



OFFICE OF THE VICE-RECTOR FOR RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES
ADMISSION CALL FOR THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS No. 10/2026

1. Announcement

The Vice-Rector for Research and Graduate Studies of the University of Caxias do Sul hereby announces the terms, conditions, and regulations governing the competitive selection process for entry in **March 2027** into the **Graduate Program in Tourism and Hospitality (PPGTURH) – Doctoral Level**, offered at the University Campus in Caxias do Sul (RS), Brazil.

2. Application Procedures

2.1 Application Period and Venue

Applications must be submitted electronically via the online application portal available on the official PPGTURH webpage from **September 21, 2026, through October 30, 2026**.

The official list of endorsed applications (homologation) will be published on **November 6, 2026**, on the official PPGTURH web page within the University of Caxias do Sul website.

2.2 Application Fee

The registration fee for the Selection Process is **BRL 200.00 (two hundred Brazilian Reais)**. Applicants who hold a degree from the University of Caxias do Sul (UCS alumni) are entitled to a **30% discount** on the application fee.

2.3 Required Documentation

2.3.1 Application Documents

To complete the application, candidates must submit the following documents:

- a)** Fully completed online Application Form;
- b)** National Identity Card (RG, CNH, or Passport) and CPF (Taxpayer Registry);
- c)** Preliminary Research Proposal (Pré-projeto de Estudos) between 15 and 20 pages, fulfilling the requirements specified in Item 5.3;
- d)** Updated Lattes/CNPq Curriculum Vitae (or standard Curriculum Vitae for foreign applicants), updated at least through September 2026, accompanied by supporting



documentation for academic degrees and scientific output consolidated into a single PDF file.

2.3.2 Complementary Enrollment Documentation

The following supplementary documents are required for formal enrollment:

- a) Copy of Birth, Marriage, or Divorce Certificate (exempt for foreign national applicants);
- b) Copy (front and back) of the Undergraduate Diploma (exempt for UCS graduates);
- c) Copy of the official Undergraduate Academic Transcript (exempt for UCS graduates);
- d) Copy (front and back) of the Master's Degree Diploma (exempt for UCS graduates);
- e) Copy of the official Master's Academic Transcript (exempt for UCS graduates);
- f) Copy (front and back) of any Graduate/Specialization Certificate (if applicable), along with its corresponding transcript.

Legalization & Translation Requirements: Undergraduate diplomas and transcripts originating from signatory countries of the Hague Apostille Convention must bear the Apostille sticker in accordance with National Council of Justice (CNJ) Resolution No. 228/2016 (available at <https://www.cnj.jus.br/poder-judiciario/relacoes-internacionais/apostila-da-haia/>) and subsequently be translated by a certified sworn translator. Documents originating from non-signatory countries must be authenticated by the appropriate consular authority and subsequently translated by a sworn translator.

2.4 Submission of Documents

All mandatory application documentation must be uploaded in PDF format via the online application form during submission. Incomplete applications or submissions lacking required documentation will be rejected.

3. Available Seats

A total of **08 (eight) vacancies** are offered, distributed across the two research lines of PPGTURH and awarded in order of final merit classification.

4. Cancellation of the Selection Process

The University of Caxias do Sul reserves the right not to proceed with the selection process for entry into the Doctoral Program in Tourism and Hospitality governed by this Notice if the total number of registered applicants is deemed insufficient. In the event of suspension, applicants will be notified in advance and guaranteed a full refund of the application fee.

5. Selection Process and Evaluation

The selection process for admission to the Doctoral Degree Program in Tourism and Hospitality will be conducted by a Selection Committee comprising 4 (four) permanent faculty members of the PPGTURH. The selection process consists of three sequential stages as outlined below.

5.1 Stage 1: Curriculum Vitae Evaluation (30% Weight)

The first stage is ranking in nature and consists of an evaluation of the candidate's Academic Curriculum, covering scientific production strictly published between **2022 and 2026**.

Candidates will be evaluated on a scale from 0.0 (zero) to 10.0 (ten), representing a **30% weight** in the final score. The evaluation criteria and maximum points per category are structured as follows:

- 1. Journal Articles (2022–2026):** Evaluated according to the CAPES Qualis classification system (2021–2024): A1 = 2.00 pts; A2 = 1.00 pt; A3 = 0.90 pt; A4 = 0.80 pt; B1 = 0.70 pt; B2 = 0.60 pt; B3 = 0.50 pt; B4 = 0.40 pt; C = 0.10 pt. Publications from 2025–2026: Qualis MB = 8 pts each; Qualis B = 4 pts each; Qualis R = 1 pt each. (Category cap: 2.0 points).
- 2. Conference Proceedings Articles:** 0.50 point per paper published in National Conference Proceedings; 1.00 point per paper published in International Conference Proceedings. (Category cap: 2.0 points).
- 3. Published Books:** 1.00 point per single-authored/co-authored scholarly book; 0.50 point per edited/organized volume. (Category cap: 2.0 points).
- 4. Book Chapters (Print or Digital):** 1.00 point per published book chapter. (Category cap: 4.0 points).

Note on Verification: Publications must be verified by submitting documentary evidence (copies of cover, copyright page, table of contents, and first/last page of article/chapter). Unverified or unattached publications will not be scored. The score will be the sum of points obtained according to the above criteria. Any excess above 10.0 points will be disregarded.

