



PRO-RECTORATE OF RESEARCH AND POSTGRADUATE STUDIES
**SELECTION PROCESS FOR ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN HEALTH SCIENCES
DOCTORATE**

Call for Applications 03/2026

1. Opening of Applications

The Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies at the Universidade de Caxias do Sul (UCS) hereby announces the conditions governing the Admission Process to the **Program in Health Sciences – Doctorate**, to be held at the **University Campus in Caxias do Sul**, RS, Brazil, for enrollment in the **second semester of 2026**.

2. Applications

2.1 Application period and procedure

Applications must be submitted via the online application form available on the Programme admissions webpage, from **03 June to 26 June 2026**.

Confirmation of accepted applications will be published on **02 July 2026** on the Programme webpage available on the UCS website.

2.2 Application fee

The application fee is **R\$ 200.00 (two hundred Brazilian reais)**. Applicants who are UCS alumni will receive a **30% discount** on the fee.

2.3 Mandatory documentation

The following documents are required for application:

1. Fully completed online application form;
2. PDF copy of national identity card, CPF, driving licence or passport;
3. Research proposal in PDF format containing the mandatory sections described in Appendix 1;
4. Cover sheet for the research proposal (Appendix 2), duly completed;
5. Letter of acceptance from the prospective supervisor (Appendix 3), signed by hand (scanned PDF) or digitally authenticated via gov.br;
6. Full Lattes/CNPq CV exported in PDF format (or Curriculum Vitae in free format for international applicants);

7. Quantitative assessment form for the documented Lattes CV (Appendix 4), duly completed with partial scores and final score claimed by the applicant.

- a) All supporting certificates and documentation validating each score claimed by the applicant must be included sequentially within the same PDF file;
- b) Each certificate must be legible and presented on a separate numbered page according to the categories listed in Appendix 4.

2.4 Submission of documents

All required documentation must be uploaded during completion of the online application form. Applications submitted with incomplete documentation will not be accepted.

2.5 Additional documentation

The following documents will be required upon enrolment:

- PDF copy of birth, marriage or divorce certificate (not required for international applicants);
 - PDF copy of both sides of the undergraduate degree certificate (not required for UCS graduates);
 - PDF copy of undergraduate academic transcript (not required for UCS graduates);
 - PDF copy of both sides of any Specialisation certificate, where applicable, together with the corresponding academic transcript;
 - PDF copy of both sides of an Academic or Professional Master's degree diploma recognised by CAPES, or an official institutional declaration confirming completion of all degree requirements;
 - PDF copy of both sides of the Master's academic transcript (not required for UCS graduates).
- Applicants whose undergraduate diploma was issued in a country signatory to the Hague Convention must provide an apostilled document in accordance with CNJ Resolution No. 228/2016, followed by a sworn translation. Documents issued in non-signatory countries must be authenticated by the competent consular authority and subsequently translated by a sworn translator.

2.6 Submission of additional documentation

Additional documentation must be submitted by email at the time of enrolment, in accordance with the instructions to be published alongside the final admissions results.

3. Available Places

Up to 12 places will be offered.

4. Cancellation of the Programme Offer

The University reserves the right not to proceed with the admissions process covered by this Call for Applications should the number of applicants be deemed insufficient for the programme to run. In such circumstances, applicants will be informed in advance and any application fees paid will be refunded in full.

5. Selection Process

The selection process for admission to the **Doctorate Program in Health Sciences** consists of two stages — an **eliminary stage** and a **qualifying stage** — conducted by a committee appointed by the Program Board.

5.1 Research proposal assessment

The research proposal and its cover sheet are essential requirements for the validation of the application and also constitute evaluation instruments. The research proposal must be aligned with the research line and the projects developed by the faculty members of the Program. There is no minimum or maximum page limit for the research proposal; however, it must include all mandatory items set forth in Appendix 1 of this Call for Applications.

No quantitative score will be assigned to the research proposal, as it constitutes a mandatory and eliminary requirement of the selection process and is not used for ranking purposes among applicants. The qualitative assessment of the research proposal is the sole responsibility of the prospective supervisor who signed the Letter of Acceptance (Appendix 3). The prospective supervisor has full autonomy to establish the criteria (qualitative and/or quantitative) used to determine whether the applicant's research proposal is suitable for submission to the selection process governed by this Call for Applications.

During this first stage of the selection process, the prospective supervisor shall verify whether the research proposal submitted by the applicant is the same proposal previously approved upon signing the Letter of Acceptance.

The list of **validated applications** will be published on this webpage on **July 02, 2026**, and only applicants whose names appear on the published list will proceed to the ranking stage of the selection process.

