

Joint study cycles?	
YES	NO
	X

Name of the Study Cycle

Master's Degree in Animal Behaviour applied to Global Welfare

A – Specific admission requirements for the study cycle*A – Specific conditions for access to the cycle of studies*

According to the general regulations of the 2nd and 3rd cycles of UPorto, this information is the responsibility of the Cycle of Studies' Scientific Committee and is subject to approval by the Faculty Director. Exception made to the cycles of studies jointly with other Higher Education Institutions (IES), to which the principles defined in the respective collaboration agreement apply, as well as in the specific regulation of the cycle of studies, formulated in accordance with the Legal Regime of Higher Education Degrees and Diplomas (DL 65/2018, 16 August).

Whenever possible, the scientific areas of the qualifications required for the application should be mentioned.

Specific admission requirements for the study cycle:

Can apply for the master's in Animal Behaviour applied to Global Welfare who meet one of the following conditions:

- a) Holders of a bachelor's degree in the areas of Health Sciences and Life Science, Health Sciences, Veterinarian Sciences, Life Sciences and Social Sciences, considered adequate by the Scientific Commission;
- b) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree awarded following a 1st cycle organized in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Process by a State adhering to this process;
- c) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree that is recognized as meeting the objectives of the degree from the statutorily competent scientific board of the institution;
- d) Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum, which is recognized as attesting to the capacity to carry out this Programme by the statutorily competent scientific board.

B – Selection and Ranking Criteria and Sub-criteria for Applicants:

The selection and ranking criteria should be defined using clear, objective and easily applicable and justifiable variables, to safeguard the transparency and accuracy of the evaluation of the applications.

The assessment of criteria and sub-criteria measured through a numerical scale allows a more objective evaluation of the candidate's potential and academic/scientific/artistic/professional capacity.

Selection and Ranking Criteria and Sub-criteria for Applicants

1 – Degree / Integrated Master's Degree (rated up to 20 points)

a) Bachelor's degree in Health Sciences, Life Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and related fields, considered appropriate by the Scientific Committee. **(20 points)**

b) Other first-cycle qualifications. For degrees (in the areas mentioned above) not recognized in Portugal, the Scientific Committee will evaluate the suitability of the degree, which must correspond to at least 75% of the training in the predominant field. If this correspondence exists, the applicant will be awarded points according to item a). Otherwise, points will be awarded according to item b). **(10 points)**

2 – Bachelor's Degree Classification (rated up to 20 points)

a) Average grade equal to or above 14 values **(20 points)**

b) Average grade below 14 values **(10 points)**

3- Relevant scientific and professional experience in the area (only items with supporting documentation will be considered) (rated up to 40 points)**a) Professional Experience (rated up to a maximum of 20 points)**

a.1) In the fields of Animal Behavior and/or Animal Welfare or Animal-Assisted Activities **(up to 10 points)**

a.2) With direct and frequent contact with animals **(up to 7 points)**

a.3) Considered relevant after curricular assessment by the Scientific Committee **(up to 3 points)**

b) Professional Internship (rated up to a maximum of 12 points)

b.1) In the fields of Animal Behavior and/or Animal Welfare or Animal-Assisted Activities **(up to 6 points)**

b.2) With direct and frequent contact with animals **(up to 4 points)**

b.3) Considered relevant after curricular assessment by the Scientific Committee **(up to 2 points)**

c) Scientific Communication (rated up to a maximum of 8 points)

c.1) First or last author of scientific articles in indexed journals **(up to 4 points)**

c.2) Co-author of scientific articles in indexed journals **(up to 3 points)**

c.3) Author or co-author of presentations at conferences **(up to 1 point)**

4 - Motivation Letter (rated up to 10 points)

a) Well-founded and structured, with consistent ideas about the reasons for the application **(up to 10 points)**

b) Sufficiently well-founded or with an acceptable structure, or with consistent ideas about the reasons for the application **(up to 6 points)**

c) Poorly substantiated, with a weak structure and inconsistent ideas about the reasons for the application **(up to 4 points)**

d) No motivation letter **(0 points)**.

