



**PRO-RECTORATE OF RESEARCH AND POSTGRADUATION**  
**SELECTION PROCESS FOR ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN PHILOSOPHY –**  
**MASTER'S DEGREE**

**Announcement 04/2026**

## **1. Opening**

The Pro-Rector of Research and Postgraduate Studies at the University of Caxias do Sul announces the conditions governing the Selection Process for admission to the Graduate Program in Philosophy (PPGFIL) – Master's Degree, to be held at the University Campus in Caxias do Sul, for admission in the second semester of 2026.

## **2. Applications**

### **2.1 Period and Location**

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

The publication of the registration approval will be 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\$ 150.00 (one hundred and fifty reais). Candidates who are alumni of UCS will receive a 30% discount on the application fee.

### **2.3 Required Documents**

The following documents are required for registration:

- Completed online application form;
- Copy of RG, CPF, National Driver's License, or Passport;
- Copy of Birth, Marriage, or Divorce Certificate (not required for foreign candidates);
- Copy of the front and back of the undergraduate diploma (not required for UCS alumni);
- Copy of the undergraduate transcript (not required for UCS alumni);

**Note 1:** Undergraduate and Master's diplomas and transcripts from countries that are signatories of the Hague Convention must be apostilled, as per CNJ Resolution No. 228, 2016, from

the National Justice Council (available at <https://www.cnj.jus.br/poder-judiciario/relacoes-internacionais/apostila-da-haia/>) and, later, translated by a sworn translator. Documents from non-signatory countries must be authenticated by a competent authority and then translated by a sworn translator.

- Copy of the front and back of a specialization certificate (if any), along with the respective transcript.

**Note 2:** For candidates completing the undergraduate programs at UCS, if the diploma is not issued by August 1st, 2026, enrollment can be done based on a declaration from the academic official confirming the completion of the respective course.

**Note 3:** For candidates completing undergraduate programs from other institutions, if the diploma is not issued by August 1st, 2026, they must present a declaration from the academic official confirming the completion of the program at their institution.

- Lattes/CNPq Curriculum (or a CV in free format for foreign candidates);
- Preliminary Dissertation Project, concisely presented (minimum of 4 and maximum of 8 pages in A4 format, with 1.5 line spacing), containing: objectives, theme and research question, and bibliography.

## **2.4 Document Submission**

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

## **3. Vacancies**

There are 5 vacancies available.

## **4. Affirmative Policy**

- a) 25% of vacancies are reserved for self-declared black candidates;
- b) The self-declaration of ethnic-racial identity and the option for reserved vacancies must be made at the time of application, as per the specific form available on the Program's website. Candidates must choose one of the following options: open competition OR reserved vacancies for black candidates. Multiple applications for different categories are not allowed;
- c) If there are not enough approved candidates to fill vacancies in open competition, remaining vacancies will be given to self-declared black candidates approved, in descending order of final ranking;

d) If there are not enough self-declared black candidates, remaining vacancies will be given to open competition candidates.

## **5. Course Cancellation**

The University reserves the right to cancel the selection process if the number of applications is insufficient to carry out the course. In case of cancellation, the application fee will be refunded.

## **6. Selection**

The selection process for the Graduate Program in Philosophy will be conducted by a Committee of professors appointed by the Program's Board. The process consists of three stages: Written Exam, Oral Exam, and Evaluation of the Preliminary Dissertation Project.

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

The written exam will take place online on **July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will serve as a qualifier for the next stage. The exam will be based on the texts listed in item 6.1.1 of this Announcement, for which the committee will formulate interpretation questions. The following aspects will be evaluated: text comprehension, argumentation, clarity, fluency in the exposition, and Portuguese language proficiency.

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

ARISTOTLE. *Nicomachean Ethics*. Book I. (Reference edition: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*; translation by Mário da Gama Kury. Ed. UNB, 1985).

KANT, Immanuel. *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Second Section. (Reference edition: Immanuel Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*; translation with introduction and notes by Guido Antônio de Almeida). São Paulo: Discurso Editorial; Barcarolla, 2009, pp. 160-344.

HART, Herbert L. A. *The Concept of Law*. Chapter 1. 6th edition. With a postscript by Penelope Bulloch and Joseph Raz. Translated by A. Ribeiro Mendes. Lisbon: Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, 2007.

FOUCAULT, Michel. *The Birth of Biopolitics: Lecture given at the Collège de France (1978-1979)*, January 10, 1979. Translated by Eduardo Brandão. São Paulo: Martins Fontes, 2008, pp. 3-37.

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

The oral exam will take place on **July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and will be a qualifier for the next stage. The time for each candidate will be scheduled by the PPGFIL secretary the day before the exam, and the candidate will be notified by email. The oral exam will consist of requests for clarification regarding the Preliminary Dissertation Project. The link to the virtual room on Google Meet will be sent by PPGFIL the day before the exam.

### **6.3 Evaluation of the Preliminary Dissertation Project (4 points)**

The evaluation of the Preliminary Dissertation Project will consider the following aspects:

- Scientific and social relevance;
- Definition of the research problem;
- Development of theoretical support;
- Consistency of the methodological proposal;
- Correctness and clarity of the writing.

### **7. Preliminary Results and Selection of Approved Candidates**

Candidates who obtain a score of 7 or higher will be preliminarily approved. The selection of approved candidates will be made according to the final score from all stages. In case of withdrawal, candidates with the next highest scores will be called, in order of classification, until the vacancies are filled.

In case of a tie, the written exam score will be the deciding factor.

### **8. Publication of Preliminary Results**

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

### **9. Appeal**

Candidates may appeal the decision of the Selection Committee, which will be reviewed by a higher authority.

To submit an appeal, candidates must send a document explaining the reasons for the request.

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

The response to the appeal will be sent by **July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

### **10. Publication of Final Results**

The names of the selected candidates will be announced on **July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.

### **11. Enrollment**

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

### **12. Special Cases**

Candidates with disabilities requiring special assistance to participate in the selection process must submit a specific request to the Selection Committee by **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, along with a medical report from a specialist.

The Committee will inform the candidate by **July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, about the possibility of accommodating the recommended conditions.

### 13. Schedule

Date	Stage	Location
From 06/03/26 to 06/30/26	Online applications	Fill out the online form
06/30/26	Special cases – formal request	Email: ppgfil@ucs.br
07/07/26	Special cases – response from Selection Committee	Candidate's email
07/08/26	Application approval	Program's website
07/10/26	Written Exam	Online
07/13/26	Oral Exam	Online – Google Meet Platform
07/15/26	Preliminary results	Program's website
07/17/26	Appeal – submission	Email: ppgfil@ucs.br
07/20/26	Appeal – response	Candidate's email
07/21/26	Final results	Program's website
From 07/22/26 to 07/23/26	Enrollment	To be informed

### 14. Validity of the Selection Process

The selection process is valid only for admission in the **second semester of 2026** to the Graduate Program in Philosophy (Master's Degree).

### 15. Final Provisions

Approved candidates who are not selected may apply to enroll as non-regular students to take isolated courses, in accordance with the Program's regulations.

### 16. Unforeseen Cases

Unforeseen cases will be evaluated by the Selection Committee, with input from relevant academic authorities, if necessary.

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

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