



OFFICE OF THE PRO-RECTOR FOR RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES
SELECTION PROCESS FOR ADMISSION TO THE
GRADUATE PROGRAM IN LAW – DOCTORATE
NOTICE 05/2026

1. Announcement

The Pro-Rector for Research and Graduate Studies of the University of Caxias do Sul hereby announces the conditions governing the Selection Process for admission, **in March 2027**, to the Graduate Program in Law (PPGDir) – PhD Program, at the University Campus, in Caxias do Sul (RS).

2. Applications

2.1 Period and location

Applications must be submitted through the online form available on the PPGDir selection process page, from **July 27 to November 6, 2026**. The list of validated applications will be announced on **November 13, 2026**, on the PPGDir page, on the UCS website.

2.2 Application fee

The application fee for the Selection Process is R\$ 200.00 (two hundred reais). UCS alumni are entitled to a 30% discount on the application fee.

2.3 Documentation

2.3.1 Documents required to apply

The documents required to apply are as follows:

- a) Duly completed online Application Form;
- b) Identity Card (or Driver's License, or Passport).
- c) Doctoral thesis proposal of up to 12 (twelve) pages, containing the requirements set out in item 5.2;
- d) Lattes/CNPq Curriculum (or a free-format Curriculum Vitae, for foreign candidates) updated through at least July 2026, together with supporting documentation of academic degrees and scientific output, gathered into a single file.

Note: regarding bibliographic output, include only what is necessary to identify the publication and authorship of the items considered for the Curriculum Assessment, as set out in item 5.

2.3.2 Submission of the documents required to apply

The documentation required to take part in the Selection Process must be uploaded in .pdf format when completing the online form. Applications with incomplete documentation will not be accepted.

2.3.3 Additional documentation

The documents required to complete enrollment are as follows:

- a) copy of birth, marriage, or divorce certificate (waived for foreign candidates);
- b) copy of both sides of the undergraduate diploma (waived for UCS alumni);
- c) copy of the undergraduate academic transcript (waived for UCS alumni);
- d) copy of both sides of the master's degree diploma (waived for UCS alumni);
- e) copy of the Master's academic transcript (waived for UCS alumni);
- f) copy of both sides of the Specialization course certificate (if any), together with the corresponding academic transcript.

The undergraduate diploma and academic transcript from countries that are signatories to the Hague Convention must be apostilled, in accordance with National Council of Justice (CNJ) Resolution No. 228 of 2016 (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 the competent consular authority and subsequently translated by a sworn translator.

2.3.4 Submission of additional documentation

The additional documentation must be sent by email at the time of enrollment, in accordance with the guidance to be published together with the results of the Selection Process.

3. Available Places

There are 8 (eight) available places distributed between the PPGDir's two research lines, with a waiting list ordered by ranking.

4. Cancellation of the Selection Process

The University of Caxias do Sul reserves the right not to hold the Selection Process for admission to the Graduate Course in Law – Doctorate covered by this Notice, should the number of applicants be considered insufficient. Any suspension of the Selection Process will be announced in advance, and enrolled candidates will be guaranteed a refund of the application fee. Should new openings for admission in March 2027 become available, selected candidates will be called in order of ranking.

5. Selection Process

The selection process for admission to the PhD Program in Law will be conducted by a Selection Committee made up of 5 (five) permanent faculty members belonging to the PPGDir faculty, and will comprise three stages, as set out below.

5.1 First Stage: Curriculum Assessment

The first stage of the selection process consists of an assessment of candidates' curricula, covering only scientific output from the period 2022-2026.

In this stage, a grade from 0 (zero) to 10 (ten) will be assigned, weighted at **40% of the final grade**.

These are the items to be assessed, with their respective scores:

1) journal articles published between 2022-2026, according to the Qualis Capes journal classification (2021-2024): A1 = 1.00 point; A2 = 0.90 point; A3 = 0.80 point; A4 = 0.70 point; B1 = 0.50 point; B2 = 0.40 point; B3 = 0.30 point; B4 = 0.20 point; C = zero.

2) articles in conference proceedings: 0.50 point for each article published in the proceedings of events of national scope¹; 1.0 point for each article published in the proceedings of events held abroad. This item is limited to 2.0 points;

3) books published by a commercial or university publisher with a recognized, qualified Editorial Board, of which the Candidate is not a member: 2.0 points for each authored book²; 0.5 points for each edited work. This item is limited to 4.0 points.

4) book chapters (print or digital), published by a commercial or university publisher with a recognized, qualified Editorial Board, of which the Candidate is not a member: 0.5 point for each published chapter. This item is limited to 2.0 points.

Note: Publications must be substantiated by attaching a copy, in particular of the parts necessary for unequivocal identification of the actual existence of the publication. Publications that are not identified or attached will not be considered for assessment purposes.

The candidate's grade will equal the sum of the points obtained according to the criteria above. Any amount exceeding 10 (ten) points will be disregarded.

5.2 Second Stage: Thesis Proposal Review

The second stage of the selection process consists of the assessment of the doctoral thesis proposal by permanent faculty members belonging to the PPGDir faculty, appointed by the Selection Committee.