5.2 Stage 2: Academic Interview (30% Weight)c

The second stage, ranking in nature, consists of an oral examination and defense of the preliminary research proposal and academic trajectory.

This stage is scored from 0.0 (zero) to 10.0 (ten) and accounts for **30% of the final grade**.

Interviews will be conducted via videoconference during scheduled time slots on **November**



17 and 18, 2026. The PPGTURH Program Office will send detailed instructions, schedule times, and access links to the email provided during registration.

The interview will assess:

- a)** The alignment of the preliminary dissertation proposal with PPGTURH research lines, as well as the scientific relevance and feasibility of the proposed doctoral project;
- b)** The applicant's time availability and commitment to complete the doctoral program;
- c)** Academic performance indicators, including undergraduate research experience (iniciação científica), language proficiency, academic/professional experience, extension or specialization coursework, and other Lattes CV achievements.

5.3 Stage 3: Research Proposal Evaluation (40% Weight)

The third stage consists of a detailed evaluation of the preliminary doctoral research proposal, scored from 0.0 (zero) to 10.0 (ten), carrying a **40% weight** in the final score.

The research proposal must be between **15 and 20 pages** in length and must explicitly contain the following elements:

- 1. Candidate Identification
- 2. Project Title
- 3. Alignment with PPGTURH Research Lines
- 4. Research Problem Definition (Contextualization and Formulation)
- 5. General and Specific Objectives
- 6. Outline of the Proposed Thesis/Hypothesis (with justification of scientific and social relevance, originality, and feasibility)
- 7. Methodology (Methods, techniques, sources, and execution stages)
- 8. Literature Review (Text synthesizing the state of the art and theoretical framework, supported by domestic and international literature)
- 9. References (Formatted strictly according to ABNT standards, containing only sources cited in the text)

Evaluation criteria include adherence to the chosen research line; rigor, clarity, and articulation of the proposal; originality and academic/societal impact; and quality of the theoretical framework.



6. Final Score and Ranking Criteria

The Final Score (NF) determining applicant rank will be calculated as the weighted average of the scores obtained in the three stages:

$$\text{Final Score (NF)} = (\text{Stage 1} \times 0.30) + (\text{Stage 2} \times 0.30) + (\text{Stage 3} \times 0.40)$$

In the event of a tie between candidates, tie-breaking preference will be determined sequentially by:

- (I) Higher score in Stage 1 (Curriculum Vitae Evaluation);
- (II) Higher score in Stage 2 (Academic Interview);
- (III) Higher score in Stage 3 (Research Proposal Evaluation).

7. Results, Appeals, and Enrollment

7.1 Preliminary Results

The preliminary list of selected candidates will be officially published on **November 23, 2026**, on the PPGTURH portal.

7.2 Appeals Process

Applicants may appeal the Selection Committee's decisions. Appeals will be adjudicated by a higher administrative authority.

To file an appeal, the applicant must submit a signed formal statement setting forth the grounds for reconsideration. Appeals must be sent via email to **ppgturh@ucs.br** no later than **November 25, 2026**. Official decisions on appeals will be communicated to candidates by **November 27, 2026**.

7.3 Final Results

The final selection results will be published on **November 30, 2026**, on the official PPGTURH web page.

7.4 Enrollment

Formal enrollment will be conducted online from **December 1 to December 4, 2026**, following detailed guidelines sent via email and posted on the program portal.

8. Special Accommodations

Applicants with disabilities requiring special accommodations during the selection process must submit a formal request to the Selection Committee by **October 30, 2026**, via email to **ppgturh@ucs.br**. The request must be accompanied by a specialist medical report specifying the nature, degree, and specific accommodations requested. The Committee will issue a formal decision regarding feasibility by **November 5, 2026**.

9. Key Selection Timeline

Date / Period	Selection Stage / Event	Location / Format
Sept 21 – Oct 30, 2026	Online Applications	Online Application Form
October 30, 2026	Special Accommodations Request Deadline	Email: ppgturh@ucs.br
November 5, 2026	Committee Decision on Special Accommodations	Email Notification
November 6, 2026	Publication of Application Homologation List	PPGTURH Webpage
Nov 17 – Nov 18, 2026	Academic Interviews (Stage 2)	Google Hangouts Meet
November 23, 2026	Publication of Preliminary Results	PPGTURH Webpage
November 25, 2026	Deadline for Appeals Submission	Email: ppgturh@ucs.br
November 27, 2026	Appeals Decision Results	Email Notification
November 30, 2026	Publication of Final Approved Results	PPGTURH Webpage
Dec 01 – Dec 04, 2026	Student Enrollment	Online Enrollment Portal



10. Validity of the Selection Process

This competitive selection process is valid exclusively for admission to the **2027 Cohort (March 2027)** of the Doctoral Program in Tourism and Hospitality.

11. Final Provisions and Omitted Cases

Applicants who pass the selection process but are not awarded a regular seat may apply for admission as Non-Degree Special Students (aluno não regular) to take individual courses, subject to PPGTURH regulations.

Omitted or unforeseen cases will be evaluated and resolved by the Selection Committee, consulting higher university bodies as necessary.

Caxias do Sul (RS), September 21, 2026.

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