

## APPLICATIONS 2026/2027

### POST-GRADUATION IN SCREENPLAY FOR CINEMA AND FICTION SERIES

#### STUDY CYCLE'S GOALS

The Post-Graduation in Screenplay for Cinema and Fiction Series aims to equip students with the following knowledge and skills:

- a) To understand the fundamentals and techniques of writing a screenplay for film and fiction series.
- b) To identify and understand the role of Narrative Structure in film and fiction series.
- c) To master the concepts and writing of a Story Map and a Beat Sheet.
- d) To apply the acquired tools and concepts in writing an original screenplay for a short film, feature film, and fiction series.
- e) Be able to present fiction project pitches.

#### APPLICATIONS CONDITIONS

At the Postgraduate in Screenplay for Cinema and Fiction Series the application process will admit the following applicants:

- a) Holders of the degree of licenciado or legal equivalent;
- b) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree, conferred following a 1st cycle of studies organized according to the principles of Bologna by a State adhering to the process;
- c) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree that is recognized as fulfilling the objectives of the degree of licenciado, by the Scientific Council of the ESAP;
- d) Holders of a school, scientific or professional curriculum, which is recognized as attesting to the ability to carry out the Graduate Program, by the Scientific Council of ESAP.

#### SERiation CRITERIA

Candidates who meet the academic and curricular conditions stated in the 'Application Conditions', will be selected and listed, considering the following criteria:

a) Academic Curriculum:

- I) Bachelor degree ranking;
- II) Bachelor degree, preferably in the following fields: Cinema, Audiovisual and Cinematic Screenwriting and others considered relevant;

b) Scientific Curriculum

c) Professional Curriculum

d) Possible interview as complementary criterion

**Densification of evaluation criteria:**

1. The curricular analysis (AC) will be made considering the following parameters:

→ **Academic Curriculum (CA)** – considering the academic qualifications required in the following terms:

- I) with a final bachelor degree (or equivalent) grade: 10-13 points ..... 12 points
- II) with a final bachelor degree (or equivalent) grade: 14-16 points ..... 15 points
- III) with a final bachelor degree (or equivalent) grade: 17-20 points ..... 18 points

→ **Scientific Curriculum (CC)** – weighing on a scale of 0-20 points, the candidate's participation in congresses, seminars, research projects, number of published articles, awards and similar elements, provided that they are activities in the scientific area of the study cycle in question, in the following terms:

- I) Curriculum with very low relevance ..... 10 points
- II) Curriculum with low relevance ..... 12 points
- III) Relevant curriculum ..... 14 points
- IV) Highly relevant curriculum ..... 16 points
- V) Exceptionally relevant curriculum ..... 18 points

→ **Professional Curriculum (CP)** – considering, on a scale of 0 to 20 points, the duration and nature of the professional functions performed, provided that they are held by an employment contract or in an independent work regime, in the scientific area of the study cycle in question, in the following terms:

- I) Curriculum with very low relevance ..... 10 points
- II) Curriculum with low relevance ..... 12 points
- III) Relevant curriculum ..... 14 points
- IV) Highly relevant curriculum ..... 16 points
- V) Exceptionally relevant curriculum ..... 18 points

2. In addition to the curricular assessment, a possible individual interview (EI) may be carried out whenever the assessment of the academic, scientific, and professional curriculum is not sufficiently distinctive from the ranking of the different candidates, considering for this purpose the following skills and abilities:

- I) Ability to express oneself and critically reflect
- II) Motivation to attend the Postgraduate studies

The classification of each candidate will result from the arithmetic mean of the scores assigned on a scale of 0 to 20 points for each of the two appreciation factors I) and II).

3. The final classification will be scored by applying the following formula, on a scale from 0 to 20 points:  $AC = (CA \cdot X + CC + CP) / 3$ .

Being:

- AC = Curricular analysis
- CA = Academic Curriculum
- CC = Scientific Curriculum
- CP = Professional Curriculum

X's weighting factor assumes one of the following:

- X = 1.3 for candidates with a degree in the areas of Cinema, Television and Audiovisual
- X = 1.0 for candidates with a degree in other areas considered suitable

4. If it is necessary to conduct an individual interview (EI), the final classification formula is adapted, in the following terms:  $CF = (AC + EI) / 2$ , where:

- CF = Final classification
- AC = Curricular analysis (Academic + scientific + professional curriculum)
- EI = Individual interview

The scores resulting from the calculation of the averages will be expressed up to the hundredths, by rounding, in each selection method and also in the final classification, by defect or by excess, depending on whether the value of the thousandths is less than or greater than or equal to five.

## DEADLINES

### 1<sup>st</sup> PHASE

Applications .....	March 23 to May 29, 2026
Documents Delivery .....	until May 29, 2026
Affixation of the provisory seriation list.....	June 17, 2026
Complaints.....	June 17 and 18, 2026
Affixation of the final seriation list.....	June 19, 2026
Enrollment.....	June 22 to July 3, 2026

### 2<sup>nd</sup> PHASE (if vacancies are available)

Applications .....	June 8 to August 28, 2026
Documents Delivery .....	until August 28, 2026
Affixation of the provisory seriation list.....	September 9, 2026
Complaints .....	September 10 and 11, 2026
Affixation of the final seriation list.....	September 14, 2026
Enrollment.....	September 15 to 21, 2026

### 3<sup>rd</sup> PHASE (if vacancies are available)

If there are vacancies remaining after the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, ESAP may make vacancies available for a 3<sup>rd</sup> phase, with deadlines to be defined.

All selection processes and enrollments must be completed by October 2, 2026.

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## VACANCIES

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## DOCUMENTS

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1. Application form (<http://candidaturas.esap.pt/>);
2. ID Card or Passport (for legal purposes);
3. Certificate of academic qualifications (copy collated by ESAP's services) and diploma supplement (if applicable);
4. Detailed Curriculum Vitae.

**Notice:** *The documents mentioned in nº 3, in case it isn't issued in Portuguese, English, French or Spanish, must always be translated by a certified translator and authenticated by the Embassy or Portuguese Consulate of the degree's home country or by Hague's Convention Apostille.*

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## PRICES

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Consult ESAP's Tuition and School Fees in: <https://cesap.pt/>.

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## INFORMATION

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Reading this page does not exempt you from consulting the [Post-graduation in Screenplay For Cinema and Fiction Series Regulation](#), available on the ESAP website.