CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Master's Degree in Environmental Health and Climate Change

Academic Year 2026/2027

Coordination: Prof. Carla Martins and Prof. Susana Viegas

The National School of Public Health of NOVA University of Lisbon - NSPH NOVA (Escola Nacional de Saúde Pública da Universidade NOVA de Lisboa - ENSP NOVA) hereby announces the opening of applications for the master's degree in environmental health and Climate Change for the 2026/2027 academic year.

1. Number of Places

The minimum number of students required for the master's degree in Toxicology Applied to Environmental Health to run is 15.

2. Selection Committee

The assessment, evaluation, selection, and ranking of applications shall be carried out by a Selection Committee previously appointed by the Scientific Council of NSPH NOVA, comprising:

- Prof. Carla Martins (Chair)
- Prof. Susana Viegas
- Researcher Marilia Silva Paulo
- Prof. João Valente Cordeiro (Alternate Member)

3. Admission Requirements

- Hold a bachelor's degree in a health-related field, with or without current professional activity in the health sector; or, if holding a degree in a non-health field, must be currently working in the health sector.
- A minimum of five (5) years of professional experience. Application documents must provide evidence of the duration of professional experience (e.g., employer declarations. Among others).
- Proficiency in English.

4. Academic Calendar

The academic calendar is defined annually by the ENSP NOVA Board of directors, after consultation with the Scientific Council and the Pedagogical Council.

During the first semester, synchronous teaching sessions for the master's degree in Toxicology Applied to Environmental Health take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 10:10pm. For two weeks, additional synchronous distance-learning sessions also take place on Tuesdays from 4:30pm to 10:10pm.

5. Application Procedure

Applications must be submitted to ENSP NOVA within the deadlines and in accordance with the instructions below

5.1 Deadlines

1st Call

- Application period: 13 February to 6 March 2026
- Publication of the provisional list of admitted candidates: 16 March 2026
- Prior Hearing period: 17 to 30 March 2026
- Publication of the final list of admitted candidates: 31 March 2026
- Enrolment and registration period: 31 March to 3 April 2026

2nd Call

- Application period: 9 March to 26 June 2026
- Publication of the provisional list of admitted candidates: 3 July 2026
- Prior Hearing period: 6 to 17 July 2026
- Publication of the final list of admitted candidates: 20 July 2026
- Enrolment and registration period: 20 to 23 July 2026

3rd Call

- Application period: 29 June to 20 August 2026
- Publication of the provisional list of admitted candidates: 25 August 2026
- Prior Hearing period: 26 August to 8 September 2026
- Publication of the final list of admitted candidates: 9 September 2026
- Enrolment and registration period: 9 to 11 September 2026

The 2nd and 3rd calls will only be opened if places remain available.

5.2 Submission of applications: Applications must be submitted exclusively online, by completing the application form available here.

5.3 Mandatory documents required for the application file:

5.3.1 National students:

a) Certificate(s) of the academic degree(s) obtained, indicating the final grade and ECTS credits, where applicable. If the applicant holds foreign qualifications not recognized/equated to the corresponding Portuguese qualifications, proof of authenticity of those qualifications must be submitted. Originals may be requested at any time for verification.

b) Valid personal identification document (identity card or Citizen Card). If the applicant objects to reproduction/copying of the identification document, the original must be presented in person at the Academic Services front desk by the last day of the application period.

c) Curriculum Vitae, including reference to research experience and the level of comprehension and communication in Portuguese and English, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

d) Declaration or certificate confirming professional experience of at least five years.

e) Proof of payment of the application fee.

f) Any other documents the applicant considers relevant for assessment of their academic and professional merit.

5.3.2 International students:

a) Documentation certifying the academic qualifications required for admission, indicating the academic degree(s) obtained and the respective final grade, duly validated by the competent authority of the issuing country. Originals may be requested at any time for verification.

b) If foreign qualifications have been formally recognized/equated to the corresponding Portuguese qualifications, a copy of the recognition document must be provided.

c) If foreign qualifications have not been recognized/equated, proof of authenticity must be provided.

d) Valid personal identification document (identity card or Citizen Card). If the applicant objects to reproduction/copying of the identification document, the original must be presented in person at the Academic Services front desk by the last day of the application period.

e) Curriculum Vitae, including reference to research experience and the level of comprehension and communication in Portuguese and English, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

f) Declaration or certificate confirming professional experience of at least five years.

g) Proof of payment of the application fee.

h) Any other documents the applicant considers relevant for assessment of their academic and professional merit.

5.3.2.1 All documents referred to above that are not issued in Portuguese, English, French or Spanish must be accompanied by a certified/validated translation into one of these languages.

5.3.2.2 The International Student Status applies to foreign applicants who are not covered by any of the exceptions described in Article 2(2) of Regulation No. 687/2020, published in the Portuguese Official Gazette (Diário da República), Series II, No. 162, of 20 August, which, under Decree-Law No. 36/2014 of 10 March, as amended by Decree-Law No. 20/2025 of 18 March, exclude them from the application of International Student Status.

5.3.2.3 Applications under the "national student" regime submitted by candidates presenting an identification document with nationality other than Portuguese or EU nationality must include the necessary elements proving that the candidate holds Portuguese nationality or is covered by one of the exceptions provided for in Article 2(2) of Regulation No. 687/2020 of 20 August which, under Decree-Law No. 36/2014 of 10 March, as amended by Decree-Law No. 20/2025 of 18 March, exclude the application of International Student Status.