5.2 Ranking stage

5.2.1 Assessment of documented academic CV (90 points)

The curriculum vitae evaluation shall be based on the score obtained in the Quantitative Assessment Form of the documented Currículo Lattes (Appendix 4). The validation of the Assessment Form shall be carried out by a committee appointed by the Program Board, which shall verify:

1. Whether the numbering and scoring fields in the form have been duly completed;
2. Whether the numbering assigned to each attached certificate corresponds appropriately to the categories set forth in the form;
3. The clarity and consistency of each certificate in relation to the category indicated.

Certificates submitted under an inappropriate category shall not be reassigned by the committee. Any inconsistency identified by the committee shall invalidate the respective supporting document deemed inconsistent, resulting in a reduction of the final score assigned to the Assessment Form. The maximum score attributed to the documented Assessment Form shall be 90 points.

5.2.2 Interview and oral defence of the proposal (10 points)

Interviews will take place on **09 and 10 July 2026** at times to be confirmed. This stage is classificatory in nature and worth 10 points towards the applicant's final overall score.

The oral examination shall be conducted before a panel composed of faculty members of the Program. The use of presentation slides shall not be permitted, and the examination shall be limited exclusively to the applicant's oral presentation and responses. The applicant's level of knowledge and command of the proposed research project to be developed shall be evaluated. Scoring shall be assigned in accordance with the cover sheet of the research proposal.

5.3 FINAL OVERALL SCORE

The applicant's Final Overall Score, which will determine the ranking order for admission to the programme, shall consist of the combined scores from the documented CV assessment (90 points) and the oral examination (10 points). The maximum possible score is therefore 100 points.

Omitted Cases

Any omitted cases or situations not provided for in this Call for Applications shall be resolved by the Evaluation Committee of this Graduate Program.

6. Preliminary Results and Selection of Successful Applicants

Successful applicants will be selected according to ranking order based on the Final Overall Score. The selection of approved applicants shall be carried out according to the order of classification, based on the Final Overall Score.

In the event of withdrawals, subsequently ranked approved applicants shall be called, in order of classification, until all available positions have been filled. In the event of a tie, the following criteria shall apply in order: a) Higher score in Research and Intellectual Production;

- b) Higher score in Academic Qualifications;
- c) Higher score in Teaching and Professional Activities;
- d) Longer experience in Higher Education teaching;
- e) Older age.

7. Publication of Preliminary Results

The names of preliminarily selected applicants will be published on **13 July 2026**.

8. Appeals

Applicants may lodge an appeal against decisions issued by the Selection Committee. Appeals will be reviewed by a higher authority within the Pro-Rectorate of Research and Postgraduate Studies.

Appeals must be submitted via email to ppgsaude@ucs.br by **15 July 2026**.

Outcomes of appeals will be communicated by **17 July 2026**.

9. Publication of Final Results

The names of successful applicants will be published on **20 July 2026**.

10. Teaching Schedule

Classes will take place on Fridays (morning, afternoon and evening sessions) and Saturdays (morning and afternoon sessions).

11. Enrolment

Enrolment will take place from **20 to 22 July 2026**, according to instructions to be issued alongside the admissions results.

12. Special Circumstances

Applicants with disabilities who require special accommodations in order to participate in the selection process must submit a formal request to the Selection Committee by **June 26, 2026**, together with a medical report issued by a qualified specialist specifying the nature, type, and degree of the disability, as well as the recommended conditions necessary to ensure the applicant's participation in the selection process. Such documentation must be sent to the following e-mail address: ppgsaude@ucs.br.

The Selection Committee shall officially inform the applicant by **July 01, 2026**, regarding the full, partial, of meeting the recommended conditions.

13. Timeline

Date	Stage	Location
03 June to 26 June 2026	Online Applications	Program Website (Online Form)
Until 26 June 2026	Special Needs Requests	Email: ppgsaude@ucs.br
01 July 2026	Response to Special Needs Requests	Email to Applicant
02 July 2026	Application Approval	Program Website
09 and 10 July 2026	Interviews	Videoconference
13 July 2026	Publication of preliminary results	Program Website
Until 15 July 2026	Appeals – submission period	E-mail ppgsaude@ucs.br
17 July 2026	Appeals – publication of decisions	Email to Applicant
20 July 2026	Appeals – publication of decisions	Program Website
20 to 22 July 2026	Enrolment	Email to Applicant

14. This admissions process is valid exclusively for entry to the Master's Programme in Health Sciences in the **second semester of 2026**.

15. Final Provisions

Applicants approved but not selected in the present admissions process may apply for enrolment as non-regular students in individual modules, subject to the regulations governing the Health Sciences Postgraduate Programme.

16. Cases Not Covered

Any matters not covered by this Call for Applications shall be considered by the Selection Committee, consulting the relevant academic bodies where deemed necessary.

Caxias do Sul, 03 June 2026.

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