

Summer 2022 Urban Design Workshop, Universidade Lusófona

PROPOSAL FOR CONCEPT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The goal for this Summer Workshop is to explore urban design ideas for the development of the blighted area next to the Lusofona University as well as its edge along the Campo Grande avenue and park (see image). The proposals should allow for the expansion of the university campus and its facilities, some private residential development, public spaces, and the necessary infrastructure for vehicular circulation and parking.



Founded in 1987, the Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e Tecnologias (Lusophone University of Humanities and Technologies) is the largest Portuguese private university and the main institution of Grupo Lusófona, which administers other universities and colleges in Portugal, Brazil, Cape Verde, Angola, Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique. Its Lisbon campus at Campo Grande occupies the facilities of an old military garrison in a site totaling 272,206 sqf that, over the years, had its older structures replaced with educational and support facilities. Currently, there exists 20 buildings (250,890 built-up space) in the campus plus extra rented space in two nearby off-campus buildings. The campus population includes about 13000 students, 1000 faculty and 300 staff in 10 schools and 12 research units. The university campus is in need of significant expansion of its educational and support facilities.

The Portuguese legislation and the Lisbon master plan (Plano Diretor

Municipal) requires that a *Plano de Pormenor*, or Specific Plan, with specific guidelines is developed and approved for large areas such as the one we are considering. At a minimum, a Plano de Pormenor defines circulation, public spaces, land uses, building footprints and heights, and other guidelines for project development. Therefore, the workshop's goal is to contribute through urban design and development concepts as the first step in a process towards the discussion and definition of a Plano de Pormenor centered in the campus expansion.