

PUBLIC NOTICE

National and international applications are open by Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa (FCUL), for a period of 30 (thirty) working days counted from the working day immediately following the publication of this notice in *Diário da República* for 1 (one) **Associate Professor position at this Faculty in the area of Astronomy and Astrophysics**, to be hired through a public administration contract, as foreseen in the teaching staff list of the Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa, as required by Articles 37 to 51, 61 and 62-A of the University Teaching Career By-laws, amended by Decree-Law 205/2009, of August 31st, subsequently amended by Law 8/2010, of May 13th, hereinafter referred to as ECDU, and other applicable rules, namely, the Regulations for the Recruitment of Assistant, Associate and Full Professors of University of Lisbon, published by Rule 2307/2015, in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, No. 45, of March 5th, hereinafter referred to as RegULisboa, and the Regulations for the Recruitment of Assistant, Associate and Full Professors of Faculty of Sciences of University of Lisbon, published by Rule 7999/2017, in *Diário da República*, 2nd Series, No. 177, of September 13th, hereinafter referred to as RegFCUL.

The selected candidate will be hired through a public administration contract for an indefinite period, in the category this position is opened, with an experimental period of one year. The present call is aimed at PhD holders more than five years ago with high research potential and ability, complying as well with the provisions of Article 6, paragraph 5, of Decree-Law no. 57/2016, of August 29, as amended by Law no. 57/2017, of July 19, in relation to the employment contract, reference CEECIND/02854/2017/CP1387/CT0024, concluded under the aforementioned Decree-Law.

The joint Rule No. 373/2000 of 31st March, of the Minister of State Reform and Public Administration and the Minister for Equality, makes it mandatory that:

In compliance with paragraph h) of Article 9 of the Constitution, Public Administration, as an employer, actively promotes a policy of equal opportunities between men and women in what concerns access to work and professional progress, taking particular care to prevent all forms of discrimination.

This means that no candidate may be given special privileges, be benefitted or suffer prejudice, in any way, or be deprived of any right, by reason of ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital or family status, financial circumstances, educational attainment level, origin or social class, genetic inheritance, reduced ability to work, handicap, chronic illness, nationality, ethnic or racial origin, land of origin, language, religion, political or ideological convictions or union membership.

In accordance with ECDU Articles 37 to 51 and other applicable legislation, and as required by the RegULisboa article 8, the following requirements shall apply:

I – Authorization Order

The opening of this procedure has been authorized by order of Doutor Luís Manuel dos Anjos Ferreira, Rector of the University of Lisbon, on 27th May 2025 after confirmation of the existence of adequate budget provision and that the job is foreseen and not occupied in the FCUL teaching staff list.

II – Workplace

Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisbon, Campo Grande, 1749-016 Lisbon. The Associate Professor to be hired will integrate the Department of Physics and will carry out teaching activity. The research activity will be hosted by an FCUL R&D unit.

III - Admission requirements

Eligible candidates:

- 1) Holders of a five year old PhD degree (or older), counted from the deadline for applications, in compliance with Article 41 of the ECDU.
 - 1.1) Holders of a PhD degree obtained abroad must have equivalence or recognition or registration of that degree proving that it is equivalent to the one awarded by Portuguese universities;
 - 1.2) If the selected candidate do not have yet the equivalence or recognition or registration of his/her PhD degree, he/she must obtain the recognition of that degree, under the terms established in Decree-Law No. 66/2018, of August 16st, until the deadline to present to Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa the legal documents proving that the requirements for admission to the application are fulfilled, which determines that he/she is eligible to be hired through a public administration contract.

- 2) Good knowledge of the Portuguese language, both written and spoken.

Foreign candidates, except those from Portuguese-speaking countries, must declare in commitment of honour, that within a year after signing a possible contract, they will have a level of Portuguese Language (written and spoken) which allows them to teach students in Portuguese without any communication limitations.

- 3) In case of missing some of the mandatory documents in the application, within the deadline and in the terms indicated in Chapters VIII, IX and X of this public notice, the applications will not be admitted to the procedure based on the decision of FCUL's Director, even before the deliberation of the selection panel on absolute merit.

IV - Admission criteria based on absolute merit

Once all application formalities have been carried out, candidates will be admitted based on absolute merit. All eligible candidates must:

- 1) An overall CV that the jury considers to be of scientific value, the capacity to carry out research and previous teaching experience compatible with the area put up for tender and appropriate to the corresponding teaching category of Associate Professor; and
- 2) Minimum h index value = 15; and
- 3) That the candidate has 1,5 articles Q1 index, per year, on average.

The curricular assessment referred to in the preceding paragraphs is restricted to the period since 1st January of 2015.

For each candidate, absolute merit approval is obtained by an absolute majority of votes by the voting members of the selection panel through a roll call vote. Abstentions shall not be allowed.