5- Reference/Recommendation Letter from a Researcher/University Professor (rated up to 10 points)

a) With a reference/recommendation letter

a.1) Letters from PhD researchers/academics in the field of the Master's program, with adequate justification **(up to 10 points)**

a.2) Letters from PhD researchers/academics in a scientific area different from the Master's field **(up to 5 points)**

a.3) No reference/recommendation letter **(0 points)**

Final Classification: The final classification will result from the sum of points from criteria 1 to 5 (total of 100 points)

If the selection jury deems necessary, they may contact the applicant to clarify any unclear points

Tie-breaker Criteria for Candidates (this may be based on the classification in some of the elements in the table above)

In case of a tie for the final spots, the most recent date of obtaining the Bachelor's degree will be considered

If, after applying all previous criteria, a tie still occurs, the number of published scientific works will be considered

Timetable for applications

	1st phase	2st phase	3rd phase
Applications submission	10-02-2025 a 04-04-2025	11-06-2025 a 25-07-2025	26-07-2025 a 29-08-2025
Analysis of Applications	07-04-2025 a 28-04-2025	28-07-2025 a 01-08-2025	01-09-2025 a 03-09-2025
Display of the provisional results	29-04-2025	04-08-2025	04-09-2025
Previous hearing	30-04-2025 a 14-05-2025	05-08-2025 a 19-08-2025	05-09-2025 a 18-09-2025
Display of the final results	19-05-2025	01-09-2025	19-09-2025
Applicants complaints submission	20-05-2025 a 09-06-2025	02-09-2025 a 22-09-2025	22-09-2025 a 10-10-2025
Publication of the complaint's decision	20-06-2025	30-09-2025	15-10-2025
Registrations	20-05-2025 a 28-05-2025	02-09-2025 a 08-09-2025	22-09-2025 a 24-09-2025
Potential substitutes placement	29-05-2025 a 06-06-2025	09-09-2025 a 15-09-2025	25-09-2025 a 29-09-2025
Publication of the remainder's vacancies to the next phase	09-06-2025	04-08-2025	-

Procedures to applications submission

1. Choose the cycle of studies/ course intended;

2. Select "Submit application". If you're not an UP student it will be asked to complete the user request form. The credentials (user and password) will be sent to the email registered in the form;
3. Fill in the application form and add the requested documents. Note: the fields marked in red are mandatory;
4. Submit your application. If when you try to submit an error is detected (e.g., mandatory fields unfilled) the system send out a warning message;
5. If the information is successfully submitted you should verify all entered data and confirm or edit the data;
6. After validation of the application submission, you will receive information about the payment method of the corresponding fee;
7. Any problem you have in the application submission must be reported to posgrad@icbas.up.pt during the application submission deadline.

Procedures to see the application status


1. Validate yourself in the information system with the user and password that you used in the application;
2. Click on your name;
3. In the available options on the right side of the page select "Admission applications".

Emoluments

The **application** is subject to a non-refundable payment of €55.00 and it will only be validated by the services after payed the corresponding fee (Until 23:59 pm of the last day to apply).

Payment methods:

ATM references, credit card or MBway.

Click on the  icon corresponding the application fee.

Through bank transfer:

International students, if necessary, can contact the treasury service (tesouraria.icbas@sp.up.pt) until 48 hours before the end of the application deadline, requesting to send the bank data in order to liquidate the corresponding fee (the expenses are sender responsibility).

Note:

- After the deadline for applications submission is ended it will be rejected, by lack of payment, the applications whose fees are not paid.
- The excluded applicants or not-placed (substitutes) on the 1st phase that intend to apply to the 2nd phase will have to submit a new application and pay the corresponding fee.

