



**PONTIFICAL CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL**

**School of Law**

**Postgraduate Program in Law**

**Regular Call 01/2025**

**Selection for admission to Master's and Doctoral programs in 2025/01**

1. The Coordination of the Postgraduate Program in Law (PPGD – Programa de Pós-Graduação em Direito) of the School of Law of the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS) makes public the rules of the Selection Process through Notice 01/2025 for admission in the first academic semester of 2025, at the Master's and Doctorate levels, in accordance with the requirements of the Program Regulations and the Statutes and General Regulations of the University.

2. The Program, concept 6 (six) by CAPES, has 2 (two) areas of concentration called Constitutional Foundations of Public Law and Private Law and General Theory of Jurisdiction and Process.

The Program has the following lines of research: Law, Science, Technology & Innovation; Efficacy and Effectiveness of the Constitution and Fundamental Rights in Public Law and Private Law; and Jurisdiction, Effectiveness and Instrumentality of the Process.

Information about the areas of concentration, lines of research and accredited professors can be obtained via the link <https://portal.pucrs.br/pesquisa/programas-de-pos/direito/>.

3. Eligibility

All holders of undergraduate law degrees, duly recognized by the Ministry of Education (MEC) or by the competent body in their country of origin, as well as undergraduate graduates, may take part in the Master's Degree Selection Process, provided that they can prove that they have completed the course on a date prior to enrolling in the Master's Degree. Likewise, all holders of undergraduate law degrees and master's degrees in law or in related areas (applied social sciences and human sciences), duly recognized and recommended by MEC/CAPES or by the competent body in the country of origin, as well as those who have completed a Master's degree, may take part in the selection process for the doctorate, provided that they can prove that they have completed this course before enrolling in the doctorate. In the case of PhD applications, the undergraduate degree must be in Law, so that only the Master's degree can be in a related area, with priority given to dissertations also in related areas.

4. Places for students

This selection aims to fill up to 25 (twenty-five) places at Master's level and up to 10 (ten) places at Doctorate level. If the number of vacancies for entrants at either level is not completely filled, the remaining vacancies may be reallocated to entrants at the other level, in accordance with this notice. Up to ten (10) alternates will also be selected for the Master's degree and up to five (5) for the Doctorate.

In addition to the 25 (twenty-five) places offered at Master's level, 2 (two) places will be offered to foreign candidates and 2 (two) places to self-declared black, brown and indigenous candidates. Likewise, in addition to the 10 (ten) places on offer at PhD level, 2 (two) places will be offered to foreign candidates and 2 (two) places to self-declared black, brown and indigenous candidates. If there are no foreign or self-declared candidates who meet the selection requirements, the places offered to these candidates may be filled by other non-foreign candidates from among the selected alternates.



## 5. Registration

Registration will take place exclusively on the Internet, via the link: <https://webapp.pucrs.br/inscricao-stricto/#/login>, from 01/09/2024 to 25/11/2024 .

After completing the online registration form, the candidate must pay the registration fee of R\$ 100,00.

## 6. Documents

When registering online, the documents specified below must be uploaded.

6.1. Identity Card - RG (Brazilian Bar Association Card and/or National Driver's License; other form of identification will not be accepted) or, in the case of foreign candidates, passport or National Foreigner's Registration (RNE);

6.2. Individual Taxpayer Registration (CPF) (only for Brazilians);

6.3. Lattes/CNPq model CV (<http://lattes.cnpq.br>). If foreign, Curriculum Vitae;

6.4. Diploma in Law, duly recognized by the Ministry of Education or by the competent body in the country of origin, or proof that you will complete your Bachelor's or Master's degree by the date of enrollment; In the case of candidates for the Doctorate, a degree in Law is compulsory, although candidates who have completed their Master's degree in related areas, in particular and as a priority, social sciences, philosophy, political science, international relations, with a dissertation also dealing with a related area, will be accepted.