V - Evaluation and ranking of relative merit, their weights and final valuation system

The candidates approved in absolute merit will be ranked according to the selection criteria described below, under the terms established in No. 6 of Article 50 of the ECDU, in No. 4 of Article 5 and Article 11 of the RegULisboa, and in Articles 8 and 9 of RegFCUL. The evaluation of candidates' relative merit for their ranking will be based on a weighted sum of points in a scale 0-100 (being 0 the minimum and 100 the maximum), according to the evaluation discriminated below.

The evaluation take into account the Pedagogical Group, the Research Group, the Other Activities Group, all developed by the candidate since 1st January of 2015, and the scientific project. These evaluation components should be compatible with the area put up for tender, and appropriate to the Associate Professor category with the following weight:

- A) Pedagogical Group – **25%**;
- B) Research Group – **60%**;
- C) Other activities Group – **5%**;
- D) Merit of the scientific project to be developed by the candidate in the area of the tender – **10%**.

In each Group there will be an evaluation of the parameters that are next described:

A) Pedagogical Group (25%)

This Group is divided into the following parameters:

- 1) Teaching: the evaluation of this parameter should consider teaching and/or coordination of curricular units related to the disciplinary area of the call: diversity, pedagogical practices and, if available, the students opinion about those units;
- 2) Pedagogical materials: the evaluation of this parameter should consider quality and diversity of publications, computer applications, experimental prototypes, texts and teaching materials which were performed or prepared by the candidate;
- 3) Pedagogical innovation: the evaluation of this parameter should consider the promotion of new pedagogical initiatives: solid and coherent proposals for the creation and/or reformulation of curricular units, creation or reinforcement of laboratory support infrastructures (experimental and/or computational), creation or restructuring of groups of curricular units or study plans;
- 4) Academic supervision: the evaluation of this parameter should consider supervision experience of doctoral, master and undergraduate students: number, quality, scope and scientific/technological impact of publications, theses, dissertations and final reports. Quality awards and international recognition must be highlighted. Orientation, co-orientation and other mentoring activities should be clearly described;
- 5) Other: this parameter evaluates relevant work and/or professional experience, outside the academic environment, in the area of the call.

B) Research Group (60%)

This Group is divided into the following parameters:

- 1) Publications: books and/or book chapters, articles in scientific journals and in conference proceedings (as author or co-author), characterized in terms of type of publication, impact factor and citation numbers. The quality of the selected publications should be considered;
- 2) Projects: coordination and participation in scientific projects, derived from competitive calls, in national and international programs. The capacity to attract competitive funding, the challenges and the results (scientific and/or technological and/or innovation) should be considered;
- 3) Autonomy and leadership: the evaluation of this parameter should consider participation and coordination of initiatives to create or reinforce experimental and/or computational laboratory infrastructure to support research. Coordination and leadership of research teams;
- 4) Recognition: the evaluation of this parameter should consider awards of scientific societies or obtained in scientific meetings, editorial and evaluation activities in scientific journals, peer evaluation activities (programs, projects, grants, prizes), coordination or participation in program commissions of scientific events, invited lectures in scientific meetings or in other universities, participation as a member of scientific societies of competitive admission and other distinctions;
- 5) Innovation: authorship and co-authorship of patents, technologies, utility models and industrial designs. The nature, territorial scope, level of technology and obtained results, as well as entrepreneurial initiatives with significant participation should be considered;

C) Other activities Group (5%)

This Group is divided into the following parameters:

- 1) Outreaching: this parameter evaluates articles in national and international journals and conferences, and other scientific and technological publications with professional and social impact;
- 2) R&D Services: the evaluation of this parameter considers participation in activities involving the economic system and/or business environment and/or the public sector (type of participation, size, diversity, technological intensity, innovation). Participation and coordination of scientific and technological outreaching initiatives for the scientific community (organization of meetings, conferences, ...), within the pre-university education system (students and teachers), the media, the general public, associations and outreaching entities, highlighting their nature, scientific and technological intensity, and results;
- 3) Institutional positions: this parameter evaluates individual positions in university management bodies (rectorships, school management, ...) or as qualified representative in management bodies of the scientific and technological system;
- 4) Scientific and/or academic positions: the evaluation of this parameter considers participation in collective bodies (Scientific or Pedagogical Councils, ...). Individual

management positions in departments, research units, course coordinations, disciplinary areas, sections. Positions and temporary tasks of scientific and/or pedagogical nature that have been assigned by the competent management bodies. Participation in collective panels that evaluate applications to scientific programs, academic examination boards, among others;

- 5) Other positions: positions in scientific or professional organizations of national or international scope should be considered.

D) Scientific Project (10%)

- 1) In the scientific project, the candidate should describe his research plan, within 3 to 5 years, framing it on his career development, particularly in the context of one of FCUL's R&D unit.

The evaluation of the scientific project will focus on: a) quality and adequacy to the reality of FCUL; b) contributions to the strategic project of one or more FCUL's R&D units.

The scientific project should have no more than 25000 characters, including spaces between words.

VI - Ranking list of candidates

Each panel member produces a list of candidates ranked by decreasing order of merit. The panel members vote individually based on their own ranked list of candidates.