In this stage, a grade from 0 (zero) to 10 (ten) will be assigned, **weighted at 30% of the final grade**.

¹An event will be considered of national scope if it is supported by Capes, CNPq, or another national funding agency; Conpedi meetings and congresses; an event jointly organized by two or more Stricto Sensu Graduate Programs from at least two different regions of the country; the Brazilian Congress of Environmental Law (O Planeta Verde).

²A book will be considered authored if it is not the result of a compiled collection and has a maximum of 3 authors, with the Candidate being responsible for the entirety of the text.

The doctoral thesis proposal submitted by the candidate must contain the following elements:

1. Identification of the candidate;
2. Title of the proposal;
3. Research line of the PhD Program in Law to which the project relates;
4. The thesis's research problem (context and formulation);
5. The general objective and specific objectives;
6. Outline of the hypothesis/thesis to be defended, with justification of its scientific and social relevance, originality, and feasibility;
7. Methodology (methods, techniques, sources, stages);
8. Literature review: a text summarizing the state of the art on the thesis's subject matter and/or the theoretical framework likely to be adopted, drawing on national and international literature;
9. References, containing only the sources cited in the proposal.

The following will be assessed: adherence to the chosen research line; clarity and rigor in preparing the proposal; originality and relevance of the proposed thesis; and the quality of the literature review.

5.3 Third Stage: Interview

The third stage of the selection process consists of an interview concerning the candidate's academic background and the development potential of the proposed doctoral research.

In this stage, a grade from 0 (zero) to 10 (ten) will be assigned, weighted at **30% of the final grade**.

The **interviews** will be held by videoconference, **at previously scheduled times**, of which applicants will be notified with sufficient advance notice; they are scheduled for **November 17 and 18, 2026**. The PPGDir office will send detailed information about the date and time, as well as the access link for the interview, to the email address provided at the time of application.

In the interview, the candidate's knowledge and ability to discuss the proposed research topic will be assessed, as well as the feasibility of properly developing the proposed thesis. To that end, the panel will take into account various indicators of academic performance, such as participation in research groups; command of foreign languages; availability/interest in undertaking a visiting doctoral research period or other academic activities at national and international universities; and, in general, items from the Candidate's Lattes curriculum (or equivalent).

6. Final Grade of the Selection Process and Ranking

The candidate's Final Grade (FG), which will determine the ranking order, will be the weighted average (i.e., applying the indicated weights) of the grades from the three stages above.

In the event of a tie, the following criteria will be applied, in order and successively: (I) the highest grade in the first stage; (II) the highest grade in the second stage; and (III) the highest grade in the third stage.

7. Announcement of preliminary results

The names of the preliminarily selected candidates will be announced on **November 23, 2026**.

8. Appeals

All candidates may file an appeal against the decision issued by the Selection Committee, which must be reviewed and ruled on by an authority superior to the one that issued the contested decision.

To file an appeal, the candidate must submit a document, written by the candidate personally, setting out the grounds for the request for reconsideration.

The appeal must be sent to the email address ppgdir@ucs.br, by **November 25, 2026**.

The response to the appeal filed will be issued by **November 27, 2026**.

9. Announcement of the final result

The names of the selected candidates and alternates will be announced by **November 30, 2026**. The list will be published on the PPGDir website.

10. Enrollment

Enrollment will be carried out online, in accordance with the guidance to be published upon conclusion of the Selection Process, by email and on the PPGDir page.

11. Special cases

Candidates with a disability who require special accommodations to take part in the selection process must, by **November 6, 2026**, submit a specific request to the Selection Committee, along with a report issued by a specialist explaining the nature, type, and degree of the disability and the recommended conditions for enabling the candidate's participation in the selection process, to the email address ppgdir@ucs.br. The Selection Committee will officially inform, by **November 12, 2026**, whether it can fully, partially, or cannot meet the recommended conditions.

12. Schedule

Date	Stage	Location
07/27/2026 to 11/06/2026	Online applications	Completion of the online form
11/06/2026	Special cases – request submission	By email at ppgdir@ucs.br

11/12/2026		Special cases – Selection Committee's response	By the candidate's email
11/13/2026		Validation of applications	PPGDir website
11/17/2026 11/18/2026	or	Interview	Virtual Platform – Google Hangouts Meet
11/23/2026		Announcement of preliminary results	PPGDir website
11/25/2026		Appeal – submission	By email at ppgdir@ucs.br
11/27/2026		Appeal – result	By the candidate's email
11/30/2026		Announcement of the final result	PPGDir website
12/01/2026 12/04/2026	to	Enrollment	online

13. Validity of the Selection Process

This Selection Process, the subject of this Notice, is valid only for **admission of the 2027 Class – March 2027** of the PhD Program in Law.

14. Final provisions

Candidates approved but not selected in this selection process may apply for enrollment as a non-regular student to take individual courses, in accordance with the PPGDir Regulations.

15. Cases not covered by this notice

Cases not covered will be assessed by the Selection Committee, with the relevant academic bodies being consulted if necessary.

Caxias do Sul, 27 de julho de 2026.

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