OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES
ADMISSIONS CALL FOR THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN HEALTH SCIENCES –

DOCTORAL DEGREE (Ph.D.)
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS No. 05/2026

1. Opening

The Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies of the University of Caxias do Sul (UCS) hereby announces the rules and conditions governing the Selection Process for admission to the Graduate Program in Health Sciences (PPGS) – **Doctoral Degree Program (Ph.D.),** to be conducted at the Main Campus (Cidade Universitária) in Caxias do Sul, for entry in the **first academic semester of 2027.**

2. Application Process

2.1 Application Period and Location

Application Period and Venue Applications must be submitted electronically via the online application form available on the Program's official admissions webpage between **November 9 and November 19, 2026.**

The official list of validated/approved applications will be published on **November 26, 2026**, on the Program's webpage on the UCS website.

2.2 Application Fee

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

2.3 Mandatory Documentation

Applicants must submit the following mandatory documents:

1. Duly completed online application form;

2. Official photo ID (National Identity Card - RG, Individual Taxpayer ID - CPF, National Driver's License - CNH, or Passport)

3. Research Proposal in PDF format, containing all mandatory sections described in Appendix 1;

4. Duly completed Cover Sheet for the Research Proposal (Appendix 2);

5. Faculty Advisor Acceptance Letter (Appendix 3), duly hand-signed (scanned in PDF format) or digitally authenticated via gov.br (PDF file);

6. Complete Lattes/CNPq Curriculum Vitae exported in PDF format (or free-form Curriculum Vitae for foreign applicants), updated within 30 (thirty) days prior to the selection process date;

7. Documented Lattes CV Evaluation Worksheet (Appendix 4), filled out with partial scores and the final score requested by the applicant.

a. Sequentially attached within the same PDF file containing Appendix 4, applicants must include all certificates and supporting documentation for each claimed score category.
b. Each certificate must be legible, placed on a dedicated page, and numbered according to the categories described in Appendix 4. Submitted documents must contain sufficient information to prove the activity and its categorization. Documents must identify the issuing institution/authority and, where applicable, period of activity, workload/hours, description, and signature. Documents that do not allow proper verification may be disregarded by the Selection Committee

2.4 Document Upload and Submission

All required documentation must be uploaded directly through the online application form. Incomplete applications or submissions lacking required documentation will not be accepted.

2.5 Supplementary Documentation (Required for Enrollment)

The following supplementary documents are required at the time of official enrollment:

- PDF copy of Birth, Marriage, or Divorce Certificate (exempt for foreign applicants);
- PDF copy (front and back) of Undergraduate Diploma (exempt for UCS graduates);
- PDF copy of Undergraduate Academic Transcript (exempt for UCS graduates);
- PDF copy (front and back) of Specialization/Postgraduate Certificate (if applicable), accompanied by transcript;
- PDF copy (front and back) of Master's Degree Diploma obtained from a CAPES-accredited program (or official institutional declaration confirming completion of all degree requirements);
- PDF copy of Master's Academic Transcript (exempt for UCS graduates).

Note 1: Undergraduate and Master's diplomas and academic transcripts issued by foreign institutions in countries signatory to the Hague Apostille Convention must be apostilled in accordance with CNJ Resolution No. 228/2016 ((**https://www.cnj.jus.br/poder-judiciario/relacoes-internacionais/apostila-da-haia/)** and subsequently translated by a sworn certified translator. Documents from non-signatory countries must be authenticated by the competent consular authority and translated by a sworn certified translator.

2.6 Submission of Supplementary Documentation

Supplementary documentation must be submitted via email at the time of official enrollment, following instructions to be published alongside the final selection results.

3. Available Positions (Vacancies)

A total of **12** (twelve) positions are offered for the **Doctoral Degree** Program, with the possibility of expansion subject to evaluation by the Selection Committee and the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies.

4. Cancellation of the Selection Process

The University reserves the right not to conduct the selection process covered by this Call for Applications should should the number of applications received be deemed insufficient. Any suspension of the selection process will be communicated in advance, ensuring full refund of the application fee to registered applicants.

5. Selection Process

The selection process for admission to the **Doctoral** Program in Health Sciences will be conducted by a Selection Committee appointed by the Program Board. The evaluation consists of two distinct phases: an Eliminatory Phase and a Classificatory (Ranking) Phase.

5.1 Eliminatory Phase:

Research Proposal Evaluation Submission of the Research Proposal and its Cover Sheet is mandatory to validate the application. The proposal must align with the research lines and ongoing projects of the Program's faculty, fulfilling all mandatory items outlined in Appendix 1, without a minimum or maximum page limit. The evaluation of the research proposal is eliminatory (pass/fail, without numerical grade assignment) and is under the responsibility of the faculty advisor who signed the Acceptance Letter (Appendix 3). The faculty advisor shall establish qualitative/quantitative criteria to determine the suitability of the research proposal. The faculty advisor will verify whether the submitted proposal matches the version approved upon signing the Acceptance Letter.

