

APPLICATIONS FOR 2026/2027
POSTGRADUATE COURSE IN SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE

STUDY CYCLE'S GOALS

The Postgraduate Programme in Sustainable Architecture aims to enable students to acquire the following common knowledge and skills:

- 1) To acquire a conceptual foundation for an ecological and social approach to architecture and urban planning:
 - a) To raise awareness of the need to change conventional methods of construction and design;
 - b) To learn to recognise eco-friendly urban methods and to create sustainable and liveable cities, integrating social housing and affordable housing based on climate-sensitive urban planning;
 - c) Understand the importance of circular economy strategies, local construction methods, as well as proper water resource management and energy efficiency.
- 2) Share knowledge on sustainable, natural and low-tech construction methodologies.
- 3) Adquirir competências para gerir e financiar um projeto sustentável desde a fase projetual até à sua construção.
- 4) To learn how to implement a bottom-up approach by applying participatory project and communication methodologies, equipping communities with co-design tools and strategies that enable them to work with social and political actors.
- 5) To learn techniques for engaging the local population and institutions, with a view to raising awareness and creating opportunities for people at risk of social exclusion.

APPLICATIONS CONDITIONS

The following will be eligible to apply for the Postgraduate Programme in Sustainable Architecture:

- a) Holders of a bachelor's degree or its legal equivalent;
- b) Holders of a foreign higher education qualification awarded following a first-cycle programme organised in accordance with the Bologna principles by a State participating in the Bologna Process;
- c) Holders of a foreign higher education qualification recognised by the ESAP Scientific Council as meeting the requirements of a bachelor's degree;
- d) Holders of an academic, scientific or professional background recognised by the ESAP Scientific Council as demonstrating the ability to undertake the postgraduate programme;
- e) Proficiency in English, as the postgraduate programme is taught in English.

SERiation CRITERIA

Candidates who meet the academic and curriculum requirements set out in the 'Application Conditions' will be selected and ranked, taking into account the following criteria:

- a) Letter of motivation
- b) Academic CV
 - I) Undergraduate degree classification
 - II) Undergraduate degree, preferably in the fields of Architecture, Urban Planning, Civil Engineering or other relevant disciplines
- c) Research CV
- d) Professional CV
- e) Possible interview as a supplementary 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: $AC = (CA * X + CC + CP) / 3$.

Being:

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

X's weighting factor assumes one of the following:

Sendo que:

AC = Apreciação curricular

CA = Currículo Académico

CC = Currículo Científico

CP = Currículo Profissional

The weighting factor X takes one of the following values:

X = 1.3 for candidates with a degree in the following fields: Architecture, Urban
Planning, Civil Engineering

X = 1.0 for candidates with a degree in other fields deemed suitable

1. Where an individual interview (EI) is required, the formula for the final mark is adjusted as follows: $CF = (AC + EI)/2$, where:
CF = Final Mark
AC = Curriculum Assessment (Letter of Motivation + academic, scientific and professional CVs)
EI = Individual Interview
2. The scores resulting from the calculation of averages shall be expressed to two decimal places, rounded in each selection method and also in the final mark, either down or up, depending on whether the value of the third decimal place is less than, greater than or equal to five.

DEADLINES

1st PHASE

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

2nd PHASE (if vacancies are available)

If there are vacancies remaining after the 1st phase, ESAP may make vacancies available for a 2nd phase, with deadlines to be defined.

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

VACANCIES

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DOCUMENTS

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

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.

PRICES

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

INFORMATION

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