected.

Any applicant who at any time provides false information shall be rejected.

7. Results notification

The decision(s) of the selection committee will be communicated to each applicant individually by means of the email address indicated in the application.

For privacy reasons, only the names of successful and alternate applicants will be published on the NOVA NSPH website. Names of alternate applicants will be ordered according to their position in the ranking.

8. Hearing of interested parties

A hearing shall be made available to interested parties within the deadlines defined herein, whereby applicants may (should they wish to do so) seek clarification regarding the evaluation, selection, and/or ranking of the applicants.

Any objections to the decision(s) of the selection committee must be duly substantiated and be submitted in writing to the president of the selection committee.

Decisions regarding objections submitted by applicants shall be made at the discretion of the selection committee and shall be notified to the applicant in writing to the e-mail address indicated in the application on or before the last day before the end of the communication period stipulated in section 6.1, above.

9. Complaint

Any complaint must be substantiated and sent in writing to the Dean of the NOVA NSPH within the period defined in paragraph 3 of article 191 of the Code of Administrative Procedure (i.e., within 15 days).

Decisions on complaints shall be made at the discretion of the Dean of the NOVA NSPH and will be communicated to the party making the complaint in writing to the email address indicated in the application.

In the event of a favorable decision, an additional vacancy shall be created if necessary, and the applicant shall be granted an extension deadline for the necessary registration and enrollment.

10. Fees

10.1. Amount

The tuition fee of the program for National Citizens is 8,000 euros (three years)

The tuition fee of the program for citizens of other countries with status of International Student, is 12,000 euros (three years)

To the tuition fee amount is added the annual enrollment fee, school insurance, and other fees as stipulated in the Fees Table approved by the UNL and published in the Diário da República in the current academic year.

10.2. Terms and payment methods

Successful applicants/students may choose one of two payment methods:

a) National Citizens:

- Payment of first year 3,500.00 euros;
- Payment of second year 2,250.00 euros;
- Payment of third year 2,250.00 euros

4th and following year's tuition: € 1,250.00/year at the start of each academic year

1st year tuition: € 3,500.00

- **Option A:** Total amount of the tuition fee upon registration (benefits from 5% discount)
- **Option B:** Payment of first year 1,750.00 euros upon enrollment, 1,000.00 euros in January and 750.00 euros in May 2026.

2nd/3rd year tuition: € 2.250,00/year

Option A € 2,250.00 in September (at the start of the academic year)

Option B € 2,000.00 in September

€ 750.00 the following January

€ 500.00 the following May

If the payment option is not identified, Type B will be assumed and applied.

b) Citizens of other countries with status of International Student:

- Payment of first year 6,000.00 euros;
- Payment of second year 3,000.00 euros;
- Payment of third year 3,000.00 euros

1st year tuition: € 6,000.00

Option A € 6,000.00 on registration (a 5% discount will be applied)

Option B € 3,500.00 on registration

€ 1,500.00 until January 31, 2027

€ 1,000.00 until May 31, 2027

2nd/3rd year tuition: € 3,000.00/year

Option A € 3,000.00 in September

Option B € 2,000.00 in September (at the start of the academic year)

€ 1,000.00 the following January

4th and following year's tuition: € 1,875.00/year at the start of each academic year

11. Enrollment

Enrollment must be carried out in accordance with the instructions defined by the Academic Services of NOVA NSPH, within the period stipulated in point 6.1 above.

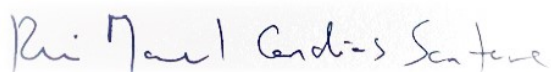
Enrollment is valid only for the academic year referred to herein.

For cases in which the enrollment/registration of the applicant/student takes place after the beginning of the academic year for reasons not attributable to NOVA NSPH, the ENSP reserves the right not to make up classes or any part of the program.

Annually and until the conclusion of the program, students must enroll in the Academic Services of NOVA NSPH, making the duly applicable payments within the deadlines published for this purpose by this institution.

Lisbon, 17 December 2025

Vice Dean of the National School of Public Health (NOVA NSPH)



Prof. Rui Santana