

1. Institution Overview

Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon

Mission

The Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon (Ciências ULisboa) is an institution dedicated to the creation, transmission, and dissemination of scientific and technological knowledge. It fosters a culture of lifelong learning, valuing critical thinking and intellectual autonomy.

Its mission is to conduct research and teaching, promote knowledge transfer and innovation in the fields of exact and natural sciences and technosciences, as well as to disseminate and share cultures, encouraging a constant openness to civil society.

Principles

Ciências ULisboa is guided by principles of intellectual freedom and respect for academic ethics, the recognition and promotion of merit, the social and economic valorization of knowledge, and the encouragement of innovation.

Who we are, where we came from, and where we are going

Founded in 1911, the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon (CIÊNCIAS ULisboa) is today a European benchmark in teaching and scientific research, with over 6,000 students, 650 professors and researchers, and 13 research centers equipped with state-of-the-art laboratories and scientific equipment. The past includes several major names in national science, but it is in the present that CIÊNCIAS makes a difference through international recognition and a 98% employability rate, which allows us to foresee a future marked by this Faculty.

The Campo Grande campus has 1.5 hectares of green spaces, easy access to roads and various public transport options in the vicinity, as well as proximity to the university stadium, the Campo Grande garden, and the largest hospital in the country.

Today, CIÊNCIAS goes beyond the city it bears in its name and has a field station in Serra de Grândola, a maritime laboratory in Cascais, and participates in the Lousal Museum. Within the city, it is actively involved in the Museu Nacional de História Natural e Ciência (Natural History and Science Museum) and the Observatório Astronómico de Lisboa (Lisbon Astronomical Observatory), as well as contributing to the foundation of the Lispolis business park. The Tec Labs incubator, which has paved the way for some of the most daring business ideas in recent years, currently operates on the current campus.

It was in 1985 that CIÊNCIAS opened its doors at its current location in Campo Grande. Before this major change, it was located in the vicinity of Príncipe Real - specifically on Rua da Escola Politécnica (1837-1911), which owes its name to one

of the predecessor institutions of the current Faculty. Historical records also identify the Noviciado da Cotovia (1619-1759) and the Real Colégio dos Nobres (1761-1837) as institutions dedicated to technical and scientific education that preceded the founding of CIÊNCIAS.

In this long history, it is worth highlighting the relationship with the historic University of Lisbon, which was founded in 1290 and would contribute to the scientific and technological epic that accompanied the Discoveries. The motto followed today by CIÊNCIAS comes from that era:

"What we do not know today, we will know tomorrow."

The phrase was coined by the famous Garcia de Orta (1563) and serves as a reference both in classes that deal with the most basic principles of any field of knowledge and in the revelation of new scientific and technological realities to the world.

2. Site Visit Information

Information	Details
Date	14/10/2026
Start time	9h30 and 11h00
Group size	Minimum: 5; Maximum: 15-20.
Meeting point	Main entrance of Building C5. How to get to CIÊNCIAS ULisboa? About FC Campus...: https://ciencias.ulisboa.pt/en/campus/a-mini-city
Duration	01h30 to welcome each group
Lunch availability	No

3. Location

Address:

Rua Ernesto Vasconcelos, Campo Grande 1749-016 Lisboa

Website:

<https://ciencias.ulisboa.pt/en>

FC Education - <https://ciencias.ulisboa.pt/en/education>

Research and Development - <https://ciencias.ulisboa.pt/en/research-and-innovation>

4. Program TBC (a final program will be shared closer to the visit date)

Time	Activity
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09h30 - 10h00	Welcome and Institutional Presentation.
10h00 - 11h00	Visit to Research and Lab Units, or Meeting on Education areas, according to expression of interest.
11h00 - 11h30	Welcome and Institutional Presentation.
11h30 - 12h30	Visit to Research and Lab Units, or Meeting on Education areas , according to expression of interest.

5. Additional Information

CIÊNCIAS campus and buildings ensure accessibility for people with reduced mobility.