

Student Selection Criteria



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Postgraduate Student Selection Criteria

Student selection is performed by the Selection Committee in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 4 of Law 3685/2008 in 3 phases.

First Phase:

Checking documents of all candidates for completeness.

Second Phase:

The candidates will be rated according to the table below that shows the evaluation criteria and their contribution to final rating.

Evaluation Criteria	Points
Grade of diploma,	Maximum 100 points
Average grade in 10 most relevant courses,	Maximum 25 points
Undergraduate six-month course as an ERASMUS student.	5 points
Undergraduate six-month practical as an ERASMUS+ student,	10 points
Six-month research thesis project in the first cycle of studies,	30 points, Maximum 60 points
Poster presentation in a scientific meeting	10 points, per poster. Posters on the same subjected that include the same results are considered one.
Six-month experience in research in addition to undergraduate research thesis project and Erasmus + programs,	30 points
Personal Statement,	Maximum 10 points
Relevant Ranking, 50% 2 point, 25% 4 points, 15% 8 points, 10% 16 points and 5% 20 points	Maximum 20 points
Relevance of undergraduate studies with the Subject of the Program, 30 points for Biomedical sciences, 20 points for physical and technological sciences and 10 points for Humanities	Maximum 30 points
Total	270 points

Minimum requirement to proceed to the next phase is 125 points.



Candidates will gather additional points from peer-review publications according to the table below

First author publication in peer-reviewed journal	120 multiplied by 1 for IF 0-4,9, multiplied by 2 for IF 5-9,9 or multiplied by 3 for IF higher than 10.
Co-authored publication in peer-reviewed journal.	60 multiplied by 1 for IF 0-4,9, multiplied by 2 for IF 5-9,9 or multiplied by 3 for IF higher than 10.

Publications are not required for accepting the candidates to the program but they will be taken into account for the final rating and ranking.

Third Phase

The candidates will be rated according to their performance in written exams of multiple-choice questions on cell biology, molecular biology, genetics and physiology of the nervous system.

The students will collect maximum 250 points from the written examinations.

Minimum requirement to proceed to the next phase is 125 points.

Fourth Phase

Qualified candidates will be interviewed by the selection committee. The interview will contribute 250 points).

The oral interview is intended to:

- acknowledge the scientific training and assess the personality of each candidate.
- identify specific knowledge, skills, experiences and activities pertinent to the program
- document proficiency in the English language as the personal interview will be conducted in English.
- identify and attempt to solve potential difficulties in attending regularly the school and meet his/her other obligations to the Program.

All Candidates will be ranked based on the overall score each collected, and successful candidates will be identified.



Then the ranking tables are transmitted to the Special Interdepartmental committee for auditing and finalization of the list of candidates that will be invited to join the program.

Successful applicants are requested to reply in writing within seven (7) working days whether they accept or not the invitation to join the Program, thereby accepting all Program bylaws.

No response from selected candidate within the above deadline is tantamount to rejection. If denied, the Secretariat informs immediately the next in rank.

Minimum requirement to be accepted in the program is: 175 points from the interview process and 425 points total