

FACULTY OF MEDICINE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LISBON PhD PROGRAMME

The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Lisbon PhD Programme is organised jointly with the Institute of Molecular Medicine (IMM) and with the Santa Maria Hospital (HSM), integrated within the North Lisbon Hospital Centre (CHLN) and covers three areas:

- **Biomedical Sciences**
- **Medicine**
- **Health Sciences and Technology**

Its **main aims** are:

- To promote higher qualification of PhD students in the different areas mentioned
- To guarantee efficient coordination with the previously registered actions and programmes:
 - Programme of Advanced Medical Training organised by the IMM
 - PhD in Neurosciences
 - PhD in Metabolic Diseases and Dietary Behaviour, organised by the University Clinic of Endocrinology
 - PhD in Emerging Infectious Diseases (awaiting approval at the General Directorate of Higher Education)
 - Others in preparation
- To guarantee efficient coordination of the existing PhD programmes.
- To promote interdisciplinarity in scientific research, reinforcing cooperation between the institutions that make up the Lisbon Academic Medicine Centre (CAML).
- To reinforce inter-institutional collaboration in the University of Lisbon and with other Portuguese and foreign partners.
- To develop the academic dimension in Clinical Medicine, namely with the PhD programmes for interns.

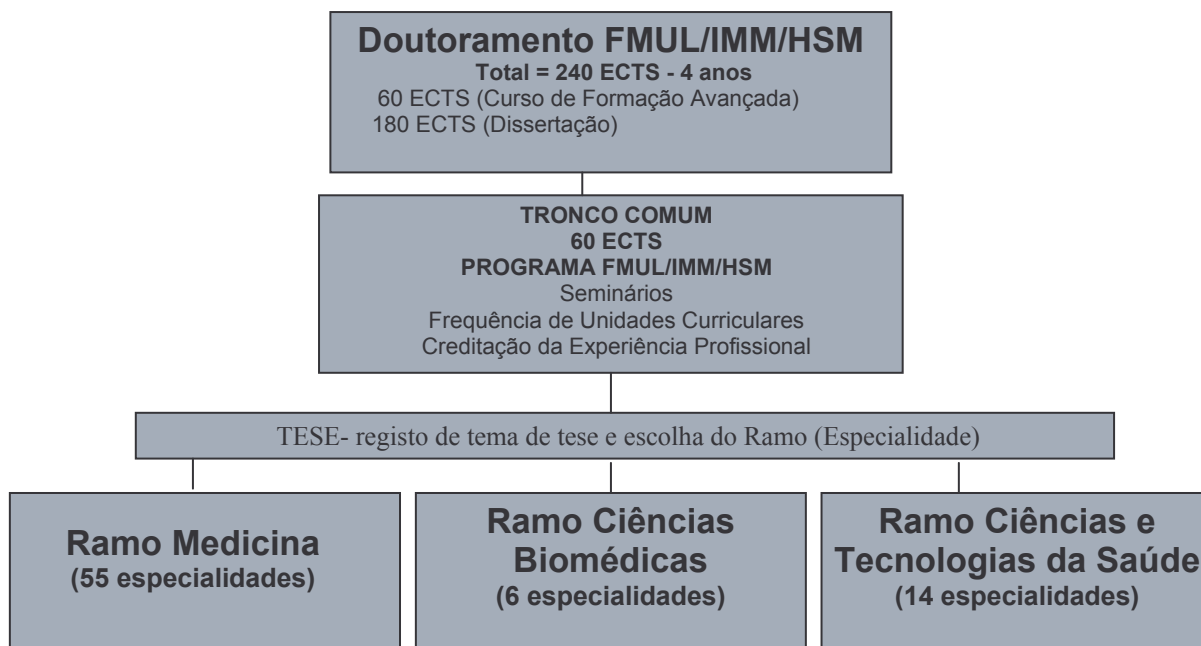
STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION

The FMUL PhD Programme includes a course in Advanced Training, which may take place over two semesters (60 ECTS) with a modular structure and the maximum duration of a year, with the remaining three years (6 semesters corresponding to 180 ECTS) dedicated to the development of research and the elaboration and discussion of the thesis, making a total of 240 ECTS.

It is made up of:

- 1) **Advanced Training Programme** with a student oriented modular structure, which will take place over a maximum period of six months (1/2 year), corresponding to 60 ECTS, with this being possible to complete in a continuous manner or intermittently throughout the PhD Programme.
- 2) **Research Programme** leading to the presentation of and discussion of a PhD thesis, with the maximum duration of three years, corresponding to 180 ECTS.

In short:



PARTICIPANTS

The FMUL is the coordinating institution of the PhD Programme, and is where students must carry out enrolment.

Its teachers participate actively in the Advanced Training of the candidates and as orientators of the research leading to the PhD.

The Nuclear Institutions of the programme are:

- I. INSTITUTE OF MOLECULAR MEDICINE** which besides the specific PhD programme in Biomedical Sciences, will act as a receiving institution through its Research Units.
- II. INSTITUTES and/or LABORATORIES AND THE FMUL RESEARCH CENTRES** recognised as research units by the FCT (Foundation for Science and Technology).
- III. UNITS (SERVICES AND DEPARTMENTS) / UNIVERSITY CLINICS** from the Santa Maria Hospital, namely for projects in Clinical Medicine.
- IV. OTHER INSTITUTIONS** of recognised scientific merit, through previously existing or to be established cooperation protocols.

METHODOLOGY

The FMUL PhD Programme has a Scientific Committee.

It is up to the Scientific Committee of the PhD to:

- Direct/choose the candidate's curriculum course
- Assess the processes of accreditation

- Draw up an opinion to be presented to the Scientific Council
- Guarantee collaboration with the orientator/supervisor for the research

Its administrative management is carried out by the Institute of Advanced Training.

It will have the following structure:

1. **Advanced Training Period** made up of courses, workshops and/or participation in scientific meetings with accreditation.

It will have a modular, integrated, student-oriented structure to be defined by the Scientific Committee, by the orientators/supervisors and with the PhD students.

The programme to be made available will be announced beforehand and may take place over a continued or intermittent period.

The Scientific Committee may recognise other PhD programmes, previously obtained training modules or accredit previously acquired training accreditations by the candidates to the FMUL PhD Programme.

Publications in scientific magazines with a peer-review, participations in seminars or accredited scientific meetings may also be recognised.

2. **Research Period:** The research necessary to obtain the PhD thesis will be carried out in the institutions that are a part of the CAML or in other Portuguese or foreign institutions that have been recognised beforehand.

Orientation will be up to the orientator/supervisor, who should be a Professor of the FMUL. In exceptional cases this may be under the regime of co-orientation if the research project is carried out in a different institution or in partnership.

The PhD students must carry out a yearly report on their research, which will be analysed by the PhD Scientific Committee, which will inform the Scientific Council.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PHD PROGRAMME

a) Dues

The process of accreditation is a curricular act, so requests for accreditation for curricular units will mean that dues are payable, which will be fixed by dispatch.

b) Fees

The fee should cover all expenses inherent to the cost of a quality programme, namely:

- Administrative costs and those of course management
- Payments for costs and travelling expenses by teachers
- Payments to Coordinators and Orientators of courses.
- Research funding.

The Fee for the PhD Programme will be defined in the regulation for the programme.