Note: Candidates who submit only an official declaration of completion of their Bachelor's or Master's degree, issued by their university of origin, will, if selected, be required to submit a copy of their Bachelor's or Master's degree diploma at their first registration. If the candidate does not submit this documentation at registration, s/he will lose the place.

6.5. A copy of undergraduate and Master's degree transcripts (only for PhD candidates);

6.6. A copy of the Master's Dissertation (only for PhD candidates);

6.7. A copy of the preliminary research project and corresponding work plan for the future Master's/PhD dissertation/thesis;

6.8. Declaration by the candidate that he/she has read in full and is in full agreement with all the normative provisions of this Notice;

6.9. Letter of interest, addressed to the Program Coordinator, explaining the relationship between the intended course and the candidate's professional interests, the reasons for choosing the Program, the professional commitments already undertaken and the degree of dedication to the course, especially if partial or full. When applying, the area of concentration must also be indicated, which cannot be changed later;

6.10. Proof of proficiency in at least one foreign language, including Spanish, English, German, Italian or French, at the time of registration.

Proof of proficiency in a second language among those mentioned for the Doctorate must be presented by the end of the second semester of the course, under penalty of dismissal from the course.

For the Master's degree, proof must be provided at the time of registration. If this does not happen, the candidate must request, with written justification, proof of proficiency by the end of the first year of the course;

6.11. Candidates with disabilities or special educational needs who require specific assistance or adapted material must attach a recent report (maximum 12 months) to the documentation, issued and signed by a specialist accredited by the Regional Medical Council (CRM). The document must specify the nature, type and



degree of disability, as well as the recommended conditions for carrying out the assessment activities provided for in this Notice.

## 7. The Selection Process

### 7.1. The Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is made up of the PPGD's permanent professors, among whom will be distributed, according to the data relating to the selection process (Master's and Doctorate), interviews, preliminary project defense panels, analysis of CVs and preliminary projects and analysis of any appeals. Four members from outside the PPGD may be invited (up to two per Area of Concentration) to take part in the preliminary project defense boards and interviews in the case of the Doctorate. The names of the external members, if applicable, will be announced before the defenses take place on the website <https://portal.pucrs.br/pesquisa/programas-de-pos/direito/>.

Prof. Dr. Paulo Antônio Caliendo Velloso da Silveira (President)

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Prof. Dr. Sandro Bobrzyk

Prof. Dr. Thadeu Weber

Prof. Dr. Vitor Lia de Paula Ramos

### 7.2. Stages of the Selection Process

#### 7.2.1. THE MASTER'S

##### I - DEFENSE AND ANALYSIS OF THE DISSERTATION PROJECT

The oral defense of the dissertation project, lasting up to 15 minutes per candidate, extendable by up to 10 minutes at the discretion of the examining board, will be held on December 3, 4, 5 and 6, 2024, according to the time and place scheduled and published on the program's website. <https://portal.pucrs.br/pesquisa/programas-de-pos/direito/>, on November 29, 2024 from 6pm.

The Selection Committee, represented by the appointed professors (at least two in the case of the dissertation preliminary draft), will examine the research preliminary drafts submitted by the candidates, taking into account that the dissertation preliminary draft, in compliance with ABNT standards, must have a minimum of 10 (ten) and a maximum of 15 (fifteen) pages in 1.5 spacing, Arial font, size 12, with mandatory parts:

I. Title of the research project; II. Identification of the topic and the candidate; III. Identification of the Area of Concentration and the Line of Research; IV. General Objectives and



V. Methodology used; VI. Sources of research and bibliography; VII. Execution schedule.

The preliminary research project will be judged according to the following criteria:

I. Suitability for the course's lines of research; II. Topicality and importance of the topic; III. Feasibility of the research, including the candidate's previous degrees; IV. Delimitation of the topic, problem, objectives and hypothesis(es), as well as the organization of the project; V. Theoretical-methodological framework; VI. Description of research sources and quality of bibliographical references.

