



**VICE-RECTORATE FOR RESEARCH AND POSTGRADUATE STUDIES  
SELECTION PROCESS FOR ADMISSION TO THE  
POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM IN PHILOSOPHY – DOCTORATE**

**Call for Applications 05/2026**

**1. Opening**

The Vice-Rector for Research and Postgraduate Studies of the University of Caxias do Sul makes public the conditions governing the Selection Process for admission to the Postgraduate Program in Philosophy (PPGFIL) – Doctorate, to be held at the University Campus, Caxias do Sul, for entry in the second semester of 2026.

**2. Applications**

**2.1 Period and location**

Applications will be made through an online form available on the Program's selection process page, from **June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

The announcement of approved applications will be made on **July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, on the Program's page on the UCS website.

**2.2 Application Fee**

The application fee for the Selection Process is R\$ 200.00 (two hundred reais). Candidates who are UCS graduates will receive a 30% discount on the application fee.

**2.3 Documentation**

The documents required for the application are as follows:

- Completed online application form;
- Copy of the ID card (RG), CPF, National Driver's License, or Passport;
- Copy of Birth, Marriage, or Divorce Certificate (not required for foreigners);
- Copy of both sides of the Bachelor's Degree diploma (not required for UCS graduates);
- Copy of the undergraduate academic transcript (not required for UCS graduates).

**Note 1:** The diploma and academic transcript of undergraduate and master's degrees, from countries that are signatories to the Hague Apostille Convention, must be apostilled in

accordance with CNJ Resolution No. 228, of 2016, from the National Justice Council (available at <https://www.cnj.jus.br/poder-judiciario/relacoes-internacionais/apostila-da-haia/>) and subsequently translated by a sworn translator. Documents from non-signatory countries must be authenticated by a competent consular authority and then translated by a sworn translator.

- Copy of the Specialization certificate (if applicable), along with the respective academic transcript;
- Copy of both sides of the Master's Degree diploma obtained from a course recognized by CAPES, or a declaration from the institution that the candidate will meet all requirements to obtain the diploma by the start date of the classes. This document must be submitted by the enrollment date, as indicated in item 10 of this call;
- Copy of the Master's academic transcript (not required for UCS graduates).

**Note 2:** Approved doctoral candidates, whether UCS graduates or from other institutions, who do not possess the diploma must present the approval minutes of the master's thesis defense at the time of enrollment, with a deadline of up to 90 days to present the diploma.

- Lattes/CNPq Curriculum Vitae (or free-form Curriculum Vitae for foreigners);
- Preliminary Thesis Proposal, concisely presented, with a minimum of 14 (fourteen) and a maximum of 24 (twenty-four) pages in A4 format, with 1.5 line spacing and Times New Roman font size 12. The project must contain the following items: theme, justification, theoretical framework, and references (the reference list should not exceed 2 pages).

## **2.4 Submission of documents**

The required documents for the selection process must be uploaded during the completion of the online form. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

## **3. Vacancies**

Three (3) positions are available.

## **4. Course offer cancellation**

The University reserves the right not to conduct the selection process of this Call if the number of applicants is considered insufficient to offer the course. Any suspension of the Selection Process will be communicated in advance, and in this case, applicants will be entitled to a refund of the application fee.

## **5. Selection**

The selection process for admission to the PPGFIL, conducted by a Committee composed of professors appointed by the Program's Collegiate Board, will consist of 3 stages:

**Stage 1: Written Exam (weight: 3 points):**

The first part of the exam, lasting up to 3 hours, will consist of answering one or more questions formulated by the Selection Committee regarding analyses and doctrines contained in one or more of the works mentioned in item 5.1.1 of this Call.

### **Stage 2: Oral Exam (weight: 3 points):**

The oral exam will consist of a defense of the content included in the Curriculum Vitae (CNPq/Lattes model) and the Preliminary Thesis Proposal.

### **Stage 3: Evaluation of the Preliminary Thesis Proposal (weight: 4 points):**

The following items will be evaluated: theme, justification, theoretical framework, and references.

### **5.1 Written Exam (3 points)**

The written exam will be conducted online on **July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026** starting at 2:00 p.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. and will be classified for the next stage of the selection process. The exam will be based on the texts listed in item 5.1.1 of this Call, on which the Committee will formulate interpretative questions. The following items will be evaluated: comprehension of the text, argumentation, clarity, fluency of exposition, and correctness in Portuguese.