5.4 Application fee

The application fee for the master's degree in Toxicology Applied to Environmental Health is €51.00 (non-refundable). Payment must be made using the methods made available after submission of the online application. Only applications for which payment is made within the established application period will be considered valid.

5.5 Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation criteria are defined by the Selection Committee. In the selection process, the following criteria and weightings will be applied, based on the Curriculum Vitae and considering its relevance to the program area:

Academic Merit (60%)

- Candidate's academic record and academic degrees obtained - 60%
- Scientific activity, including publication of articles, book chapters and other publications, as well as oral presentations at national and/or international congresses/conferences - 20%
- Other training and internships/placements - 20%

Professional Experience (40%)

- Overall assessment of the candidate's career path, considering their academic background and age group – 80%
- Other skills (Portuguese language proficiency, English language proficiency, IT skills, activities of social value) – 20%

Candidates will be considered for selection if they obtain a score greater than or equal to 14 (on the Portuguese 0–20 scale) in the assessment of the two criteria above (Academic Merit and Professional Experience), applying the stated weightings.

Candidates will be ranked according to the scores obtained, with the final classification converted to a 0–20 scale.

In the event of a tie between candidates after the available places have been filled, tied candidates will be invited to a tie-break interview. The evaluation criteria for the interview are:

• Communication skills – fluency and clarity of speech, expression of ideas and reasoning ability when faced with questions related to academic and professional activity (consistent with the information presented in the CV), as well as any general questions in the health field – 50%

• Discussion of future perspectives – 30%

• General culture (demonstration of awareness, knowledge, and coherent critical and reflective thinking on diverse topics and their articulation with the health field) – 20%

All interview assessment elements will be considered, considering the candidates' training background and age group.

After the interviews, candidates previously tied will be ranked among themselves according to the interview score.

5.6. Exclusion of applications

The decision to exclude an application is the responsibility of the Selection Committee, which will grant candidates the right to be heard within the deadlines established in this Call.

Candidates who provide false statements will be excluded from the application process at any time.

Applications that do not meet admission requirements or do not comply with the instructions and procedures set out in this Call will be excluded.

6. Communication of results

For privacy reasons, only nominal lists of admitted candidates and waitlisted candidates will be published on the ENSP NOVA website. Waitlisted candidates will be ranked according to their position for admission to the program.

The selection results will be communicated individually to each candidate via the email address provided at the time of application.

7. Prior hearing

The prior hearing of interested parties takes place within the deadlines defined in this Call and allows candidates, should they so wish, to raise questions they wish to have clarified regarding the evaluation, selection and ranking process.

Submissions within the scope of the prior hearing must be duly reasoned, submitted in writing, and addressed to the Chair of the Selection Committee.

Decisions on submissions presented by candidates are the responsibility of the Selection Committee and will be issued in writing and notified to candidates (to the email address provided at the time of application) by the day before the communication of the final selection result, as set out in this Call.

8. Complaint

A formal complaint must be duly reasoned and submitted in writing to the Director of ENSP NOVA within 15 days in accordance with Article 191(3) of the Administrative Procedure Code.

Decisions on formal complaints are the responsibility of the Director of ENSP NOVA and will be communicated in writing to complainants, to the email address provided at the time of application.

In the event of a favorable decision, where necessary, an additional place will be created, and the candidate will be granted an additional period to complete enrolment and registration.

9. Tuition fees

9.1. Amount

National students: Total tuition fee €3,500.00

International students: Total tuition fee €5,000.00

Registration is annual and mandatory until completion of the master's degree in Toxicology Applied to Environmental Health and entails payment of the tuition fee.

School insurance and other administrative fees shall be added to the tuition fee, in accordance with the official Fees Table approved by NOVA University of Lisbon and published in the Portuguese Official Gazette (Diário da República) for the relevant academic years.

9.2. Payment deadlines and options

Students may choose one of two payment options:

9.2.1 National students

Total tuition fee: €3,500.00

Option A: €3,500.00 upon enrolment (5% discount applies)
Option B:

- €1,750.00 upon enrolment.
- €1,000.00 in January 2027.
- €500.00 in May 2027.

If no payment option is identified, Option B will apply by default.

9.2.2 Students with International Student Status

Total tuition fee: €5,000.00

Option A: €5,000.00 upon enrolment (5% discount applies)
Option B:

- €2,500.00 upon enrolment.
- €1,500.00 in January 2027.
- €1,000.00 in May 2027.

10. Enrolment

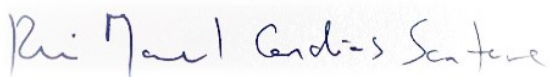
Enrolment must be completed in accordance with the instructions defined by ENSP NOVA Academic Services, within the deadline established in section 5.1 of this Call.

Registration is valid only for the academic year covered by this Call.

ENSP NOVA reserves the right not to reschedule classes where a candidate's enrolment/registration occurs after the beginning of the academic year for reasons not attributable to ENSP NOVA.

Each year, and until completion of the master's degree in Toxicology Applied to Environmental Health, students must register with ENSP NOVA through the netPA academic management platform, available at **pa.ensp.unl.pt**, and make the due payments within the deadlines announced for this purpose by the institution.

Lisbon, 18 February 2026



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