In accordance with article 20 of RegULisboa, the panel members vote for the first place, then for the second place, and so on, until the ranking of all the candidates admitted to the tender and previously selected on the basis of absolute merit is completed. In each vote, the panel decisions are made by an absolute majority of votes.

Once the selection criteria have been applied, the selection panel prepares a unitary ranking list of candidates.

VII - Public hearings

- 1) Whenever necessary, the panel may decide, by an absolute majority of votes, at its first meeting, to set up public hearings on equal terms for all the candidates admitted based on absolute merit, to clarify some points related with submitted documents.
- 2) If public hearings are necessary, they will occur between the 20th and the 50th days after the meeting for admission based on absolute merit, and all candidates shall be informed, at least 5 days before, when and where they will take place.
- 3) For public hearings meetings both panel members and candidates can participate by videoconference.

VIII – Application process

Formal procedure for applications:

Under penalty of exclusion, applications must be submitted through the FCUL online application platform, available at: <https://ciencias.ulisboa.pt/doc>

Applications sent by e-mail or through any other means will not be accepted.

IX – Documents required for submission of applications

The application, under penalty of exclusion, must be accompanied by the following documents, in PDF format (allowing text copy but not text edition):

- a) Application request - Declarations, fully completed, dated and signed, in accordance with the form available in www.ciencias.ulisboa.pt/concursos?id=4910 . The use of this form is compulsory.
- b) Candidate's *curriculum vitae* (CV), describing the activities carried out in the different groups that, in accordance with Article 4 of the ECDU, constitute the set of duties to be performed by an Associate Professor, structured in the terms of this notice, in order to make it easier to identify the elements and its relation with the different groups and their respective evaluation parameters. It should also be organized to highlight the activities developed since 1st January of 2014. Whenever CV includes pedagogical survey about curricular units or indicators of school success, they should be based on official information of the institutions where the teaching took place.
- c) Short CV, using the form available in www.ciencias.ulisboa.pt/concursos?id=4910 . whose information should be demonstrable in the CV context and other documents submitted.
- d) Copies of the publications selected by the candidates as the ones that best represent their activity so far, up to a maximum of five;
- e) Scientific project, under the terms of Chapter V, with no more than 25000 words, (including spaces between words);
- f) Declaration in commitment of honour that, once in an eligible position in the ranking list, the candidate will integrate one of the Faculty of Sciences' R&D Unit, despite some temporal or other conditioning (integrated in the Application request – declarations);
- g) Declaration in commitment of honour (signed by the candidate) in improving proficiency in Portuguese, in case of been hired, under the terms established on Chapter III, available in www.ciencias.ulisboa.pt/concursos?id=4910

X – Language

All documents of the applications must be submitted either in Portuguese or English languages.

XI - Formal assessment of applications, notification and exclusion

1) There will be "Hearing of Interested Parties" under the terms of articles 121 e 122 of the Administrative Legal Procedures Law:

- a) Candidates that have not been admitted to the tender, for failed to meet all the requirements for admission, which don't depend to being approved or not on absolute merit.
- b) Candidates not approved on absolute merit.
- c) Candidates on the ranking list not approved for the post of the tender.

2) Candidates will be notified in one of the following ways:

- a) By e-mail;
- b) By registered letter;
- c) By personal notification.

3) The hearings are always done in writing.

4) All the interested parties can submit their comments, in writing, within a period of ten working days counting from the date:

- a) Of the access to the sent e-mail message, according to Administrative Legal Procedures Law;
- b) Of registration of the letter, extended by a period on account of distance, according to Administrative Legal Procedures Law;
- c) Of the personal notification.

XII – Members of the Selection Panel

In compliance with Articles 45 and 46 of the ECDU and in article 14 of the RegULisboa, the selection panel is composed by the following members:

Chairman: Rector of the University of Lisbon

Members:

- Professor Pedro Tonnies Gil Ferreira, Full Professor, Departamento de Física, Universidade de Oxford;
- Professor João Alves, Universitätsprofessor, Departamento de Astrofísica, Faculdade de Ciências da Terra, Geografia e Astronomia, Universidade de Viena;
- Professor Maria Constança Mendes Pinheiro da Providência Santarém e Costa, Full Professor, Departamento de Física da Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia, Universidade de Coimbra;
- Professor Nuno Miguel Cardoso Santos, Full Professor, Departamento de Física e Astronomia, Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade do Porto;
- Professor Carlos Alberto Ruivo Herdeiro, Researcher Coordinator, Departamento de Matemática, Universidade de Aveiro;
- Professor José Manuel de Nunes Vicente e Rebordão, Investigador Coordenador do Departamento de Física da Faculdade de Ciências, Universidade de Lisboa;
- Professor António Joaquim Rosa Amorim Barbosa, Professor Catedrático, Departamento de Física, Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa.

June 02nd, 2025. – O Director, Prof. Luís Manuel Pinto da Rocha Afonso Carriço