The evaluation of the preliminary project also includes the candidate's performance during the oral defense before the selection panel.

Failure to adapt the preliminary project to the areas of concentration and lines of research of the course implies disqualification and non-participation in the respective defense boards.

Professors will score all the data analyzed from 0.0 (zero) to 10.0 (ten), and candidates who do not achieve at least 6.0 (six) will be eliminated.

For candidates interested in further information on preparing a research project, provided they meet the requirements set out above, we recommend consulting the book below:

FINCATO, Denise Pires; ALVES, Andressa Munaro. **Legal research (really) without mysteries**: from the research project to the bench. 4. ed. rev. and current. Porto Alegre: Lex, 2023.

## II- INTERVIEW AND CV ANALYSIS

Candidates will be interviewed at the time of the defense of their preliminary dissertation project, assessing their general and legal culture, command of foreign languages, their previous or current academic life as portrayed in the *curriculum* and in their information, their bibliographic production, their capacity for research and investigation and the conditions for presenting the proposed dissertation within the deadlines required by the Program, notably the adherence of their scientific production to the lines of research and areas of concentration of the Program. In addition, the availability of time to meet the requirements of the Program and successfully complete the course will be considered. The CV analysis will take into account the applicant's academic career, track record in graduation and other courses, cultural and scientific activities, publications and dedication to scientific research.

Interviewees will receive a score from 0.0 (zero) to 10.0 (ten).

Interviews and preliminary project defenses will be held at the same time, and must be held in person for candidates residing in Rio Grande do Sul. The possibility of videoconferencing will be subject to prior request, and will be granted to candidates from other states of the Federation or from abroad, upon provision of a copy of suitable proof of residence. In the case of candidates from Rio Grande do Sul, the application must be accompanied, in addition to proof of residence, by a detailed justification indicating the actual impossibility of traveling.

Depending on the number of candidates or at the discretion of the Selection Committee, a different date may be set, with due publicity and communication to the candidates. Failure to appear on the scheduled day and time will result in exclusion from the selection process.

## 7.2.2. DOCTORATE

### I.- DEFENSE AND ANALYSIS OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT THESIS

The oral defense of the Thesis Project, lasting up to 20 minutes, extendable by up to ten minutes at the discretion of the examining board, will be held on December 3, 4, 5 and 6, 2024, according to the time and place scheduled and published on the Program's website <https://portal.pucrs.br/pesquisa/programas-de-pos/direito/>, on November 21, 2024, starting at 6 pm.

The Thesis Project must have a minimum of 20 (twenty) and a maximum of 25 (twenty-five) pages in Arial font, size 12 and 1.5 spacing, complying with ABNT standards (NBR 15287), with the following mandatory elements:

I. Title of the project; II. Identification of the topic and the candidate; III. Identification of the Area of Concentration and Line of Research; IV. Problem and Hypothesis(es); V. Identification of the Thesis and respective justification, including the original contribution; VI. General and specific objectives; VII. Methodology used; VIII. Execution schedule; IX. Bibliographical review including foreign literature in the candidate's language of proficiency, as well as other relevant research sources.

Candidates whose Preliminary Project does not meet the above requirements will be eliminated and will not participate in the elective process stages (defense of the Thesis Preliminary Project and curriculum analysis).

The Thesis Preliminary Draft and the corresponding defense will be judged on the basis of the following criteria by an examining board made up of at least three professors from the PUCRS Postgraduate Law Program. The participation of an external member, with more than five years of degrees and experience in Master's and doctoral supervision, is optional, depending on availability.

The evaluation will take into account compliance with the elements that must be included in the Preliminary Draft and their respective quality, as well as the candidate's performance in defending the Preliminary Draft and the correctness and quality of the answers given by the board, including knowledge of the subjects covered by the Preliminary Draft.

