



PONTIFICAL CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL
School of Humanities Graduate Programs
Special Notice 01/2025

Selection for admission to the simultaneous formation at Master´s Courses at the School of Humanities at PUCRS and the MA degree in Slavery Studies at the Faculty of Arts at the University of Bonn (UoB) and the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies (BCDSS) in 2025/01

1. The Graduate Programs of the School of Humanities of the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS) publish the rules for the 01/2025 Selection Process for admission in the first semester of 2025, at the Master's level and at the MA level in Dependency and Slavery Studies at the University of Bonn (UoB), in accordance with the requirements of the Program Regulations of Universities' and Statute and General Regulation at PUCRS.

2. Eligibility
 - 2.1 All candidates previously selected in the 2025/1 regular selection process for the PUCRS School of Humanities' Graduate Programs in areas related to the study of slavery and dependency are eligible to apply for this simultaneous formation selection process.

 - 2.2 Candidates must be fluent in English. Before starting his/her study period at UoB, the student must have obtained a C1 proficiency in English (documented by, e.g., a B.A. program taught entirely in English, minimum scores of TOEFL iBT 94 or IELTS 7.0), as an admission requirement at the UoB, to meet the minimum linguistic competence stipulated for the full and satisfactory fulfillment of the academic activities to be carried out at the UoB. German language proficiency is not required.

 - 2.3 Formally declare, in writing, at the time of selection, that he/she is able to study and personally settle in Germany to fulfill the period of the studies abroad, which includes the completion of the credits to be developed at the UoB.

3. Available positions

This selection aims to fill up to 2 (two) vacancies for the simultaneous formation.

4. Registration

Registration will take place exclusively at the e-mail of the candidate's graduate program (educacao-pg@pucrs.br, filosofia-pg@pucrs.br, historia-pg@pucrs.br, letras-pg@pucrs.br, sociologiaepolitica@pucrs.br, or teologia.pg@pucrs.br) with the subject: Project submission for special notice - PUCRS-UoB.

5. Documents

When registering, the candidate must send to the specific e-mail referred above the documents list below.

5.1. Research Project for the Master's degree at PUCRS related to the topic "Slavery and dependency studies", including the following items: 1. identification of the candidate; 2. title of the project; 3. abstract; 4. problem and delimitation; 5. justification and relevance; 6. objectives: general and specific; 7. schedule; 8. bibliographical references.

5.2. 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 conditions recommended for carrying out the assessment activities provided for in this Notice.

5.3. Certificate of Graduation Completion.

6. The Selection Process

6.1. The Selection Committee

The selection committee will be composed of two professors, one from the graduate programs at PUCRS and the other from the MA program linked to the BCDSS at the UoB.

6.2. Selection Criteria

- Stage 1: Project selection

a) All projects will be evaluated by the selection committee using the project evaluation form;

b) The evaluation form contains the following scoring items: 1. delimitation of the project; 2. relevance and topicality of the project; 3. articulation of the problem; 4. clarity and feasibility of objectives; 5. bibliographical references (relevant and up-to-date); 6. formal aspects of the project.

- The Research Project accounts for 5.0 (five) points;

- Stage 2: Interview

The interview with the selection committee will cover the following items: 1. curriculum vitae; 2. research project; 3. time for research and resources to cover the development of the Master's at PUCRS and the MA at UoB;

- The interview accounts for 5,0 (five) points.

6.3. Final ranking

- The final score is the sum of the scores obtained in stages 1 (research project) and 2 (interview).

- The minimum score for approval is 7.0 (seven) points: the minimum score in the Research Project is 4 (four), and the minimum score in the interview is 3 (three).

- Successful candidates will be ranked in order from the highest to the lowest final score, subject to the limit of the number of vacancies.

- In the event of a tie in the final result, the tie-breaking criteria will be applied in the following order:

1. Candidate with the highest score in the research project evaluation;
2. The candidate with the highest score in the interview.

7. Results of the Selection Process

The list of selected candidates and the list of alternates will be published on the Program's website (<https://portal.pucrs.br/pesquisa/programas-de-pos/educacao/>;
<https://portal.pucrs.br/pesquisa/programas-de-pos/filosofia/>;
<https://portal.pucrs.br/pesquisa/programas-de-pos/historia/>;
<https://portal.pucrs.br/ensino/mestrado-e-doutorado/letras/>;
<https://portal.pucrs.br/ensino/mestrado-e-doutorado/sociologia-e-ciencia-politica/>;



<https://portal.pucrs.br/pesquisa/programas-de-pos/teologia/>), following the schedule below.

7.1. The schedule:

| Activity | Date |
|---|----------------------------|
| Publication of Special Notice 01/2025 | 07/Fev/2025 |
| Registration period | 07/Fev/2025 to 10/Mar/2025 |
| Delivery of the requested documents | 07/Fev/2025 to 10/Mar/2025 |
| Announcement of selected projects | 21/March/2025 |
| Interviews | 24 and 25/March/2025 |
| Publication of the results of the Selection Process | Until 27/March/2025 |

8. **Specificities of the Master's and MA simultaneous formation:**

8.1. Degrees

At PUCRS, the student receives a Master's degree from his/her original postgraduate program.

