



UNIVERSIDADE  
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### **Texto de apresentação:**

The Catholic University of Portugal (UCP) was established in 1967 by decree of the Holy See. The creation of UCP constitutes a milestone in modern higher education in Portugal: for the first time the State was not directly involved in and responsible for a university. The UCP enjoys a large degree of autonomy in the creation and running of new campuses, facilities and courses. Taking advantage of this fact, it has been a pioneer in some aspects of university development in Portugal, e.g. business administration and management, food engineering, multimedia and digital arts. The UCP comprises 15 Faculties, Schools and Institutes that are the fundamental learning and research academic units, and 4 Departments. It is a nationwide university located in four regional centres (Braga, Porto, Viseu and Lisbon) as well as in Macao (China), where it runs a University Institute.

Faculty of Biotechnology ( [www.esb.ucp.pt](http://www.esb.ucp.pt) ) was initiated in 1984, launching the first initiative in Food Engineering. At the moment offers degrees in Bioengineering, Microbiology and Nutritional Sciences, and several Masters (Food, Environment, Biomedical) and PgD programmes (Biotechnology, Food and Nutrition, Oenology). The Centre for Biotechnology and Fine Chemistry ( [www.esb.ucp.pt/cbqf](http://www.esb.ucp.pt/cbqf) ) is the Research Unit at ESB-UCP, created in 1991 and recognized in 2004 as Associate Laboratory, is a national scientific and technological institution, internationally recognized. It has more than 100 researchers, 50 of whom with PhD, 40 PhD students and various research fellows, and its mission is to develop and disseminate, to the economic and social sectors, state of the art knowledge in areas of great importance to the country and to the health and welfare of its citizens, in two main research lines: i) “Safer, healthier, more nutritious and more competitive food”; and ii) “Innovative approaches to environment and sustainability challenges”.