In particular, they will be taken into account:

I. Suitability for the course's lines of research; II. Topicality and importance of the topic; III. Timeliness and originality of the proposed thesis; IV. Feasibility of the research and development of the thesis, including the candidate's previous titles; V. Delimitation of the topic and organization of the project; VI. Theoretical and methodological framework; VII. Description of research sources. VIII. Quality and relevance of the literature review and other research sources. IX. Mastery of the content in the area to which the preliminary project refers; X. Mastery of the candidate's language proficiency.

Each Preliminary Project defense will last 20 minutes, with the candidate having five (05) minutes for a summary oral presentation of their Preliminary Project, extendable at the discretion of the examining board for a further two (02) minutes, with the remainder of the time allocated to the hearing.





Each member of the panel will give a mark from zero (0.0) to ten (10.0) and the final mark will be the result of the average obtained, with the candidate who does not achieve a mark of six (6.0) being eliminated.

Failure to adapt the preliminary project to the areas of concentration and lines of research of the Course implies disqualification and non-participation in the respective defense boards.

**Note:** The external members of the examining boards at the candidate's preliminary thesis defense sessions, if any, will be announced on the website <https://portal.pucrs.br/pesquisa/programas-de-pos/direito/> up to 24 hours in advance.

## II. - INTERVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF CV AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Candidates will be interviewed at the time of the defense of their preliminary dissertation project, assessing their general and legal culture; command of foreign languages; their previous or current academic life as portrayed in the *curriculum* and in their information; their bibliographic production; their capacity for research and investigation and the conditions for presenting the proposed dissertation within the deadlines required by the Program, notably the adherence of their scientific production to the lines of research and areas of concentration of the Program. In addition, the availability of time to meet the requirements of the Program and successfully complete the course will be considered.

At this stage, the candidate's academic record (undergraduate and Master's degree) and general academic performance will be analyzed, by examining and evaluating the respective Lattes curriculum (or CV for foreign candidates), especially technical and bibliographical production, including the examination of the Master's dissertation deposited at the time of registration.

Candidates interested in further information on the preparation of the Preliminary Draft, provided they meet the requirements set out above, are advised to consult the book:

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### 7.3. Selection Criteria and Grade Assignment

#### 1. THE MASTER'S

The selection process consists of two stages:

- a) Analysis of the dissertation project and defense before an examining board, with a score from 0 (zero) to 10 (ten) - weight 6 (six), eliminating candidates who do not achieve at least a score of 6.0 (six);
- b) Interview and CV analysis, with a score from 0 (zero) to 10 (ten) - weight 4 (four);

#### 2. DOCTORATE

The selection process consists of two stages:

- a) Analysis and Defense of the Thesis Project - score from 0 (zero) to 10 (ten), weight 6 (six);
- b) Interview and analysis of the candidate's CV - score from 0 (zero) to 10 (ten), weight 4 (four).

In addition, the availability of professors will be taken into account, due to the limits imposed by CAPES on the number of students to be supervised and the respective link between the preliminary projects and the professors' areas of concentration, lines of research and projects, for both the Master's and doctoral degrees.

#### 7.4. Final ranking

The final ranking will be calculated based on the weights assigned to each of the Selection Criteria listed in Section 7.3. Candidates with a final score of less than 7.0 will be eliminated from the selection process. The publication of the final result will follow the criterion of the ranking order of those occupying the vacancies in the notice and the ranking order of the alternates, who in turn will be called according to this order.

**In the event of a tie for the Master's degree, the best performance in the interview and defense of the preliminary project will be considered.**

The Selection Committee, evaluating the results of the interview and taking into account the academic consistency and suitability of the research project, as well as the curricular trajectory of the candidates and the documentation submitted, will select the full and alternate candidates by the concepts obtained, respecting the maximum number of vacancies and the suitability in terms of the distribution of projects and students by the number of available advisors, lines of research and areas of concentration of the Program.