The results of this qualifying phase will be published on the Program's webpage on **November 26, 2026.** Only qualified candidates will advance to the classificatory phase.

5.2. Classificatory Phase

5.2.1 Evaluation of Documented Curriculum Vitae (90 Points)

Curriculum evaluation is based on the verified score calculated via the Documented Lattes CV Evaluation Worksheet (Appendix 4). Validation is conducted by a committee designated by the Program Board, verifying:

1. Proper completion of all numbering and scores in the evaluation worksheet;
2. Proper correspondence between attached certificates and claimed categories;

3. Clarity and coherence of supporting evidence.

Certificates submitted under inappropriate categories will not be relocated. Any verified inconsistency will invalidate the specific claimed score, reducing the final CV score accordingly. The maximum score for the CV evaluation is 90 points.

5.2.2 Project Oral Examination / Defense (10 Points)

The **oral project examination** will take place on **November 30 and December 01, 2026,** at scheduled times. It carries a maximum score of 10 points toward the final grade. The applicant will orally present and defend their research project before an examination panel composed of Program faculty. Slide presentations are strictly prohibited; evaluation relies exclusively on the applicant's oral examination and mastery of the proposed research topic.

5.3 Final Overall Grade (Nota Geral Final)

The applicant's Final Overall Grade, determining final ranking for admission, is calculated as the sum of the Documented CV Evaluation (up to 90 points) and the Project Oral Examination (up to 10 points), reaching a maximum total of 100 points.

6.Ranking and Tie-Breaking Criteria.

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

Applicants will be selected in strict descending order of Final Overall Grade. In the event of applicant withdrawals, subsequent qualified candidates will be called in order of ranking until all available positions are filled.

In case of a tie between two or more candidates (up to two decimal places), the following tie- breaking criteria will be applied in sequential order

a) Higher score in Research and Intellectual Production;
b) Higher score in Academic Education/Degrees;
c) Higher score in Teaching and Professional Activities;
d) Longer university teaching experience;
e) Older age.

7. Preliminary Results Announcement

The preliminary list of selected candidates will be published on **December 02, 2026,** on the official Program webpage.

8.Appeals Process (Application for Reconsideration)

All applicants have the right to file an appeal against decisions rendered by the Selection Committee. Appeals will be reviewed and judged by a higher instance within the Office of the Vice President for

Research and Graduate Studies.
Appeals must be submitted in a formal written statement drafted by the applicant, detailing the grounded reasons for requesting revision. All mandatory application documentation must be attached to the appeal submission.
Inclusion of new curriculum activities, academic publications, or supporting documents not presented during initial application is strictly prohibited.

Appeals must be sent to ppgsaude@ucs.br no later than **December 03, 2026.** Official responses to submitted appeals will be issued by **December 07, 2026.**

9. Final Results Announcement

The official list of final selected candidates will be published on **December 08, 2026**, on the Program webpage.

10. Class Schedule

Classes are held on Fridays (morning, afternoon, and evening shifts) and Saturdays (morning and afternoon shifts).

11. Official Enrollment (Registration)

Official enrollment will take place from **December 09 to December 11, 2026,** according to guidelines and procedures to be published alongside the final selection results.

12. Special Accommodations

Applicants with disabilities requiring special accommodations to participate in the selection process must submit a formal request to the Selection Committee by **November 19, 2026,** accompanied by a medical specialist report specifying the nature and degree of disability and recommended conditions. Requests must be emailed to ppgsaude@ucs.br. The Selection Committee will officially notify the applicant regarding accommodation feasibility by **November 24, 2026.**

13. Official Admissions Schedule (Timeline)

Date/Deadline	Selection Stage	Location / Submission Channel
Nov 09 to Nov 19, 2026	*Online Application Submission*	*Online Application Portal*
By Nov 19, 2026	Special Accommodations Request Deadline	Email: ppgsaude@ucs.br
Nov 24, 2026	Special Accommodations Response	Email to applicant
Nov 26, 2026	Application Validation & Proposal Results	Program Webpage

Nov 30 & Dec 01, 2026	Project Oral Examination / Defense	Videoconference
Dec 02, 2026	Preliminary Selection Results Announcement	Program Webpage
By Dec 03, 2026	Appeals Submission Deadline	Email: ppgsaude@ucs.br
Dec 07, 2026	Appeals Judgment Notification	Email to applicant
Dec 08, 2026	Final Selection Results Publication	Program Webpage
Dec 09 to Dec 11, 2026	Official Student Enrollment	Online / Applicant Email

14. Validity of the Selection Process

This selection process is valid exclusively for enrollment in the **first academic semester of 2027** in the **Doctoral Program in Health Sciences.**

15. Final Provisions

Approved who were approved but not selected within the available number of position may request enrollment as non-degree special students to take individual course units, in compliance with PPGS regulations.

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16. Unforeseen / Omitted Cases

Unforeseen or omitted cases will be resolved by the Selection Committee, consulting relevant university academic authorities when deemed necessary.

Caxias do Sul, November 9, 2026.

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