At UoB, the student receives the MA degree "Slavery Studies".

The degree obtained at UoB is not equivalent to the degree obtained at PUCRS, due to its academic structural nature and the different number of classes hours of the Master's courses offered in Brazil. For this reason, PUCRS is not responsible for the recognition of the diploma issued by the University of Bonn in Brazil.

8.2. Implementation

If available, the candidate's origin graduate course will indicate a scholarship to cover the period of the Master's program at PUCRS.

The BCDSS will offer a scholarship for the duration of the study period (two Semesters). The amount of the scholarship is 1200€ per month.



Two professors, one from the graduate course at PUCRS and the other from the MA program linked to the BCDSS at the UoB, will jointly supervise the Master's students' research work at PUCRS.

8.3. Duration of the studies and distribution of study periods at each university:

The Master's studies will take two years according to the rules of PUCRS and one year according to the rules of UoB (extendable by one semester according to the rules of both institutions), starting from the student's admission to the Graduate Program at PUCRS.

The studies will take place in accordance with specific requirements, according to the following dates, approximately, from the time the Master's student joins the graduate program at PUCRS.

- at PUCRS: from March to September of the year of entry
- at UoB: from October of the first year of admission to PUCRS to September of the following year.
- at PUCRS: from October of the second year until the period of defense.

The student must apply for joining the MA at UoB between the months of April-May of the year of entrance at that university, followed by an interview in June.

Regarding the final evaluation:

- On the academic paper: two different documents will be evaluated to the award of the degrees, one by a public defense committee at PUCRS and the other one by the advisor (and the co-advisor, if applicable) at Bonn;
- At PUCRS: the public defense of the thesis, in accordance with PUCRS regulations, will be held in the presence of an evaluation committee and must take place at one of the three first months of the third year following the student's entry into the course at PUCRS. The defense session can be held in a hybrid format.
- At UoB: the MA thesis must be submitted to the advisor (and co-advisor, if applicable) within the period of July-September, at the end of the completion of the MA course at that institution. The student must deliver a supervised research project of a minimum of 60,000 and a maximum of 120,000 characters in length, including spaces and annotations. The student is given three months to write the thesis and can be admitted after having achieved at least 30 ECTS credit points of the course work. There will be no oral presentation.



Any changes to this schedule will be made with the consent of the thesis supervisors, the student and the academic authorities of the two universities.

8.4. Conditions relating to the student:

To participate in this program, the student must:

8.4.1. Be regularly enrolled in a Postgraduate Program at the School of Humanities of PUCRS at the Master's level.

8.4.2. Develop the Master's research at PUCRS based on a research topic that directly or multidisciplinarily covers the thematic areas agreed upon by the two institutions.

8.4.3. Comply with all the requirements established by both institutions regarding enrollment in the courses, their progress and evaluation, including the thesis qualification at PUCRS, as well as the procedures for obtaining the titles.

8.4.4. Before starting his/her study period at UoB, the student must have obtained a C1 proficiency in English (documented by, e.g., a B.A. program taught entirely in English, minimum scores of TOEFL iBT 94 or IELTS 7.0), as an admission requirement at the UoB, to meet the minimum linguistic competence stipulated for the full and satisfactory fulfillment of the academic activities to be carried out at the UoB. German language proficiency is not required.

8.4.6. Commit to writing his/her thesis in English and to follow the studies and do the exams abroad in English.

8.4.7. Have the financial means to pay for the flight to and from Germany for the period of study at UoB, to cover the costs of health insurance, including that of any family member(s) accompanying him/her, as well as to pay the UoB semester fee of around 330€ per semester. In exceptional cases, if funds are available at one of the sponsoring institutions, the cost of the flight and/or health insurance may be covered by the sponsoring institution.

8.4.8. It is the student's sole responsibility to obtain or regularize the necessary documents for entry and stay abroad, including visas and passports.

8.5 Social security and insurance cover

The Master's student will be responsible for taking out health insurance for the duration of his/her stay in Germany, in order to cover the costs in the event of illness or accident during their period of mobility and stay in Germany. The student will be responsible for

purchasing insurance that covers repatriation costs in the event of illness or accident during periods of mobility. If funds are available at one of the universities, it will be able to help the Master's student with part or all of the cost of the social insurance.

8.6 Air tickets for the period abroad

The Master's student will be responsible for booking, purchasing or possibly canceling tickets to and from the destination university to carry out the studies abroad. If there are funds available at one of the universities, it may help the master's student with part or all of the cost of the plane tickets.

9. General Provisions

9.1 The candidate's registration implies acceptance of the rules for this Selection Process contained in this Notice and Program Regulations of Universities' and Statute and General Regulation at PUCRS.

9.2 The deadline for appealing the final result of the Selection Process for this Coordinate Postgraduate Program will be one (1) working day from the date of publication. Any appeals should be sent to filosofia-pg@pucrs.br and will be analyzed and judged by the Selection Coordinating Committee.

9.3 The documents of not selected candidates and selected candidates who fail to enroll in the program will be deleted from the system after the enrollment period.

9.4 Any cases not covered by this Notice will be resolved by the Selection Committee of the PUCRS and UoB.

Porto Alegre, February 07, 2025.



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