**In the event of a tie for the doctorate, the tie-breaking criterion will be the effective possibility and corresponding willingness of the candidate to carry out a doctoral internship in the sandwich modality or double degree abroad.**

As a tie-breaking criterion and as a differentiating factor to be considered with particular emphasis in the choice between the candidates selected in the two previous phases is the candidate's willingness, once approved, to carry out a doctoral internship in the sandwich modality abroad for a minimum period of six months and/or to carry out the doctorate in the double degree modality within the scope of an agreement between PUCRS and a Foreign Higher Education Institution. The double degree doctorate will be given priority over the sandwich internship, considering the priority of the double degree for the internationalization goals of CAPES and the PPGD.

The declaration of intention to carry out the doctoral internship in the sandwich or double degree mode abroad must be attached to the application form and will be binding as a criterion for prioritization in the event of approval in the two phases of the selection process, with the candidate being subject to dismissal from the course if they fail to comply with the commitment made. The candidate will be exempt from the commitment if they fail to obtain a scholarship for the period abroad, provided that this occurs in such a way as to prevent them from leaving the country until the end of the penultimate semester of the course. The selection process will also take into account the percentages of endogenous and exogenous candidates, with emphasis on candidates from other states of the federation.

#### 8. Results of the Selection Process

The list of selected candidates and the list of alternates will be published by December 18, 2024 on the Program's website <https://portal.pucrs.br/pesquisa/programas-de-pos/law/>

#### 9. The timetable

Activity	Date
Notice publication 01/2024	01/09
Registration period	01/09 to 25/11
Delivery of the documents requested in item 6.	25/11
Interviews (Master's Degree); defense of the preliminary project	03 to 06/12
Defenses of preliminary draft interviews (Doctorate)	03 to 06/12
Publication of the results of the Selection Process	12/12 until 6pm

## 10. Scholarships

10.1. The selection of candidates does not guarantee the award of scholarships by any public or private funding body.

10.2 Selected students may apply for grants from funding agencies.

3. Scholarships will be awarded in accordance with the criteria set out in the regulations to be published in due course. Please note that the ranking order will be observed for the prioritization of scholarships, without prejudice to additional criteria.

4. When registering, applicants must indicate whether they need a scholarship, partial (tuition only) or full, as well as the reasons for their request.

5. Candidates selected under the percentage for self-declared black or indigenous candidates will have priority in the awarding of scholarships, provided they meet the requirements in terms of dedication to the course for each type of scholarship. The decision regarding the type of scholarship and the funding agency will be made by the scholarship committee.

## 11. General Provisions

11.1. The candidate's registration implies acceptance of the rules for this Selection Process contained in this Notice.

11.2. The deadline for appealing the final result of the Selection Process for the Postgraduate Program in Law will be from 6 p.m. on 12/12/24 until 6 p.m. on 13/12/24. Any appeals should be sent to ppgdir@pucrs.br and will be analyzed and judged by the Selection Committee. The results of the analysis of the appeals will be published by 18/12/24.

11.3. The documents of non-approved candidates and selected candidates who fail to enroll in the program will be deleted from the system after the enrollment period.

11.4. Candidates who have not been approved in the selection process, or other interested parties, are allowed to take isolated courses as special students. The Special Student enrolls in the Graduate Program in Law (PPGD), in isolated subjects and must meet all the



evaluation and attendance requirements for approval. These students may, upon entering the PPGD, request to take advantage of the subjects, in accordance with the criteria defined in the Course Regulations.

The maximum number of credits allowed for enrollment in this category of student will be: up to four (04) elective courses, subject to the limit of course vacancies for the Master's degree; up to two (02) elective courses, subject to the limit of course vacancies for the doctorate.

11.5. Any cases not covered by this Notice will be resolved by the Coordinating Committee of the PUCRS Postgraduate Law Program.

Porto Alegre, September 1, 2024.



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