#### **5.1.1 Basic Bibliography for the Written Exam**

ARISTOTLE. *Nicomachean Ethics*. Books I to III. (Reference edition: Aristotle, *Ethics to Nicomachus*; translation by Mário da Gama Kury. Ed. UNB, 1985).  
MILL, John Stuart. *Utilitarianism*. Chapter II. (Reference edition: MILL, John Stuart. *On Liberty; Utilitarianism*; translated by Eunice Ostrensky). São Paulo: Martins Fontes, 2000, pp. 185-215.  
HOBBES, Thomas. *Leviathan*. Chapters XIII to XIX. 3rd ed. Translated by João Paulo Monteiro and Maria Beatriz Nizza da Silva. São Paulo: Martins Fontes, 2014.  
HABERMAS, Jürgen. *Between Facts and Norms: Contributions to a Discourse Theory of Law and Democracy*. Chapter 1. Translated by Flavio Beno Siebeneichler. Rio de Janeiro: Tempo Brasileiro, 1997, pp. 17-63.

### **5.2 Oral Exam (3 points)**

The oral exam will take place on **July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 12:00 p.m., and will be classified for the next stage of the selection process. The scheduling of each candidate's exam time will be done by the PPGFIL office the day before the exam via the email address provided by the candidate in the application form. The oral exam will include the defense of the content included in the Curriculum Vitae (CNPq/Lattes model) and the Preliminary Thesis Proposal. The link to access the virtual room on the Google Meet platform will be sent by PPGFIL the day before the exam to the email address provided by the candidate in the application form.

### **5.3 Evaluation of the Preliminary Thesis Proposal (4 points)**

The following items will be evaluated: theme, justification, theoretical framework, and references.

## **6. Preliminary results and selection of approved candidates**

Candidates who obtain a score of 7 or higher will be preliminarily approved. The selection of the approved candidates will be based on the ranking, considering the total score obtained in the evaluation stages. In case of withdrawals, subsequent approved candidates will be called, in order of ranking, until the number of vacancies is filled.

In the event of a tie in the final result, the tiebreaker criterion will be the score on the written exam.

## **7. Publication of preliminary results**

The publication of the names of the preliminarily selected candidates will take place on **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

## **8. Appeal**

Candidates will have the possibility to appeal the decision issued by the Selection Committee, which will be reviewed and judged by a higher authority than the one that issued the questioned decision.

To submit the appeal, the candidate must do so in a document written by the candidate, explaining the reasons for the request.

The appeal must be sent to the email [ppgfil@ucs.br](mailto:ppgfil@ucs.br) by **July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. The response to the appeal will be provided by **July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

## **9. Publication of final results**

The publication of the names of the selected candidates will take place on **July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.

## **10. Enrollment**

Enrollment will take place on **from July 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, in accordance with the instructions to be provided along with the selection process results.

To complete enrollment, all candidates must present the master's degree diploma. If the diploma is still in the process of being issued, a declaration from the respective institution with relevant information must be submitted.

## **11. Special cases**

Candidates with disabilities who require special assistance to participate in the selection process must formally request it from the Selection Committee by **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, and submit a report issued by a specialist, explaining the nature, type, and degree of the disability, as well as the recommended conditions for the candidate's participation in the selection process. The request must be sent to the email [ppgfil@ucs.br](mailto:ppgfil@ucs.br).

The Selection Committee will inform the candidate by **July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, of the possibility of full, partial, or no accommodation for the recommended conditions.

## 12. Timeline

Date	Stage	Location
From 06/03/26 to 06/30/26	Online applications	Online form submission
06/30/26	Special cases – formal request	Via email: ppgfil@ucs.br
07/07/26	Special cases – Committee response	Via candidate's email
07/08/26	Application approval	Program's webpage
07/10/26	Written exam	Online
07/13/26	Oral exam	Online – Google Meet platform
07/15/26	Publication of preliminary results	Program's webpage
07/17/26	Appeal submission	Via email: ppgfil@ucs.br
07/20/26	Appeal result	Via candidate's email
07/21/26	Publication of final results	Program's webpage
From 07/22/26 to 07/23/26	Enrollment	To be informed

## 13. Validity of the selection process

The selection process, subject of this Call, is valid only for admission to the **second semester of 2026** of the Postgraduate Program in Philosophy for the Doctorate.

## 14. Final provisions

Candidates approved but not selected in this selection process may request enrollment as non-regular students to take individual courses, in accordance with the PPGFIL regulations.

## 15. Omitted cases

Omitted cases will be evaluated by the Selection Committee, in consultation with relevant academic bodies if deemed necessary.

Caxias do Sul, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

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